



County Health Equity Forum



Anne Arundel County
Department of Health
Office of Assessment and Planning



Office of Health Equity and Racial Justice (HERJ)

Monday, April 22, 2024, 3:00 PM (EST)



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Welcome

Thank you for joining today's Health Equity Forum!

Purpose: Brings together health equity champions who live, work, play, worship, and learn in Anne Arundel County for information-sharing, idea exchange, and meaningful conversations about social drivers of health and efforts to unlock opportunity for everyone to achieve their best health.

For online participants:

- Mute your microphone to minimize background noises.
- Use any or all of the below options for questions, comments, responses, and reactions:
 - Chat feature
 - Raise Hand icon via the Reactions feature to let the presenters know you want to speak. *Before you speak, please share your name and organization.*
 - Email us at: healthequity@aacounty.org

Please note: If you are only participating by phone, it is recommended that you use the Zoom App.

Please note: This virtual meeting is being recorded.



Chat with Us!



React to the Forum!



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County Health Equity Forum Agenda

April 22, 2024, 3:00 PM (EST)



3:00 PM	Welcome & Introductions Raymond Medley, Jr. Office of Health Equity and Racial Justice
3:05 PM	Introducing Dr. Oluwafunmilola T. Bada MD FACOG , Deputy Health Officer, Public Health <ul style="list-style-type: none">● National Minority Awareness Month
3:10 PM	Dr. Tonii Gedin, RN, DNP , Health Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Maternal Health listening session updates
3:20 PM	Jennifer Barber R.N. , Program Manager HIV/STI Prevention and Care <ul style="list-style-type: none">● June 1, 2024 Annapolis Pride update
3:30 PM	Donna Perkins, MPH , Director, Office of Assessment and Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Legislation Updates
3:40 PM	Cameron Carden <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mental Health Legislation For College Students - Cameron Carden Act 2024
3:50 PM	Mindi Garrett, MPH, CHES , Health Policy Analyst, Healthy Anne Arundel Coalition (HAAC) <ul style="list-style-type: none">● May Mental Health Awareness Month Updates
4:00 PM	Closing Remarks



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National Minority Health Awareness Month

Introducing

Dr. Oluwafunmilola T. Bada MD FACOG



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conversation.
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APRIL is NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

An inclusive initiative that addresses the health needs of African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Native Americans, and other minorities. Its goal is to strengthen the capacity of local communities to eliminate the disproportionate burden of premature death and preventable illness in minority populations through prevention, early detection, and control of disease complications. ■



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Maternal Health Listening Session Updates

Dr. Tonii Gedin, RN, DNP,



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Purpose of the Sessions

- To hear from the community about their experiences and challenges during pregnancy, labor and postpartum.
- To inform our county's strategic priorities for addressing maternal and infant health disparities.

Uses a data walk to guide the community through a discussion about contributing factors, barriers and solutions.



What We've Heard So Far

Highlights from the listening session discussions:

Community Awareness

Education for birthing people to know when something is wrong and to self-advocate.

Technology

Promote an existing app with information for the birthing person and a way to track symptoms.

Drivers of Disparities

Consider the social drivers and environmental factors that contribute to the health disparities.

Provider Training

Ensure providers are completing and applying implicit bias and cultural sensitivity training.

Learn more and register for a session: aahealth.org/listen



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June 1, Annapolis Pride Updates

Jennifer Barber R.N.



**Program Manager
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Anne Arundel County Residents, Order Your FREE Safe Sex Kit Today!
AAHealth.org/safesexkit



Order Your FREE SAFE SEX KIT Today!

The advertisement displays a collection of items included in the safe sex kit, including:

- Informational brochures: "STD FACTS", "HIV FACTS", "FACTS ABOUT PrEP", "How to use a Condom", and "Lifestyles Safe Condoms".
- Condoms: Trojan Magnum, Trojan OASIS, and Lifestyles Safe Condoms.
- Lubricants: FC2, Saliq, and Lifestyles Tixec Black.
- Other items: A small card with a Trojan condom illustration.



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Legislation Updates Donna Perkins, MPH



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Director, Office of Assessment and Planning

2024 Maryland General Assembly Highlights

[HB0728](#) - Health Insurance - Qualified Resident Enrollment Program (Access to Care Act): By 7/1/25, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange will submit a state innovation waiver application to establish a qualified resident program to allow qualified residents (lives in Maryland) to purchase plans on the exchange.

