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FOUNDATION

PRESENTS THE

THE 2015 ANNUAL  
**LEGISLATIVE**  
**WEEKEND**

*November 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

The Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland Weekend activities will begin Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> with a Prayer Breakfast at the Forum Caterers in Baltimore. The Criminal Justice Workshop will follow the prayer breakfast and will also be held at the Forum. The all-day workshops will be held on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, in the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis, Maryland. All activities on this day are free and open to the public. Breakfast and lunch will be provided and limited transportation on a first come basis is offered.

## Thursday, November 5, 2015

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| 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | <b>Prayer Breakfast</b><br>How to Calm the Tides: The Role of the Black Church<br>Guest Speaker: Rev. Cecelia Williams Bryant, Episcopal Supervisor<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Episcopal District and Pastor Bethel AME Church - Mt. Vernon, Indiana   | <b>Forum Caterers</b> |
| 11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | <b>Is Maryland’s Criminal Justice System Failing Us?</b><br>Workshop will focus on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Body Cameras</li> <li>• Public Safety</li> <li>• Expungement</li> <li>• Citizen unrest and the criminal justice system</li> <li>• An Examination of the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights</li> <li>• A Discussion of the Qualifications Required of Police Officers</li> <li>• The Psychological Overview of Police Officers and Community</li> </ul> <b>Moderator: Delegate Jill Carter, Esq.</b><br><b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delegate Charles Sydnor, Esq.</li> <li>• William “Billy” Murphy, Esq.</li> <li>• Judge David Young, Esq.</li> <li>• Delegate Erek Barron</li> <li>• Tessa Hill-Aston, President Baltimore City NAACP</li> <li>• Pastor Todd Yearly, Douglas Memorial Community Church</li> </ul> | <b>Forum Caterers</b> |

## Friday, November 6, 2015

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| 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. | Breakfast – Networking – Registration<br><b>Miller Senate Office, Building West Lobby Area</b> |
| 8:00 a.m. – 8:05 a.m. | Welcoming Remarks and Conference Overview<br>Chairwoman, Delegate Barbara A. Robinson          |
| 8:05 a.m. – 8:20 a.m. | Legislative Black Caucus History Overview<br>Senator Nathaniel McFadden                        |

8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

### **Concept of OneBaltimore**

**Budget and Taxation Hearing Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

OneBaltimore is a comprehensive and collaborative team of public/private initiatives to support ongoing efforts to rebuild communities and neighborhoods. OneBaltimore will focus on the immediate, short-term needs of those communities affected by our recent unrest and violence, and seek to promote collaboration to focus on the systemic problems Baltimore City has faced for decades. This is about more than government. This is a once-in-a-generation effort to engage anyone and everyone who wants to help strengthen Baltimore City. Over the coming weeks, a framework for OneBaltimore will be announced, and a system of broad community engagement will be developed.

**Moderator:** Sheila Brooks, President, Presidents Round Table

#### **Panelists:**

Michael Cryor, CEO, OneBaltimore

Donald C. Fry, President & CEO, Greater Baltimore Committee (Invited)

Kirby Fowler, President, Downtown Partnership

Paul Taylor, Executive Director, The Small Business Resource Center

Kenneth Grant, Vice President, General Services, The Johns Hopkins Health Systems

8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

### **Governor's Office of Minority Affairs and the Department of Commerce**

**Miller Senate Building, Conference Room East I, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

#### **Governor's Strategies for Economic Growth for Minority and Women-Owned Businesses**

Join representatives from the Department of Commerce (DOC) and the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs (GOMA) for a panel discussion of the strategies being used to encourage and promote the economic growth of Maryland's small, minority and woman-owned businesses.

**Moderator:** Alison Tavik, GOMA

#### **Panelists:**

Mike Gill, Secretary Department of Commerce

Jimmy Rhee, Special Secretary of GOMA

Wayne R. Frazier Sr., President, Maryland-Washington Minority Contractors Association

