



# MARYLAND Department of Health

## Maryland SHIP Health Action Newsletter

Friday, March 22, 2019

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### Event: A Health Equity Approach to Obesity Efforts



#### Monday, April 1

The Roundtable on Obesity Solutions will host a workshop to explore the history of health equity issues in demographic groups who have above-average obesity risk. This workshop will also consider principles and approaches to addressing these issues as part of obesity prevention and treatment efforts. Featured presentations will address current policies and practices that perpetuate health inequities and advance health equity. This workshop will also be webcast.

For more information and to register for this workshop, [click here](#).

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### Event: Improving Access to and Equity of Care for People with Serious Illness



#### Thursday, April 4

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will host a one-day workshop to examine access to and equity of care for people with serious illness. The workshop will feature presentations and discussions on topics that may include:

- Barriers that impede access to care and strategies to address those barriers
- Culturally competent strategies to build trust and engage patients, families, and caregivers
- Approaches to enhancing diversity of the care workforce serving people with serious illness
- Models of care delivery that currently serve vulnerable populations

For more information about this event, [click here](#).

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### Event: Flint Water Crisis Documentary Screening



### Thursday, April 4

The University of Maryland School of Public Health will host a documentary screening and panel discussion on the Flint Water Crisis titled, "*Nor Any Drop to Drink*." This documentary will illuminate the full context of the Flint Water Crisis. Insight regarding recent developments in Flint will also be featured.

For more information about this event, [click here](#).

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### Webinar: Cultural Awareness Challenge



Cultural awareness is a process, not an endpoint. Whether you are new to public health or a veteran practitioner, it is important to practice cultural awareness on a daily basis, to model it when interacting in a cross-cultural situation, and to instill cultural awareness in others. The Mid-Atlantic Regional Public Health Training Center (MAR-PHTC) provides an engaging interactive challenge that will help you do all that. The Cultural Awareness Challenge is will stimulate thinking about cultural awareness and foster reflection on personal experience, knowledge, and attitudes regarding culturally diverse populations.

To learn more and to register for this challenge, [click here](#).

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### Webinar: Optimizing Governmental Health and Social Spending Interactions



#### Wednesday, April 10

Systems for Action National Coordinating Center will host a webinar on research examining the impact of governmental health and social spending on health outcomes and disparities. This webinar will highlight the unique longitudinal dataset used for this research and how this dataset will allow researchers to examine public spending across medical, public health, social, and community service sectors at the state and county levels.

To learn more about this webinar, [click here](#).

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### Resource: How to Talk to Older Adults



The Gerontological Society of America in July released a free online toolkit that gives primary care providers access to evidence-based guidelines about how to communicate with older adults and their families about cognitive impairments and overall brain health. The toolkit includes tips for communicating about cognition with older adults, measurement tools for detecting

cognitive impairment and guidelines for conducting diagnostic evaluations for dementia.

To access this toolkit, [click here](#).

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### **Funding Opportunity: Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Program**



**Monday, April 22**

The Health Resources and Services Administration has announced an opportunity for funding under the Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Program. The purpose of this program is to support planning and implementation of quality improvement (QI) activities for rural primary care providers or providers of health care services serving rural residents. The goal of the program is to promote the development of an evidence-based QI culture and to promote the delivery of cost-effective, coordinated health care services in primary care settings.

Applications must be submitted by Monday, April 22.

For more information about this opportunity, [click here](#).

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