[HB1333](#) - Public Health - Maryland Commission on Health Equity and Commission on Public Health - Revisions: The Maryland Commission on Health Equity is required to develop and monitor a statewide health equity plan AND examine the health of residents and ways for state and local government to collaborate and implement policies that with positively impact health. A report is due by October 1, 2025 to the Governor and the General Assembly.

[SB0991](#) Behavioral Health - Language Assistance Services Pilot Program: Establishes the Language Assistance Services Pilot Program in the Behavioral Health Administration and provides local grants to reimburse behavioral health providers for language assistance services for children and their parents/ guardians making decisions.

2024 Maryland General Assembly Highlights

[SB0119](#)/HB0691: Legally Protected Health Care - Gender-Affirming Treatment: Adds “gender-affirming treatment”, including medications and supplies, related to the direct provision or support of provision of care to the definition of “legally protected health care”.

[HB0522](#)/SB0492: Public Schools - Student Telehealth Appointments: Requires MDH and State Department of Education to establish guidelines to accommodate students in middle and high school who need telehealth appointments during the school day.



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Cameron Carden Act 2024

Cameron Carden



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Anne Arundel County Resident and Advocate



Cameron Marcus Carden

- Anne Arundel County resident
- Graduate of Annapolis Area Christian School
- Attended St. Thomas More, Western New England University, Salisbury University & University of Maryland Global Campus (Business Administration)
- Employed with Anne Arundel Health Department for the past four years
- Love playing football and video games

