Virginia Public Health Association

Virtual Annual Conference & Student Research Day
Friday, April 9, 2021
9:00 am to 3:30 pm
Zoom link to be sent to all registered participants April 5th

Virginia’s Public Health in the Age of COVID-19

Agenda

9:00 am   Welcome: Ashley Tharpe, VPHA President and Introducing:
The Honorable Ralph S. Northam
Governor of Virginia

9:10 am   Keynote Speaker Presentation
Moderator Muge Akpinar-Elci, VPHA Board Member
COVID-19 Vaccination Update
Margaret Kitt, MD, MPH
Rear Admiral (Retired)
United States Public Health Service
CDC/National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

10:00 am  Student Research Poster Presentations
Moderator: Kim Baskette, VPHA Board Member

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Free for students
11:00 am  COVID: Vaccine Response and Distribution Roundtable Discussion
Moderator: Brian Martin, VPHA Board Member

Meagan Doran, MRC COVID-19 Coordinator, Virginia Medical Reserve Corp
Dave Bluey, Professor of Practice, Virginia Tech Pamplin College of Business
Stephanie Wheawill, Director, Office of Epidemiology, VA Dept. of Health
Marshall Vogt, Division Epidemiologist, VA Dept. of Health

12:00 pm  Lunch with Presentation at 12:15 Discussion
Moderator: Kerry Redican, VPHA Past-President

Food Insecurity: Partnerships to Promote Access to Food
Callie Yakubisin
Manager of Food and Nutrition Outreach Virginia and North Carolina, The Dairy Alliance

1:00 pm  Community-Based Impact of COVID Roundtable Discussion
Moderator: Diana Willeman-Buckelew, VPHA Board Member

Abby Hamilton, President and CEO, United Way of the Roanoke Valley
Nancy Welch, Director, Chesapeake Health Department
Lynda Underwood, Director of Clinical Operations, Community Health Center of the New River Valley
Beth O’Connor, Executive Director, Virginia Rural Health Association
Lauren Powell, Director of the Office of Health Equity for the Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Department of Health

2:00 pm  Message from the President of the American Public Health Association
José Ramón Fernández-Peña, MD, MPH, President APHA

2:30 pm  Webinar (In partnership with ImmunizeVA)
Moderator: Kim Baskette and Rebecca Epstein

Jeanine D. Guidry, Virginia Commonwealth University
Natalie Pennywell, VCU Health Hub at 25th
Michelle Rockwell, Carilion Clinic/VT Carilion School of Medicine, Virginia Tech
Jeff Stein, Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at VTC
Julie Gerdes, Virginia Tech

3:30 pm  Wrap up: Ashley Tharpe, VPHA President

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