



**Global Learning for Health Equity Network Convening**  
**June 6, 2025**  
**University of Maryland, Baltimore**

**Global Learning for Health Equity – Advancing a Promising Approach**

**Description:** The Global Learning for Health Equity Network was formally launched in August 2020 with funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The Network created a framework for entrants into the field and supported seven grantees at different stages in their global learning journey. What have we learned over the three years and where do these lessons point us? Join the leaders of organizations that promote global learning, global learning program designers and implementers, and funders to help map the next step in this global approach. Register [here](#).

**Location:** University of Maryland SMC Campus Center, 621 W. Lombard Street, Baltimore (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

8:30-9:00                      ***Breakfast***

9:00-9:15                      ***Welcome and Introductory Comments***

**Yolanda Ogbolu**, Dean of the University of Maryland School of Nursing and Co-Director, Global Learning for Health Equity Network

**Virginia Rowthorn**, AVP for Global Engagement at University of Maryland Baltimore and Co-Director, Global Learning for Health Equity Network

**Karabi B. Acharya**, Senior Director, Research-Evaluation-Learning, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

9:15-9:45	<p><b><i>History of GL4HE Network</i></b></p> <p><b>Yolanda Ogbolu</b>, Dean of the University of Maryland School of Nursing and Co-Director, Global Learning for Health Equity Network</p>
9:45-10:00	<p><b><i>GL4HE Network Grantee Video Presentations</i></b></p>
10:00-10:45	<p><b><i>Keynote Speaker</i></b></p> <p><b>Katie Bollbach</b>, Executive Director, Partners In Health – United States</p>
10:45-11:00	<p><b><i>Break</i></b></p>
11:00-noon	<p><b><i>Global Learning for Health Equity: Organizational Perspective</i></b></p> <p>(Moderator) <b>Keshia Pollack Porter</b>, Bloomberg Centennial Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management</p> <p><b>Laura Ruhl</b>, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine and Director of Reciprocal Innovation, Center for Global Health Equity, Indiana University</p> <p><b>Yvonne Commodore-Mensah</b>, Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Research, Johns Hopkins Center for Health Equity</p> <p><b>Lisa Cohen</b>, Non-profit Consultant, former Chair of Board of Directors, Global to Local</p>
Noon-12:45	<p><b><i>Lunch + GL4HE Network Grantee Video Presentations</i></b></p>
12:45-1:45	<p><b><i>Global Learning for Health Equity: Implementer Perspective</i></b></p> <p>(Moderator) <b>Alexander Plum</b>, Chief Executive Officer, The Corner Health Center, Ypsilanti, Michigan</p> <p><b>Kevin P. Fiori</b>, Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Associate Professor, Department of Family and Social Medicine and Director, Social Determinants of Health, Office of Community &amp; Population Health, Albert Einstein College of Medicine</p> <p><b>Vattana Peong</b>, Executive Director, The Cambodian Family</p> <p><b>Sia Henry</b>, Senior Policy Associate, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS) and Executive Director, The Hood Exchange</p>

**Mustafa Ahmad**, Policy Analyst, Climate Change Program, Maryland Department of the Environment

1:45-2:00

***Transition to Breakout Sessions***

2:00-3:00

***Fertile Grounds for Global Learning (Facilitated Small Group Discussions)***

- *Global Learning and Public Health Departments*

**Ruth Dudding**, Director of Community Health & Engagement, Department of Health Education, Athens City-County Health Department

- *Global Learning and CBOs*

**Ami M. Shah**, Patient Access Consultant, Los Angeles County Ambulatory Care Network, Heluna Health

- *Global Learning and Academic Health Institutions*

**Molly Secor-Turner**, Associate Dean for Research and Professor, College of Nursing, Montana State University

3:00-3:45

***Funding and Sustainability***

(Moderator) **Sonya Shin**, Associate Physician, Division of Global Health Equity, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Associate Professor, Harvard Medical School

**Martina Todaro**, Program Officer, Research-Evaluation-Learning, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

**Erin Sines**, Co-Director, On Nigeria, MacArthur Foundation

**Virginia Rowthorn**, AVP for Global Engagement at University of Maryland Baltimore and Co-Director, Global Learning for Health Equity Network

3:45-4:00

***Closing***