

*University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Minority Initiative Sub-Recipient Grant Office*  
 19th Annual Clearing the Air in Communities of Color Conference  
**“Finding A Way Forward: Tobacco Control, Mental Health, & Disparate  
 Population Groups”**

March 9, 2022

<b>9:00 AM-9:15 AM</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Remarks</b> <b>Pivoting Tobacco Control in the New Normal</b>  <b>Dr. Marian Evans</b> , Coordinator University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Minority Initiative Sub-Recipient Grant Office	
<b>9:15 AM-10:00 AM</b>	<b>A Survivor’s Story</b>  <b>Mr. Daniel Ament</b> Fight 4 Wellness	
<b>10:00 AM-10:45 AM</b>	<b>Tobacco, Menthol &amp; Health Equity</b>  <b>Ms. Natasha Phelps</b> Center for Black Health and Equity	
<b>10:45 AM-10:50 AM</b>	<b>Break/Evaluation/Move to Breakout Rooms</b>  Facilitator: <b>Ruthie Johnson</b> Program/Project Specialist University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Minority Initiative Sub-Recipient Grant Office	
<b>10:50 AM-11:35 AM</b>	Breakout Session 1  <b>Tobacco &amp; Mental Health</b>  <b>Ms. Shuvonne Johnson</b> Arkansas Department of Correction	Breakout Session 2  <b>Tobacco &amp; Opioids</b>  <b>Dr. Duston Morris</b> University of Central Arkansas
<b>11:35 AM-11:40 AM</b>	<b>Break/Evaluation/Move Back to Main Session</b> Facilitator: <b>Patricia Edwards</b> Program/Project Specialist University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Minority Initiative Sub-Recipient Grant Office	
<b>11:40 AM-12:35 PM</b>	<b>The Pathway to Advancing Health Equity in Tobacco Control</b>  <b>Kya Grooms, PhD, MPH</b> Office on Smoking and Health (OSH); National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion (NCCDPHP); Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)	
<b>12:35 PM</b>	<b>Award, Announcements, and Evaluation</b>  <b>Dr. Marian Evans</b> , Coordinator	

## **A Survivor's Story**

Daniel, the founder of *Fight4Wellness*, will share with participants his life altering experience on vaping and how the use of vaping led to him receiving a double lung transplant....the first in the world!

## **Tobacco, Menthol and Health Equity**

This presentation will examine the new menthol ban. The presenter will also discuss what the menthol ban means for minorities and what advocates can do to address the individual rights issue.

## **Tobacco Use & Mental Health**

According to the CDC, adults with mental health or substance use disorders, smoke cigarettes more than adults without these disorders. Additionally, approximately 1 in 4 adults in the U.S. has some form of behavioral health condition, and these adults consume almost 40% of all cigarettes smoked by adults. This presentation will examine the role tobacco plays in mental health.

## **Tobacco Use & Opioids**

Minority youth struggle receive little to no real prevention education related to e-cigarettes/vaping, tobacco products, and opioids. Opioid use and addiction are major concerns, with inherent health risks related to the use of all of these substances. There continues to be a dearth of attractive and informative prevention education materials that address the combined health risks of these substances.

## **The Pathway to Advancing Health Equity in Tobacco Control**

Dr. Grooms's remarks at the conference will provide an overview of the commercial tobacco prevention and control landscape, as well as the importance of health equity and addressing tobacco related disparities. Learning objectives for this presentation include: 1) to identify commercial tobacco-related disparities and inequities in the U.S. and Arkansas; and 2) to describe efforts to address commercial tobacco-related disparities, in order to advance health equity.