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Rural Health Matters TOO Inaugural Health Fair

"Wipe Out Cervical Cancer in the Alabama Rural Black Belt"



Saturday April 27, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Tompkins Hall Ballroom
and White Hall Lawn**

"Learn. Prevent. Screen."

Ruby. L. Perry, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVR
Dean and Professor of Veterinary Radiology
College of Veterinary Medicine
Tuskegee University



Ruby Perry is the dean/professor of veterinary radiology at the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Perry just completed her term as president of the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC). Previously she served a two-term secretary position on the AAVMC's Board of Directors, member of the AAVMC Minority Serving Institutions Working Group, and Co-Chair of the AVMA-AAVMC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission. Dr. Perry is a dual graduate of Tuskegee University where she received her B.S. in Animal and Poultry Science and the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. She completed a small animal internship at Tuskegee University and a radiology residency at Michigan State University where she also received the M.S. in Microbiology. Dr. Perry decided to remain in academia and expanded her education with the Ph.D. in Educational Leadership. She wears the hat of several firsts to include the first alumna to be named both interim dean and dean of a U. S. veterinary school; the first African American female board-certified veterinary radiologist in the American College of Veterinary Radiology, the first veterinary alumna to serve as acting president for Tuskegee University during a former president's medical leave over a five-month period, and the first African American woman to hold the president's position at the AAVMC. Dr. Perry has served in a variety of leadership positions to include president of the Tuskegee Veterinary Medical Alumni Association, program coordinator for the American College of Veterinary Radiology, and appointed by Gov. Kay Ivey to the Alabama Environmental Management Commission.

Deepa Bedi, M.D., Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Department of Biomedical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, Director of the Tuskegee University Center for Biomedical Research and the Research Centers in Minority Institutions (TU/CBR/RCMI)

Principal Investigator (PI) of the TU/CBR/RCMI



Dr. Deepa Bedi holds the position of Associate Professor at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Tuskegee University, located in Tuskegee. She earned her MD degree from Tashkent State Medical Institute (TASHMI) in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, and completed her PhD at Auburn University. Renowned for her expertise and dedication, she stands as an exceptionally well-funded researcher specializing in health disparity research. Dr. Bedi has emerged as a national leader in the field of cancer health disparities, boasting an extensive history of mentoring and collaborations with fellow researchers at Tuskegee University, along with her steadfast commitment to guiding and nurturing minority trainees. With an unwavering passion, Dr. Bedi has been at the forefront of breast cancer disparity research at Tuskegee University for over nine years. Her pioneering work has garnered substantial funding from a diverse array of organizations, including NIH, NIGMS and BCRFA. Dr. Bedi's influence extends beyond her institutional commitments. She proudly serves as a Principal Investigator of the Research Centers at Minority Institutions (RCMI), a distinguished member of the Medical Advisory Board for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama, Associate Scientist for the Center for Women's Reproductive Health as well as the Scientific Advisory Board of the Forge Ahead Center. Through these roles, she continues to shape and drive advancements in breast cancer research and health disparities on a broader scale.

Research: Her research focuses mainly on breast cancer, particularly triple-negative breast cancer (TNBC), one of the highly aggressive subtypes with no targeted therapy. The scientific focus of her laboratory is to identify mechanisms and develop targeted therapies that enable tumors to induce intrinsic immune response and modulate immune microenvironment. Her innovative work extends into the realm of multi-omic analysis, where she leverages cutting-edge technologies to simultaneously scrutinize various biological layers, including genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, and epigenomics. By harmonizing these multi-dimensional datasets, she seeks to unveil previously obscured molecular signatures driving TNBC progression and immune interactions. This holistic perspective enables her to identify potential therapeutic targets and novel strategies to enhance immune-mediated tumor control. Furthermore, a key facet of her research portfolio is dedicated to unraveling the complex biological mechanisms contributing to racial disparities in breast cancer. Through integrative genomic analyses, she examines genetic variations, mutational landscapes, and epigenetic alterations that may underlie differential disease outcomes across diverse populations. By merging genomic insights with clinical data, she aims to pave the way for personalized interventions for breast cancer that consider genetic and racial factors.

