

*Embracing Equity: Strategies to Advance Equity and
Reduce Disparities in Virginia's Behavioral Health System*



2021 Symposium Agenda – June 9, 2021

- 9:30AM** **DBHDS Welcome**
- 9:35AM–11AM** **Morning Hours**
The Honorable Creigh Deeds, Senator, 25th District of Virginia
The Honorable Janice Underwood, Ph.D., Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, The Office of Governor Northam
Alison Land, Commissioner, DBHDS
Jennifer Faison, Virginia Association of Community Services Boards
Mindy Carlin, Virginia Association of Community-Based Providers
- 11AM–12PM** **KEYNOTE – The How and Why of DEI: The Internal Work of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion**
Jessica Young Brown, Ph.D., LCP, Assistant Professor of Counseling and Practical Theology; Director, Barry Young Center for Ministry Formation, Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University
- 12PM–1PM** **LUNCH**
- 1PM–2PM** **Session One – Bridging the Gap: Engaging and Supporting Transition-Age Youth and Emerging Adults in Mental Healthcare**
Randi Dent, Ph.D., Equity Scholar, Atlantic Fellows for Health Equity Program at the Fitzhugh Mullan Institute for Health Workforce Equity
- 2PM–3PM** **Session Two – The Intersection of DEI and Emotional Intelligence**
Tanyika Mobley, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, DBHDS
- 3PM–4PM** **Session Three – The Invisible Heavy Baggage**
Seyoum Berhe, State Refugee Coordinator, Virginia Department of Social Services
- 4PM** **ADJOURN**

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