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| 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. | <b>Minority Business Development in Maryland</b><br><b>Judicial Proceeding Hearing Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</b>  |
|                         | <p>This workshop will focus on minority businesses in Maryland, where we are, where we need to go and recommendations of how to get there. The presenter will use proven data to drive home the proven facts.</p> <p><b>Presenter:</b><br/>Dr. Daraius Irani, Associate Vice President, Regional Economic Studies Institute</p>  |
| 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. | <b>The Age of Technology: Where are We?</b> <b>Finance Hearing Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor</b>  |
|                         | <p>This workshop will address the lack of African American participation in technology and the importance of launching the White House Tech-Hire Initiative in Baltimore. Participants will be exposed to IT employment opportunities, professional positions and minority business participation in the industry. The qualifications and skills needed to survive in the IT workforce will be examined and discussed.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Lance Lucas, CEO, Digit All Systems</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b><br/>Chris Gibbons, MD, MPH Chief Health Innovation Officer at Federal - Invited Communications Commission and Associate Director, Urban Health Institute Johns Hopkins University<br/>Victor McCrary, Ph.D., Vice President Research and Economic Development, Morgan State University<br/>Jason Brooks, Google,<br/>Destinee Thompson, Hewlett Packard</p> |
| 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | <b>Mergers and Acquisitions</b> <b>Finance Hearing Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor</b>  |
|                         | <p>This workshop will be presented by the Meridian Management Group (MMG). A panel of experts will focus on acquisition as a growth strategy for minority and women-owned businesses. The Mergers and Acquisition Enhancement and Acceleration Act will also be discussed.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Stanley W. Tucker, President, MMG</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b><br/>Anthony Williams, Vice President, MMG<br/>Anthony Rodgers, Managing Partner, Antson Capital<br/>Willie Vereen, President &amp; CEO, Mid Atlantic Broadband (MABB)<br/>Ajibola Fadahunsi, Director, Debt Capital Markets, M &amp; T Investment Banking Group</p>   |

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Minority Participation in the Renewable Energy Industry in Maryland**  
**Budget and Taxation Hearing Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

Representatives from private and public sectors will discuss contract opportunities for minorities in the Renewable Energy Industry in Maryland.

**Moderator:** Robert Wallace, CEO, BITH Group

**Panelists:**

Leigh Williams, Director, Maryland Energy Administration  
James McGarry, Policy Director, Chesapeake Climate Action Network  
Paul Rich, Director of Project Development, US Wind Inc.  
Michael Miller, President, OGOS Energy  
Kimberly Armstrong, CEO, Blacks in Energy

**LUNCH**

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

The governor's strategies for business development in the African American and minority community

**Conference Room West**

Lunch is provided. Roger Campos will be the luncheon speaker and will speak on the topic of the governor's strategies for business development in the African American and minority community.

**Introduction of the Luncheon Speaker:** Delegate Alonso Washington

**Keynote Speaker:** Roger Campos, Business Ombudsman, The Office of the Governor

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**The Plight of HBCU's: Where Are We and Where Need to Be**

**Conference Room West**

Education and Maryland's Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) will be the focus of this workshop. Presidents of Maryland's HBCU's and legislators will be available to discuss what LBCM has accomplished in thirty-three years since the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland (LBCM) first made this topic one of its priorities. The lawsuit concerning duplication of HBCU programs will be discussed. This panel will focus on where we are; where we need to go, and how we will there.

**Moderator:** Senator Joan Carter Conway

**Panelists: Coalition Part I**

David Burton, President, Coalition for Equity and Excellence in Maryland Higher Education  
Legal Counsel Representative Invited  
Dr. Earl Richardson, Past President, Morgan State University

### **Panelists: HBCU Presidents Part II**

Dr. Maria Thompson, President, Coppin State University  
Dr. Mickey Burnim, President, Bowie State University  
Dr. David Wilson, President, Morgan State University

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **Black Voices through Written Expressions**

**Judicial Proceedings Room, (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)**

The Black Writers Guild of Maryland will conduct this workshop. Writing is a business, a profession, a hobby, a creative endeavor, a therapeutic experience, entertainment and a call to action. A panel of experts, all authors will address the technical aspects of writing, such as style, voice and genre. Publishing, marketing and promotions, journalism, copyright and other legal issues will be discussed.

**Moderator:** Ms. Maxine B. Cunningham, Author & CEO Empowered, Walking Enterprise

### **Panelists:**

Dr. Maurice W. Dorsey, Biographer, Educator  
Mr. DeWayne Wickham, Dean, School of Global Journalism, Morgan State University  
Ms. Cherrie Woods, Communications Consultant, Eclectic PR  
James Wright, President, Black Writers Guild of Maryland

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **Your Vote Counts: Understanding the Political Process**

**Miller East I (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)**

**Moderator:** Anthony McCarthy, Host, The Anthony McCarthy Show

### **Panelists:**

Delegate Antonio Hayes  
Delegate Nathaniel Oaks  
Senator JoAnne Benson  
Delegate Tawanna Gaines  
Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **An Overview of African American Tourism Industry in Maryland**

The Black Tourism Council will present an overview of Maryland's \$17 billion dollar and Baltimore's \$5 billion dollar tourism industry.