Timothy Turner, PhD
Professor, Department of Biology, Tuskegee University
Associate VP for the Tuskegee University Center for Biomedical Research and the
Research Centers in Minority Institutions (TU/CBR/RCMI)



Dr. Timothy Turner is Associate VP for Research in the Center for Biomedical Research at Tuskegee University (TU). He received his B.S. degree in biology from Jackson State University, Jackson MS.

His cancer research career started at the University of California, Berkeley where he received his PhD in Endocrinology and Tumor Biology. Dr. Turner conducted postdoctoral training in Developmental Biology in the Department of Pathology at the University of California at San Francisco and in Molecular Biology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB).

His research interests focus on identifying and disrupting signaling mechanisms involved in the progression of prostate cancer to its invasive and metastatic stages. Over his career, Dr. Turner has been the recipient of several research, education, and community honors and awards. He is one of the multiple PIs (MPI) on the following grants at TU: the Morehouse School of Medicine/Tuskegee University/University of Alabama at Birmingham O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center U54 Partnership, the UAB/TU Benjamin-Carver FIRST Partnership, and MPI on the TU Center for Biomedical Research/Research Centers in Minority Institutions.

In his position as Associate VP for Research, his mandate is to increase the biomedical and health disparity research on Tuskegee's campus. He plans to use his extensive scientific expertise and administrative leadership experience to support, guide and assist TU scientists in taking their research ideas and turning them into actuality.

Vivian Carter, PhD

Associate Professor, Department Chair, Psychology, Co-MPI and Community Engagement Core Lead for U54 Cancer Research Partnership between MSM, Tuskegee University, and UAB CCC and the Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI)



Dr. Vivian Carter is the Chair of the Department of Psychology at Tuskegee University. Dr Carter is the Co-MPI and Community Engagement Core Lead for U54 Cancer Research Partnership between MSM, TU, and UAB CCC and the RCMI. Dr. Carter is also a Past-President of the National HBCU Research Network for Research and Health Disparities. Dr. Carter is also a former Assistant Director for Community Outreach with The Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics.

Dr. Carter is an experienced social scientist with specialties in organizational development and transformation, medical sociology, race and gender relations. Dr. Carter is an accomplished researcher specializing in Community-Based Participatory Research. Dr. Carter has worked internationally with the United Nations Women's Coalition (UN Women) to address sexual assault and gender violence on African College Campuses. She serves on several community boards including the Alabama HIV Task Force on Children and Adults, the Alabama Battered Women's Taskforce, the Macon County Cancer Coalition (Co-Founder), and the Mayors Health Advisory Board. In her native state of Oklahoma, she served as the Lead Cultural Diversity Consultant for the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services strategic plan to increase minority participation in rehabilitation service programs. Dr. Carter is the co-author of three community-based cancer research studies that have had a dramatic impact on the health outcomes for women and men in Alabama. Dr. Carter has served as editor and journal reviewer for the *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, *Journal of Health Sciences and Humanities*, *Sage Publishing Journal of Best Practices*, *Journal of International Bioethics*, and *Health Quarterly*.



Amare' Christopher Hardee
2023-2024 Executive SGA Vice President, 2024-2025
Executive SGA President-Elect
Tuskegee University



Amare' Christopher Hardee, is a junior accounting major attending Tuskegee University. He is from the Great Sunshine State of Tallahassee, FL.

He is an active student leader on-campus in organizations such as Student Government Association, Intramural Sports and Recreation, pre-law Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, residential assistant, and more. Mr. Hardee is dedicated to the student experience and invested in the health of his fellow Golden Tigers.

**Ehsan Abdalla DVM, MSc (Hons) (Vet PATH), MSc & Ph.D. (Epidemiology and Risk Analysis), Assistant Professor of Public Health/Director of Analytics
Department of Graduate Public Health, College of Veterinary (CVM) Medicine,
Principal Investigator Cervical Cancer and HPV Research, for the Tuskegee
University Research Centers in Minority Institutions (TU/RCMI), Community
Engagement Core Co-Lead for TU/RCMI**



On behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to welcome you to this “Rural Health Matters Too” Inaugural Health Fair, which is sponsored jointly by the Tuskegee University Center for Biomedical Research and the Research Centers in Minority Institutions (TU/CBR/RCMI) Program at the National Institute of Health (NIH). The theme is “*Wipe Out Cervical Cancer in the Alabama’s Black Belt.*” We recognize the need and expect the women who are living in Alabama Black Belt (BB) to voluntarily and actively participate in this Inaugural Health Fair designed to better understand cervical cancer and HPV risk factors. The Health Fair provides a platform to raise awareness of issues linked to health disparities in BB.