Video: Cameron Carden Act 2024

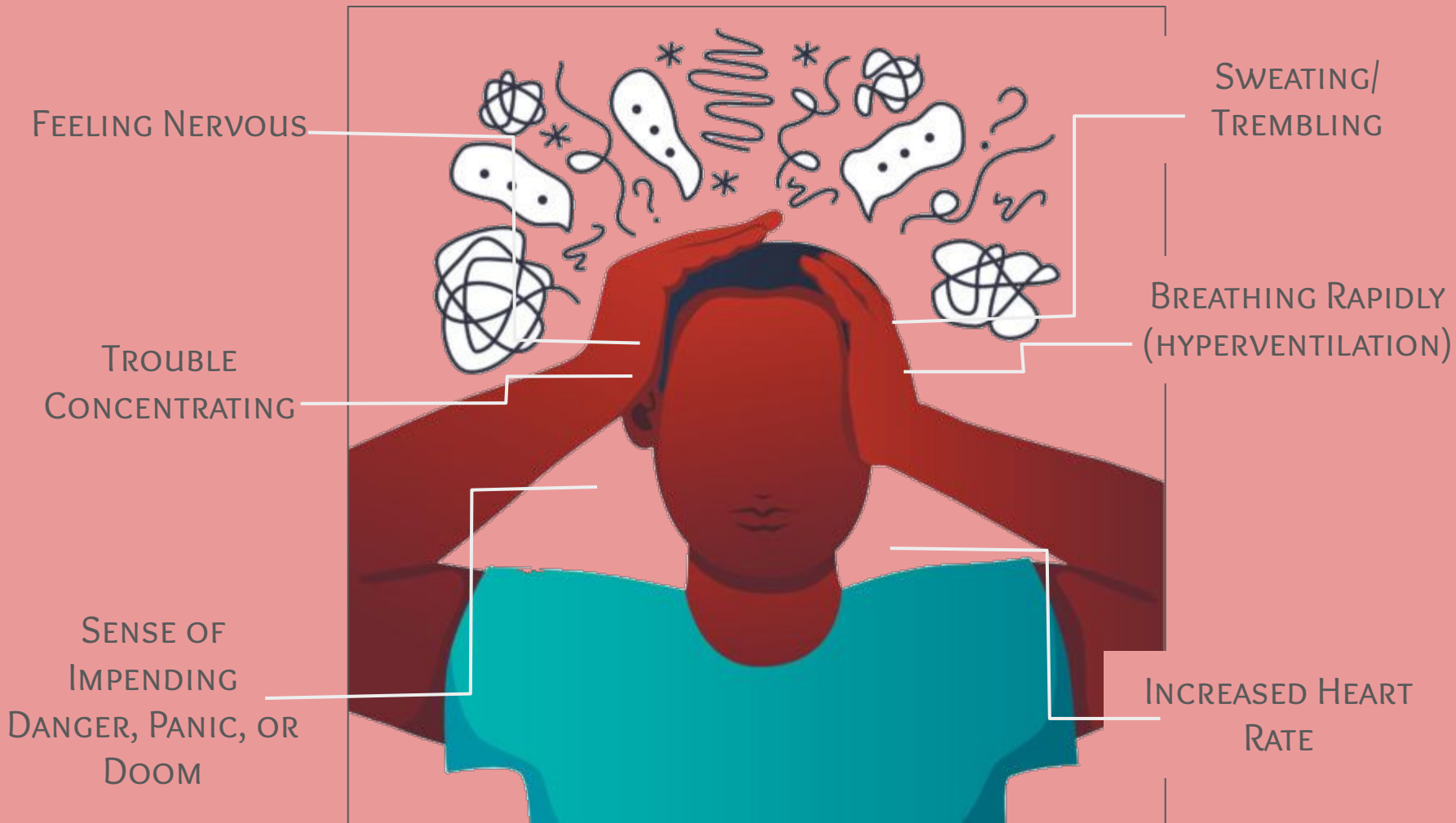




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CHANGE THE WORLD.**



-NELSON MANDELA



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HB 539 | SB 567

The Cameron Carden Act

The Cameron Carden Act amends existing university policies to include mental health crises alongside physical injuries for student withdrawal and reimbursement.



WITHDRAWAL POLICY:

The bill requires each public institution of higher education in Maryland to adopt a policy allowing students to withdraw under certain circumstances, including mental health crises.

EQUALITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH:

The Cameron Carden Act ensures that students experiencing mental health challenges receive the same support and consideration as those with physical health issues.

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WHAT INSPIRED THE CAMERON CARDEN ACT?

The bill is named after Cameron Carden, a college student who faced racial discrimination and mental health struggles on campus. His story highlights the urgent need for improved mental health support in higher education.

HOW DOES THE BILL BENEFIT STUDENTS?

The Cameron Carden Act provides a safety net for students facing mental health crises, offering them the opportunity to prioritize their well-being without fear of financial repercussions.



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Mindi Garrett, MPH, CHES



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Many events throughout the month of May!
Check the events calendar!

<https://www.aahealth.org/mental-health-awareness-month>



HEALTHY MINDS.
HEALTHY LIVES.
#HealthyMindsHealthyLives

student video contest

Open to Anne Arundel County students, grades 6 - 12

Winners will receive a gift card!



- 1 Create a 30-second video answering the question: What does the phrase "healthy minds, healthy lives" mean to you?
- 2 Submit your video on the Mental Health Awareness Month page <https://www.aahealth.org/mental-health-awareness-month> no later than May 10, 2024.
- 3 Videos will be shared on the web page and social media. Winners will be announced on May 24, 2024.

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Your organization can take action for
Mental Health Awareness Month
May 2024

Here's how:



Light up Green

Show your support and awareness of mental health issues by lighting your building in green. Take a photo and send it to: HealthyAnneArundel@aacounty.org



Snap a photo

Take a selfie or group photo for the Mental Health Month landing page. Submit photos to: [AAHealth.org/mental-health-awareness-month](https://www.aahealth.org/mental-health-awareness-month)



Hold an activity

Activities like outdoor lunches, wellness talks, relaxation time, group walks, team bonding and offering wellness resources can be therapeutic for staff and clientele.



Attend an event

Check out one of the many health fairs and events that health-promoting organizations are holding throughout the month of May, all around the county!

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globe [AAHealth.org/mental-health-awareness-month](https://www.aahealth.org/mental-health-awareness-month)

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Call to Action

- **Next Health Equity Forum Monday, May 20**
- **SHARE** your health equity forum feedback with HERJ Office staff via a brief survey at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HERJ2023>
- **RAISE YOUR VOICE!** Make a Video for the *Just Health Voices* Series. Launched in August 2023, the *Just Health Voices* Video Series features health equity champions who share personal reflections about what it means to unlock opportunities for all who are born, live, work, play, lead, learn, heal, and worship in Anne Arundel County to achieve their best health. Want to share your thoughts on health equity in a video too? Contact us at healthequity@aacounty.org!



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