

MLP Knowledge Exchange

FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR IN PUBLIC HEALTH

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

What Ceiling? Let's Get you to the Top!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 | 1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM (EST)



Charlene Rodriguez

Health Program Coordinator, Delaware Department of Health and Social Services



Jennifer Lee, Ph.D., MPH

Assistant Director, New York State Department of Health



R. Anthony James, MS, MA, MSCHM

Deputy Director of Programs, Louisiana Department of Public Health

Learn tips, tricks, and lessons learned from your peers on advancing your health department career, navigating salary negotiations in leveling up, harnessing key relationships, and how to build a vision for your career path. [Click here to register.](#)

New Beginnings: Making the Move from Health Department to Non-Profit Work

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 | 1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM (EST)



Darnell Barrington, MPH, CHES

Director of Health Department Initiatives, Southern AIDS Coalition



John Meade Jr. MPH

Senior Program Manager, Policy with AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition (AVAC)



Keshia Lynch

Program Manager – HIV, LifeLong Medical Care

Are you thinking of transitioning from a role at the health department to a role at a non-profit organization? This session will explore the distinct personal experiences for why MLP Alumni decided to make the jump. Panelists will offer tips on the job search, lessons learned, and challenges experienced before, during, and after their transition. [Click here to register.](#)

Delivering Change in the Workplace: Creating Empowered Leaders of Color

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 | 1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM (EST)



ChyChy Smith, DrPH, MPH, CHES

Health Equity Manager, Arkansas Department of Health



Sharisse Kemp, MSW

ADAP Branch Chief and Interim HIV Prevention Branch Chief, California Department of Public Health

Explore intentional ways to show up for staff of color while empowering them to strengthen their leadership skills and achieve their career goals. Panelists will provide tangible, replicable, and transformational MLP leadership tools that impact approaches to supervising and mentoring and encourage leaders to challenge biases and awaken opportunities for change by supporting and uplifting staff of color. [Click here to register.](#)

Pursuing a Ph.D. While Working at the Health Department

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | 1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM (EST)



Antoniette Holt, MPH

Division Director, Office of Minority Health, Indiana Department of Health



Tangee Summers, Ph.D., MPH

Ryan White & HOPWA - Program Services Manager, South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control



Tony Brown, MPH

Prevention Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation Coordinator, South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control

This session will discuss our inspiration for pursuing a doctoral degree, balancing life, school, and work obligations, and the benefits of working in the health department while getting a Ph.D. Panelists will center the importance of having financial and emotional support to navigate stressors and the impact of systemic racism on academic institutions and research practices. [Click here to register.](#)