More specifically, our speakers will provide expert and current knowledge on the cause, risk factors, screening, vaccination, and treatment options for cervical cancer. Also to share their and their relative's stories and journey with cervical cancer. We are delighted to have Ruby Perry, DVM, PhD, Diplomate-ACVR Dean & Professor of Veterinary Radiology, CVM, TU. Dean Perry will welcome and greet our participants on behalf of the CVM. We are also delighted to have Deepa Bedi, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Biomedical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, Director of the Center for Biomedical Research, and Principal Investigator (PI) of the TU/CBR/RCMI. We are also delighted to have Timothy Turner, PhD, Professor, Department of Biology, Associate VP for TU/CBR/RCMI, and Vivian Carter, PhD, Associate Professor, Department Chair, Psychology, Co-MPI and Community Engagement Core Lead for U54 Cancer Research Partnership between MSM, TU, and UAB CCC and the RCMI. Dr. Bedi, Dr. Turner and Dr. Carter will welcome and greet our participants and encourage them to work closely with the TU CBR/RCMI. We are honored to have Remona Peterson, MD, Family Practitioner with WEcare Family Practice Clinic, LLC, Alumni of TU. Dr. Peterson will provide her knowledge and insight about cervical cancer and HPV to the participants. We are also delighted to have Isabel Scarinci, PhD, MPH, Vice Chair for Global and Rural Health, Department OB/GYN, UAB. Dr. Scarinci will talk about “Operation WIPE OUT: The Story”. We are thrilled to have Gwen Lewis, MSc, BS., Alumni of TU, Part-time Conversation Outreach Advisor with Sand County Foundation. Ms. Lewis will talk about “Empowering Generations to Defeat Cervical Cancer in Alabama’s Black Belt: A daughter-mother’s Story”. We are also thrilled to have Aretha Dix, MS, MBA, Rural Health Integration: Educate. Communicate. Engage.. Ms. Dix will provide her knowledge and insight to the participants that “strong collaboration must occur between healthcare providers and individuals that will help to examine cervical cancer barriers that impact education, access to care, and follow-up to diagnoses”. We are enchanted to have Amare’ Hardee, 2023-2024 Executive SGA Vice President, 2024-2025 Executive SGA President-Elect. Mr. Hardee will bring greetings on behalf of the TU student body.

We are very excited about the program of the workshop this year and we would like to thank our collaborators from DGPB, Macon M.E.A.N.S for Cancer Support Group, Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), ADPH Cancer Prevention and Control Division, Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, Operation Wipe Out Cervical Cancer in Alabama, the City of Tuskegee, Macon, Bullock, Barbour and Lowndes Counties Board of Education, TU Student Health Center, Black Health and Research Project (B.H.A.R.P) Organization, and all of you for taking time out of your busy schedules to participate in this noble and worthwhile endeavor. This Inaugural Health Fair is designed to emphasize the necessity of educating people with knowledge about minimizing cervical cancer risks and the life-saving importance of regular screenings, vaccination, and follow-up care to wipe out cervical cancer in the Alabama BB.

Once again, we thank you for accepting our invitation and participation.

Sincerely,

Ehsan Abdalla, DVM, MS, PhD, Chair

Mary Elizabeth Brooks, M.Ed.
Consultant the Tuskegee University Center
for Biomedical Research and the Research
Centers in Minority Institutions
(TU/CBR/RCMI)



Mary Elizabeth Brooks is an undeniable health justice advocate. Her interest in advocating for others dates back to her high school days at Bullock County Technical High School in the Alabama Black Belt. The second oldest of eleven children, she learned very early the significance of sharing and caring for someone other than herself. Now, it is what rewards her most in life.

