



MAHP Policy Forum

Severe Maternal Morbidity: Reducing Preventable Disparities with Education, Funding, and Systemic Changes

October 11, 2023

9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

UMass Club, 1 Beacon Street, 32nd Floor, Boston

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Registration, Breakfast & Networking

9:45 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

Introduction and Welcome

Lora Pellegrini, President & CEO, Massachusetts Association of Health Plans

9:50 a.m.

Introduction of the Attorney General

Cain Hayes, President & CEO, Point32Health

9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Remarks from the Attorney General

Andrea Joy Campbell, Attorney General, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

**Overview of DPH Data Brief on Severe Maternal Morbidity and State Efforts to Address
Maternal Health Inequities**

Dr. Hafsatou (Fifi) Diop, MD, MPH, Director, Division of Maternal and Child Health Research
and Analysis, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

10:20 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

Turning Grief into Action

Introduction: *Dr. Lisa Scarfo, MD*, Senior Medical Director, Mass General Brigham Health Plan,
& Commissioner on the Ellen Story Commission on Postpartum and Depression

Stephanie Crawford, Doula and Supportive Birth Collaborative Team Member at BIDMC,
Commissioner on the Ellen Story Commission on Postpartum and Depression, Member of the
MA Maternal Health Task Force, Grief Support Facilitator, and Founder of Propa City
Community Outreach

Nneka Hall, Member and Commissioner on the Racial Inequities in Maternal Health
Commission, Commissioner on the Ellen Story Commission on Postpartum Depression, Count
the Kicks Ambassador, Full Spectrum Doula, and Founder of Quietly United In Loss Together,
Mother IS Supreme Inc. and the PAILAdvocate Series

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10:40 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Panel Discussion: Exploring Solutions for Improving Maternal Health Outcomes

Jamie Belsito, Founder, Director of Policy and Partnerships, Maternal Mental Health Leadership Alliance

Dr. Thea James, MD, MPH, Executive Director of the Health Equity Accelerator, Vice President of Mission, and Associate Chief Medical Officer, Boston Medical Center; Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine

Senator Liz Miranda, Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Racial Equity, Civil Rights, and Inclusion; and Senate Chair of the Ellen Story Commission on Postpartum Depression

Michele Wolfsberg, Director of Clinical Strategy and Consulting, Point32Health

Moderator: Elizabeth Murphy, Esq., Vice President of Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, Massachusetts Association of Health Plans

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