



ANA-MI Virtual Town Hall
ANA-MI Town Hall: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
Tuesday, November 14, 2023
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm EST

ANA-MI Speaker Biographies

Moderator:

Dr. Maria Bobo DNP, RN, WHNP-BC, CENP, NPD-BC

Dr. Maria L. Bobo is an innovative and transformational leader with over 26 years of experience in the nursing profession. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Grand Valley State University and her Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice from Wayne State University. She has also been a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner for over 20 years, board-certified in Executive Nursing Practice and Nursing Professional Development.

She is the Director of Nursing Professional Development and Education at the University of Michigan Health-Michigan Medicine and an Adjunct Clinical Instructor at the University of Michigan School of Nursing.

Dr. Bobo's areas of expertise include women's health, leadership, quality improvement and management, clinical program development, project management, interdisciplinary collaboration, patient experience/satisfaction, shared governance, nursing education and development, research, and evidence-based practice.

Dr. Bobo is passionate about significantly contributing to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Michigan Medicine and nationwide through presentations and publications. She is currently co-chairing Michigan Medicine's Anti-Racism Oversight Committee.

She has been a guest speaker at numerous nursing conferences on the local and national levels. Dr. Bobo is also actively involved in numerous professional and social organizations and has received several leadership and service awards.

She is a native Detroit, and her passion is serving as a mentor to nursing leaders, staff nurses, and nursing students throughout the state of Michigan and across the country.

Subject Matter Experts:

Linda Keilman DNP, MSN, GNP-BC, FAANP

Dr. Linda Keilman has been a nationally certified Gerontological Nurse Practitioner since 1989 with most of her practice in long-term care concentrating on neurocognitive disorders, specifically behaviors, and end-of-life care. Linda has taught nursing since 1983 and has been an Associate Professor and Gerontology Population Content Expert at Michigan State University in the College of Nursing since 1992. Prior to specializing in nursing, Linda was an elementary school educator with degrees in education and religion.

Linda is a Fellow in the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and a Distinguished Educator of Gerontological Nursing from the National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence. She is editor-in-chief of Elsevier's annual journal, *Advances in Family Practice Nursing*.

Linda has a rich background in DEI, justice & belonging and is a facilitator for Racial Healing & Restorative Justice Circles. Linda sits on the DEI committees of 2 national boards & is a frequent speaker on the topic.

Tamekia Nash-Walls RN, BSN

Tamekia Nash-Walls RN, BSN completed her associate degree in human science at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor, MI, in June of 2011, and completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Eastern Michigan University, in 2014.

Tamekia serving as charge nurse for the mental health unit at St. Joseph Mercy hospital in Ann Arbor, she presented her work on "Culturally Competent Care for the Mental Health Patient." to the UHC-AACN Nurse Residency Program and graduate nurses at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital where she worked for 25+ years in behavioral health and within the education department, providing culture care information to medical personnel during the new staff orientation at the hospital.

Tamekia continued her educational journey at the University of Michigan-Flint in the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, where her major was Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, she completed her doctorate in April 2023. Tamekia currently serves as the Director of Nursing for Hegira Health Inc. where she oversees nursing services, and education for the organization. She serves on the education committee for ANA-MI. Tamekia continues to provide nursing education as a part-time lecturer for Eastern Michigan University, lecturing on the fundamentals of professional nursing for all levels.

Tamekia serves on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee at Hegira Health Inc. She serves on the executive board of the African Heritage Network of the Free Methodist church. Tamekia also serves on the Advisory Board for the Washtenaw Community College Advisory Board for the nursing program.

Tamekia works with various community and religious organization in increasing mental health awareness and reducing associated stigmas.

Tamekia currently resides in Belleville, MI with her husband, and youngest son DeShawn “DJ”; she also has three adult children- Brandon, Ariana, and Lauryn.

Dr. Rhonda Renee Foster-Smith EdD, MPH, MS, RN, ACC

Rhonda R. Foster EdD, MPH, MS, ACC, Energetic, visionary, authentic, and insightful, Dr. Rhonda Foster is a published and highly sought-after healthcare consultant and coach with a penchant for driving change, quality, and organizational improvement. Her consultation experience has allowed her to provide expertise in the United States in community hospitals, academic medical centers, and healthcare systems as well as to hospitals in Brazil, Abu Dhabi, and Qatar. She describes herself as a committed, funny, and driven thinker. My purpose is to make a difference in organizations and leave a legacy through the development and coaching of others. I do this by connecting people and being a thought partner for the purpose of seeing them achieve their goals and dreams.

Dr. Foster has a wealth of nursing executive and leadership experience., including serving as interim Vice President of Duke Children’s Hospital, Vice President for Clinical Services and CNO for Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles, interim Senior Vice President, and Chief Nursing and Patient Care Services Officer at City of Hope National Medical Center; interim CNO with St. Joseph Health - Sonoma County; Vice President of Patient Care Services and CNO at Children’s Hospital of Michigan in Detroit; and Assistant Vice President of Women & Children’s Services at Mercy Health — St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio.

She has earned a Doctor of Education from Bowling Green State University, a Master of Public Health from the Northwest Ohio Consortium for Public Health, a Master of Science in nursing administration from Georgetown University, and a bachelor’s degree in nursing from the University of Toledo. Dr. Foster also holds a certificate in Evidence-Based Coaching from Fielding Graduate University. Noteworthy honors include University of Toledo Outstanding Alumnus in Nursing and LA Business Journal 2021 Women of Influence-Healthcare honoree. She holds numerous certifications and has authored more than many publications on nursing, leadership, and quality improvement.

Blake K. Smith MSN, RN

Blake K. Smith, MSN, RN, serves as a Clinical Documentation Sr. Analyst at Nebraska Medicine in Omaha, NE. He oversees quality improvement/informatics projects specializing in health literacy, plan of care, downtime procedures, and regulatory reporting for five partnered hospital systems across Nebraska. Smith is a visionary thought leader for diversity and inclusion volunteer advocacy work. He has presented globally on men’s health and underrepresented workforce inclusion issues in nursing.

Smith recently finished his term as the youngest president of the American Association for Men in Nursing (AAMN), which has a 52-year history. He has advocated internationally for workforce inclusion for several years, serving on the national Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Steering Committee for AARP/Center to Champion Nursing in America. Currently serves on the National Commission to Address Racism in Nursing (founding member), National Ambassador for AARP Center for Health Equity through Nursing (A-CHEN), and is the national chair of communications for the Nurses on Boards Coalition (NOBC) Board of Director