Brooks has worked as a school social worker, educator, career and mental health counselor, and served as a board member of several non-profits. She worked for over 15 years in the education arena in Hillsborough County Public Schools, Florida State University, and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU).

She uses her 19-year membership with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. as a platform to champion the urgency of wiping out cervical cancer in the rural Alabama Black Belt. It also continues in her current roles as a Tuskegee University RCMI Consultant, Alabama Community-based Advocate with the Southern Rural Black Women's Initiative (SRBWI), and as an active member of Alabama Arise and the Alabama Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition, where she chaired the Access to Care committee for three consecutive terms.

Mary Elizabeth Brooks is a native daughter of the Alabama Black Belt and a two-time graduate of Tuskegee Institute/Tuskegee University. She finds joy in fishing, gardening, cooking, and spending quality time with family, friends, and sorority sisters.

Sincerely,

Mary Elizabeth Brooks

Mary Elizabeth Brooks, M.Ed., Co-chair

Florence Pace-Tyner, MS, PhD
Executive Director of Senior Service, and
South Central Alabama Development Commission
Community Service Worker, City of Tuskegee
Tuskegee Alabama



Florence A. Pace-Tyner was born in Tuskegee, Alabama on April 25, 1956. She is the seventh of ten children born to the late Luster and Katherine Renfroe Pace. She is married to Franklin Carl Tyner and together they are the proud parents of five adult children.

Dr. Tyner is a member of Macedonia Missionary (MMBC) Baptist Church, where she serves as Associate Minister, Missionary President, Youth Advisor, Youth Sunday School Teacher, and Coordinator for the MMBC Women's Ministry.

She is the author of four short plays (unpublished), namely, *We Will Rise Above It All*, *Cotton Needs Pickin'*, *Loosed Woman* (inspired by Bishop T. D. Jakes), and *Last Night I Had A Dream*.

Dr. Tyner was employed with Macon County Commission, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for 30 years, as Director. She is presently employed with the City of Tuskegee, as Executive Director of the Senior Citizens Program.

Her educational background consists of an Associate Degree in Medical Records Technology (Southern Community College); a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Resource Management (Faulkner University); a Master of Science Degree in Clinical Counseling (Southern Christian University); a Master of Science Degree in Professional Counseling (Southern Christian University); and a Master of Divinity Degree (Southern Christian University). In 2010 Florence earned her Doctorate in Family Therapy from Amridge University where she graduated *Summa Cum Laude*. Dr. Tyner also received the Who's Who Among American Students Award.

**Torhonda C. Lee, Ph.D., MCHES® - Associate Professor
Public Health Program Director and Department Head
Department of Graduate Public Health
College of Veterinary Medicine
Tuskegee University**



Torhonda Lee is the Head of the Department of Graduate Public Health and Associate Professor of Public Health in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Tuskegee University. She is a native of Brundidge, Alabama.

She earned a B.A. in Psychology, M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling, and a Ph.D. in Health Education and Health Promotion. In the past, she served the Black Belt counties of Alabama as an extension agent for health and coordinated programs to address disparities in type 2 diabetes and cervical cancer.

Dr. Lee's current research is related to maternal mortality, minority research participation, and the health impacts of adverse childhood experiences. She currently serves as the campus advisor for the Delta Research and Education Foundation's All of Us HBCU Research Accelerates Possibilities (R.A.P) Program, which emphasizes Black representation in student research.

Remona Peterson, MD
Family Practitioner with WEcare Family Practice Clinic, LLC



Dr. Peterson is a board-certified family practitioner and Medical Director at WEcare Family Practice Clinic, LLC in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. "We are an extended-hour primary care clinic on a mission to put the "care" back in HEALTHCARE! Because genuinely, WEcare about you. You are not just a patient, you are family!" as stated on the clinic's website. WEcare Family Practice is committed to providing the best primary care through exceptional quality and a world-class experience.

Dr. Peterson is passionate about combating chronic diseases that plague rural Alabama, especially the African American community.

Her goal is to empower rural communities to be more proactive about their health, as well as to eliminate disparities within these communities.