**Moderator:** Louis Fields, Founder/CEO Black Tourism Council in Maryland

**Panelists:**

Dr. Joanne Martin, Founder & President, National Great Blacks in Wax Museum  
Laurence Hurst, Curator, Collections Manager, Howard County Centre of African American Culture

Errol E. Brown, Sr., Phillip & Rachel Brown Collection

Dr. Janet Sims-Wood, Commissioner, MD Commission on African American History & Culture

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Opportunities for Minorities in the Maryland Medical Marijuana Industry  
Conference Room East I, 1st Floor**

Experts in the industry including representative from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, an industry entrepreneur, and legislators will form the panel to discuss the categories under which African Americans can get involved with business opportunities in the medical marijuana industry that is being launched in Maryland.

**Moderator:** Darryl Carrington, Director, Medical Marijuana Association

**Panelists:**

Hannah Bryon, Director, Medical Marijuana DHMH Initiative

Delegate Cheryl Glenn

Delegate Dan Morhaim, MD

Dr. Gregory Daniel, CEO, Alternative Medicine Associates



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Exploring Behavioral Health:  
A State of Crisis, A State of Change

Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401  
Conference Center West - 1st Floor

The focus areas for this health symposium will examine the current state of minority health within our communities, provide tools that speak to anticipated changes in the current healthcare landscape, and evaluate the downstream impact these efforts will have to their organization(s) as well as black and other minority communities.

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

### **Minority Health Opening Session**

Our community has seen an increase in both the number of mental health problems and the complexity and severity of its issues. The need for strong leadership and increased diversity is a prominent matter yet to be fully addressed. Despite the widespread awareness of these challenges in the field, current action and policy recommendations are severely lacking. The time has come for a more thoughtful and policy focused approach!

**Moderator: Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam**, State Senate, 44<sup>th</sup> District, Maryland General Assembly

#### **Panelists:**

Darren Brownlee, M.H.A., President, National Association of Health Services Executives

Van T. Mitchell, Secretary of Health & Mental Hygiene, Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene

Arlee Wallace, Acting Director, Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### **Bridging the Gap in Behavioral Health Disparities**

Taking on the challenges of mental health conditions, health coverage and the stigma of mental illness affects all of us. In many communities however, these problems are increased by less access to care, cultural stigma and lower quality care.

While all communities deserve equal opportunities to be healthy, good health is not distributed evenly across our society. These health inequities are an injustice — and even, preventable.

This session of presentations will offer tips and best practices to bridge the gap in mental health disparities for minority populations, build organization capacity, and foster community engagement and strategies that are designed to reduce health inequities and create healthy communities for all. Objectives from this session will include the following:

- To provide adequate and accurate information, applying short and long-term assessments affecting the community and society.
- To work to identify and meet the healthcare needs of the community.
- To encourage and participate in public dialogue on healthcare policy issues and advocate solutions that will improve health status and promote quality of healthcare.

**Moderator:** Delegate Terri L. Hill

**Panelists:**

Carmela Coyle, President & Chief Officer, Maryland Hospital Association  
Camara Jones, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D., Research Director Social Determinants of Health and Equity Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Gayle M. Jordan-Randolph, M.D., Deputy Secretary, Behavioral Health & Disabilities  
Leana Wen, M.D., MSc., FAAEM, Commissioner, Baltimore City Health Department

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch**

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Moving Principles to Action**

**House of Delegates**  
**6 Bladen Street, Annapolis, MD 21401**  
**House Government and Operations Committee, Room 240**

Executives recognize embedding health considerations into decision making across a broad array of sectors and working collaboratively on population health improvements are necessary elements in the development of health communities. Although major health choices are being made by where most live, work and play, our communities are often the last recipients of advanced policies or practices.

This session will review the approaches for including health components in local, state and national policy development discuss strategies to address health disparities and create innovative approaches to meet today's complex health challenges. Objectives from this session will include the following:

- To understand current efforts being used to tackle the elimination of health disparities among respective communities.
- To explore success, challenges and innovation in securing community engagement in the elimination of injustices in health.
- To encourage innovative partnerships that move beyond community walls.

**Moderator:** Delegate Erik L. Barron

**Panelists:**

Jan Desper, Executive Director, Black Mental Health Alliance  
Peter A. Hammen, State Delegate, Democrat, District 46, Baltimore City  
Jay A. Pearman, M.D., President, University of Maryland, Baltimore  
Annelle Primm, M.D., MPH, Senior Psychiatrist Advisor for Urban Behavioral Associates  
Dr. Patricia Newton



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**Saturday, November 7, 2015**

**The Gaylord Hotel and Resort at the National Harbor  
Conference Center**

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Business Over Breakfast

**Speaker:** Roland Martin

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

VIP Reception – Open Bar and Hors d’oeuvres

8:00 p.m. – 12 Midnight

Gala featuring live entertainment, “The West Band”