



National Alliance on Ending Health Disparities

National Health Disparities Summit

Westin Crystal City Hotel | Arlington, VA

December 3–4, 2026

National Alliance on Ending Health Disparities (NAEHD)

**Please note that the times and events on this agenda are subject to change with or without notice.*

Thursday, December 3, 2026

Time	Event
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Registration Opens- Atrium
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Pre-Conference Workshop: Bias & Leadership- Jefferson Ballroom
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Opening Night Reception- Atrium
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Exhibits Open- Atrium

Friday, December 4, 2026

Welcome & Keynote



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Time	Event	Presenter(s)
7:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Registration Opens <i>Room: Atrium</i>	—
7:30 AM – 8:15 AM	Breakfast & Exhibits <i>Room: Atrium & Jefferson Ballroom</i>	—
8:15 AM – 8:30 AM	Opening Remarks <i>Room: Jefferson Ballroom</i>	Bryant Harvin, CEO, NAEHD, Danny Ellis, Board Chair, NAEHD
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	Keynote Session: The State of Rural Health Care and Health Equity in America <i>Room: Jefferson Ballroom</i>	B. Cameron Webb, MD, JD, Commissioner of Health, State of Virginia Bryant Harvin, CEO, NAEHD Zil Joyce Dixon Romero, Senior State Government Affairs Manager, National Rural Health Association

Breakout Sessions

The following sessions run concurrently across four tracks.

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	Capacity Before Intervention: Matching Clinical Approach to Client Readiness Presenter: Cameron McCoy, LLMSW <i>Room: Crystal V</i>	Are We Coded for Bias? Presenter: Khaalisha B. Ajala, MD, MBA, FHM Associate Professor of Medicine Faculty Physician, Grady Memorial Hospital Division of Hospital Medicine <i>Room: Crystal VI</i>	Strategic Thinking in a Shifting Healthcare Environment Presenter: Danny Ellis, PhD, MBA, LPN, Board Chair, NAEHD <i>Room: Crystal IV</i>	Beyond the Diagnosis: Supporting Mental Health, Memory, and Dignity in Dementia Care Presenter: Kindall Bundy, MBA, QMHP, CDP <i>Room: Crystal III</i>
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM Morning Break & Exhibits				



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10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Addressing Disparities in Sickle Cell Disease: Treatment Advances and the Evolving Standard of Care <i>Presenter: TBD</i> <i>Room: Crystal V</i>	Black & Suicidal: Addressing the Rapid Increase of Suicide in the Black Community through Digital Peer Support and Storytelling Presenter: T-Kea Blackman, MPS, CPRS, RPS, Executive Director, Black People Die By Suicide Too <i>Room: Crystal VI</i>	Defining Your Post-Graduate Career Through the Lens of Persistent Health Disparities Presenter: Bryant Harvin, CEO, NAEHD <i>Room: Crystal IV</i>	Beyond Awareness: Building Community Trust to Advance Prostate Health Equity Presenter: Reggie Holmes Executive Director, Hampton Roads Prostate Health Forum <i>Room: Crystal III</i>
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	<i>TBD Presenter:</i> <i>Room: Crystal V</i>	Your Zip Code is a Care Plan Presenter: Aariyana Britton, DHSc, MSc <i>Room: Crystal VI</i>	<i>TBD Presenter:</i> <i>Room: Crystal IV</i>	Reclaiming Motherwork: A National Convening to Advance Black Maternal Health Equity Presenter: Jaye Wilson, LPN <i>Room: Crystal III</i>
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch & Exhibits- Atrium/Jefferson Ballroom				
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Pain and the Patient: Clinical and Equity Perspectives in Migraine Care <i>Presenter: TBD</i> <i>Room: Crystal V</i>	An Overview of the Incidence and Inequities of Normalized Obstetric Violence and Pathways to Intervention Presenter: Emilie Cunningham, MPH, PhD, Clinical Associate Professor, Baylor University <i>Room: Crystal VI</i>	<i>TBD Presenter:</i> <i>Room: Crystal IV</i>	<i>Advocacy in Action: Turning Lived Experience into Expertise in Rare, Chronic, and Complex Conditions</i> Presenter: Bryant Harvin, CEO, NAEHD <i>Room: Crystal III</i>



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2:30 PM – 3:00 PM Afternoon Break & Exhibits- Atrium				
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	From Clinical Language to Lived Understanding: Closing the Communication Gap in Care Delivery Presenter: Cherhara Julious BSN, RN, LSSBB TBD <i>Room: Crystal V</i>	Partnerships to Address Cancer Disparities among American Indians Presenter: Ronny Bell, PhD, MS Professor and Chair, Division of Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy Eshelman School of Pharmacy, University of North Carolina At Chapel Hill <i>Room: Crystal VI</i>	TBD Presenter: TBD Room: Crystal IV	Beyond What We Were Taught: Unlearning Cultural Beliefs to Strengthen Advocacy and Community Trust Presenter: Erika Barnes, MSW, CHW <i>Room: Crystal III</i>
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM Awards, Closing Remarks & Adjournment- Jefferson Ballroom				