REMONA PETERSON, MD TOP FAMILY PRACTITIONER

Dr. Peterson earned her bachelor's degree in biology from Tuskegee University in 2006, followed by her master's degree in rural and community health at the University of Alabama in 2009. Thereafter, she went on to complete her medical education through Texila American University School of Medicine located in Georgetown, Guyana and the University of Alabama Medical Education System.

She was the valedictorian of her medical school class. Dr. Peterson also completed her residency at the Tuscaloosa AL Family Medicine Residency program.

Dr. Peterson is board-certified in Family Medicine by the American Board of Family Medicine, which is an independent, non-profit organization and one of the 24 medical specialty boards that make up the American Board of Medical Specialties.

Family medicine, formerly family practice, is a medical specialty devoted to comprehensive health care for people of all ages. A family practitioner is a doctor who specializes in caring for the entire family. They serve as doctors for individuals regardless of their age and gender. In addition to diagnosing and treating acute and chronic illnesses, Dr. Peterson provides routine health screenings and counseling on lifestyle changes in an effort to prevent illnesses before they develop.

Isabel Scarinci, PhD, MPH
Vice Chair for Global and Rural Health, Department OB/GYN
University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)



Isabel Scarinci, Ph.D., MPH, is a behavioral scientist with a deep commitment to the elimination of cancer disparities in the U.S. and in low- and middle-income countries. The focus of her work is on the application of behavioral science to public health by promoting behavior change at the population level. Her primary area of interest is cancer prevention and control (including tobacco control) among low-income, racial/ethnic minorities, and immigrant populations (particularly Latinos and African Americans). She is particularly interested in the development, implementation, and evaluation of community-based programs that are theory based and culturally relevant to underserved populations in the U.S. and abroad.

In terms of methodological approaches to research, she has expertise in Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) and use of mixed methodology (qualitative/quantitative), particularly as it relates to culturally relevant needs/assets assessments. She also leads a number of training programs in health disparities targeting undergraduate and graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and junior faculty in collaboration with other universities in the US and abroad.

Scarinci is also very dedicated to community service. One example of her community work is a 15-year program to promote breast and cervical cancer screening among Latina immigrants in Alabama that relies 100 percent on the work of committed volunteers – Sowing the Seeds of Health. She has served on the Board of Directors for United Way of Central Alabama and Girls Scouts of North-Central Alabama and on the Advisory Board for the Women’s Fund of Greater Birmingham. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Birmingham, and the Honorary Consul of Brazil to Alabama.

Gwendolyn Lewis, MSc, BS.
Alumni of TU, Part-time Conversation Outreach Advisor with Sand County
Foundation



Gwendolyn Lewis completed her B.S. in plant and soil science from Tuskegee University and later she received a M.S. from Troy State University in environmental management and analysis. She retired from USDA in 2021 after over 25 years.

She spent her career working with underserved farmers and ranchers throughout Alabama, providing technical and financial assistance. Currently, she works part-time as a Conservation Outreach Advisor with Sand County Foundation. She enjoys gardening and nature walks.

Aretha Dix, MS, MBA
Rural Health Integration:
Educate. Communicate. Engage.



Aretha Dix is a retired United States Air Force Healthcare Administrator and a staunch advocate of personal and global wellness and the CEO of Le Bleu Fields Business Solutions, LLC and currently serves on the Board of Directors for Gaia Agricultural Technologies, LLC.

She's a trailblazing entrepreneur and the founder of multiple firms focused on total person synergy, individual well-being, and agriculture. Aretha has flourished in Technology & Medical consulting by providing Information Technology solutions and clinical staffing support to clients within the Department of Defense, federal civilian agencies, technological and agricultural organizations, and various commercial entities. Her business acumen has been achieved by maintaining professionally certified resources, strategic management and planning, business development, quality assurance, quality improvement and logistical support. Aretha has served on the Alabama Medical Cannabis Study Commission and has held the title of President, Alabama Chapter of Minorities for Medical Marijuana.

The US Air Force Veteran of 20 years continues to serve others and was awarded the 2019 National Black Girl Excellence Awards Military/Veteran of the Year. Her involvement with the beta program to legally grow cannabis in Alabama for industrial purposes stimulated economic growth and development within the state of Alabama and helped to advance institutional research and programming.

