

# KANSAS HEALTH EQUITY SUMMIT



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022 - 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**  
**SUNFLOWER FOUNDATION, TOPEKA, KS**

## ABOUT THE SUMMIT

While biology, genetics and individual behaviors play a key role in health differences, many health outcomes are more substantially affected by social, economic and environmental factors. People are heavily impacted by the places they work and live, and the diverse populations that make up their community networks can be powerful influencers of both health and well-being. Most health disparities affect groups marginalized because of socioeconomic status, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, disability status, geography or some combination of. For most healthcare and community-based organizations, a focus on these determinants of health is not new. However, it is important that we do not only focus on inequities that come from outside the healthcare system. Potential bias within the healthcare system can exacerbate the impact of those social and economic factors at play within our communities. In order to make meaningful change, we must seek to address bias and inequity from both within, and outside of, the healthcare delivery system.

Improving health and healthcare requires a focus on equity – equity of access, care provided and outcomes. Differences in these areas that are systemic, avoidable, predictable or unjust are particularly problematic for quality improvement staff. Quality Improvers play a key role in leveraging tools within the healthcare systems and their respective communities to address these inequities.

The Kansas Health Equity Summit has been designed to help attendees (and their respective organizations) start to close the gap in health outcomes by creating an opportunity for participants to not only learn from implicit bias experts, but also to learn from others in specific areas where you want to see change. Participants will also have the opportunity to identify potential new partnerships with groups that have not traditionally been a part of health initiatives. Finally, Summit learning will continue beyond this single day event and include additional, topic-specific virtual learning opportunities in focused areas-of-need identified by Summit attendees. This inaugural event will serve as a Health Equity Collaborative “kick off” and the important work to address health equity and health disparities will continue through the months following the event, all at no additional cost to participants.

# AGENDA

8:30 am **Registration, Continental Breakfast, Poster Presentations & Exhibitors**

9:00 am **Welcome**



**Sapphire Garcia-Lies**

Founder and President, Kansas Birth Justice Society  
Reproductive Justice Activist & Nonprofit Leader

**Patient Story**

Ms. Garcia-Lies began her journey in 2013 as an activist and community advocate after her daughter, Ella, was stillborn due to medical negligence. In the years since Ella's untimely death, she has fought for reproductive rights and racial equity in maternal and infant health by empowering parents and calling for accountability within medical systems. She takes pride in her strong community ties and in the many thriving babies she has helped welcome into the world as a community-based birth worker.



**Sarah A. Irsik-Good, MHA**

President & CEO, KFMC Health Improvement Partners

**Kansas Health Equity Report**

Health equity cannot be addressed until it is assessed. This session will review the current state of health equity in Kansas, through reviewing specific priority metrics and evaluating specific disparities or inequities in outcomes. Participants will be able to identify key data sources they can use to guide health equity efforts within their organizations.

10:00 am



**Dr. Jabraan Pasha, MD**

CEO of Unlocking Implicit Bias

**Unlocking Implicit Bias**

We will approach a difficult topic in a straightforward, compassionate, empathic, yet entertaining manner. By facilitating interactive group activities, we will begin to peel away the guilt and shame associated with implicit bias. Ultimately, a discussion on methods to combat implicit bias provides participants with skills to take home and have an immediate impact on equity.

12:00 pm **Networking Lunch (lunch provided)**

12:45 pm **Dr. Jabraan Pasha, MD (continued)**

2:45 pm **Break, Poster Presentations & Exhibitors**

3:00 pm **Charting a Path to Health Equity: Feedback Session**

This session is designed so participants can share their ideas and experiences, which will be used as the basis for future planning, education and initiative design. This session will engage participants in an interactive discussion around barriers and needs, specifically around:

- Barriers to screening and reporting Social Determinants of Health
- Barriers to identifying and/or implementing interventions to address health equity

4:15 pm **Bring it Back Together: Next Steps**

4:30 pm **Adjourn**