Mrs. Dix continues to educate those looking to legally get into the cannabis industry from the basics of hemp farming, CBD oil, Alabama rules and regulations, strains and methods of consumption, and strategic planning. She is also a co-author of the best-selling series "20 Beautiful Women", an active member of the National Congress of Black Women as well as the Federally Employed Women Organization. Aretha was recently appointed to the National Small Business Association's Leadership Council, where she will serve in a strategic advisory capacity on economic development to the US Executive Branch, the Small Business Administration, Congress, and state regulatory and legislative bodies.



Rural Health Matters Too" Inaugural Health Fair

Theme: "Wipe Out Cervical Cancer in the Alabama's Black Belt"



Saturday, April 27, 2024
In-Person and Virtual Event

9:00 - 9:03 a.m.

Overview-Why the Commitment to Eliminate the Burden of Cancer

Ehsan Abdalla, DVM, MSc (Hons) & Ph.D., (Epidemiology and Risk Analysis), Assistant Professor & Director of Analytics, Department of Graduate Public Health, College of Veterinary Medicine, Tuskegee University, Principal Investigator Cervical Cancer and HPV Research for the Tuskegee University Research Centers in Minority Institutions (TU/RCMI), Community Engagement Core Co-Lead for TU/RCMI, Program Chair

Moderator

Timothy Turner, PhD

Professor, Department of Biology, Tuskegee University, Associate VP for the Tuskegee University Center for Biomedical Research and the Research Centers in Minority Institutions (TU/CBR/RCMI)

Inspiration/Prayer

9:03 - 9:05 a.m.

Florence Pace-Tyner, MS, Ph.D., Executive Director of Senior Service, and South Central Alabama Development Commission, Community Service Worker, City of Tuskegee, Tuskegee Alabama

Welcome and Greetings

9:05 - 9:07 a.m.

Ruby. L. Perry, DVM, MS, Ph.D., DACVR

Dean & Professor of Veterinary Radiology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Tuskegee University

9:07 - 9:10 a.m.

Deepa Bedi, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor Department of Biomedical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine., Principal Investigator (PI) of the Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI), Tuskegee University

9:10 - 9:13 a.m.

Vivian Carter, PhD, Associate Professor, Department Chair, Psychology, Co-MPI and Community Engagement Core Lead for U54 Cancer Research Partnership between MSM, Tuskegee University, and UAB CCC and the Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI)

9:13 - 9:15 a.m.

Amare' Christopher Hardee, 2023-2024 Executive SGA Vice President, 2024-2025 Executive SGA President-Elect, Tuskegee University

9:15- 10:30 a.m.

Panel Discussion

Moderator: Torhonda C. Lee, Ph.D., MCHES, Torhonda C. Lee, Ph.D., MCHES® - Associate Professor Public Health Program Director and Department Head, Department of Graduate Public Health, College of Veterinary Medicine, Tuskegee University

Panel Discussion Speakers

Topic: Wipe Out Cervical Cancer in the Alabama's Black Belt,

Isabel Scarinci, PhD, MPH, Vice Chair for Global and Rural Health, Department OB/GYN, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)

Gwendolyn Lewis, MSc, BS., Alumni of TU, Part-time Conversation Outreach Advisor with Sand County Foundation

	Aretha Dix, MS, MBA , Rural Health Integration: Educate. Communicate. Engage.
10:30 - 10:35 a.m.	Vendors Introduction
10:35 - 11:45 a.m.	Vendor Participation/Interaction
11:45- 12:45 p.m.	Lunch and Learn (Chew and Chat)
12:15- 1:25 p.m.	Keynote Speakers Remona Peterson, MD , Family Practitioner with WEcare Family Practice Clinic, LLC
1:25- 2:00 p.m.	Wrap-up Physical Activity: Exercise and Dance, DJ Armstead
2:25 - 2:030 p.m.	Wrap-up/Closing Remarks/Adjournment Dr. Ehsan Abdalla, Mary Elizabeth Brooks, M.Ed. , Program Co-chair Tuskegee University RCMI Consultant and Dr. Florence Pace-Tyner

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