

## **ALL PRESENTERS/SPEAKERS**

***“The Impact of Racial Disparities in Maternal Childhood Health for African Americans”***

### **KEYNOTE PRESENTER**



**Dr. Aletha Maybank, MD, MPH** recently joined the American Medical Association (AMA) in April 2019 as their inaugural Chief Health Equity Officer and Vice President. Her role is to embed health equity in all the work of the AMA and to launch a Health Equity Center. Prior to this in 2014, Dr. Maybank became an Associate Commissioner, and later a Deputy Commissioner, and launched the Center for the Health Equity, a new division in the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene geared towards strengthening and amplifying the Health Department’s work in ending health inequities. Under her leadership and in a short amount of time, the health department made great strides in transforming the culture and public health practice by embedding health equity in the health department’s work. This work has been recognized and adapted by other City agencies and has even captured the attention of the CDC and WHO. Prior to this role, she was an Assistant Commissioner in the NYC Health Department over the Brooklyn District Public Health Office, a place-based approach, from April 2009 - 2014. Her Bureau set a precedence DOHMH and created a template for community-driven neighborhood planning. Dr. Maybank also successfully launched the Office of Minority Health as its Founding Director in the Suffolk County Department of Health Services in NY from 2006-2009.

She also teaches medical and public health students on topics related to health inequities, public health leadership and management, physician advocacy, and community organizing in health. Currently, Dr. Maybank serves as President of the Empire State Medical Association, the NYS affiliate of the National Medical Association. In 2012, she co-founded "We Are Doc McStuffins," a movement created by African American female physicians who were inspired by the Disney Junior character *Doc McStuffins*. Dr. Maybank holds a BA from Johns Hopkins University, a MD from Temple University School of Medicine, and a MPH from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. She is pediatrician board certified in Preventive Medicine/Public Health.

### **MODERATOR**



**Flojuane Cofer, PhD, MPH** is an epidemiologist who serves as the Director of State Policy and Research for Public Health Advocates. Her professional interest is addressing emerging and persistent public health challenges through research and policy. Her work primarily focuses on metabolic disease prevention, restorative justice, and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). Prior to joining Public Health Advocates, she led the preconception health initiative for the California Department of Public Health. Flojaune received Bachelor’s degrees in Chemistry and Women’s Studies from Spelman College. Her public health training was at the University of Michigan, School of Public Health where she earned a Master’s in Public Health and doctorate in epidemiology. She is deeply committed to civic engagement and currently serves on the Board of Directors for two nonprofits and is a member of the Active Transportation Commission and the Sheriff’s Community Advisory Board. For her professional contributions and community participation she was awarded the Young Professional of the Year Award by the Sacramento Urban League, the Exceptional Women of Color-EWOC Excellence Award presented by the Sac Cultural Hub Media Foundation, and the 40 Under 40 Award by the Sacramento Business Journal.



**Allyson Felix, Olympic Gold Medalist** testified on Capitol Hill May 2019, not as an athlete, but as a mother and advocate for overcoming racial disparities in the nation's maternal health and mortality crisis. The six-time Olympic gold medalist sprinter and 11-time world champion appeared before the House Ways & Means Committee to share the story of the birth of her daughter, Camryn, on November 28, 2018. Having stepped on the world stage as a passionate 18 year old in her first Olympic Games, Allyson Felix, has redefined athletics as she continues to cement her iconic status on and off the track. Allyson grew up in Los Angeles, California. Her father, Paul, is an ordained minister and was an excellent sprinter as a teen. She inherited her long, lean legs from her schoolteacher mother, Marlean. Allyson's interest in the sport began watching her older brother, Wes, run. However, she did not try out for the school track team until her freshman year at Los Angeles Baptist High School in North Hills. She never expected that she would find one of her passions on that high school track, but she did and has never looked back — amassing an incredible 13 global titles, 10 United States Championships, 9 Olympic Medals, and a World Record. Her accomplishments solidify her as one of the greatest female athletes the world has seen and has garnered attention from the top media publications in the world. Features have included: Vogue, Glamour, Essence, Self, O Magazine, Sports Illustrated, and Elle. [CLICK HERE](#) to read Allyson's full bio.



**Shonda Moore is Director of Marketing & Communications of Fortune School**, a charter school management organization and graduate school. In this role, Moore is responsible for the promotion and management of Fortune School's brand, overseeing internal and external communications, state and local advocacy engagement, and managing the student lifecycle from first awareness to enrollment. Prior to this role, Moore did business as a principal consultant under the name Voice of the People where she managed a variety of campaigns from political to education recruitment and school scouting. Moore also worked as a Director of Communications and Government Affairs at Time for Change Foundation where she helped to establish the organizations brand and advocacy platform. She held fellowships with the Women's Policy Institute at the Women's Foundation of California, and the New Leaders Council. She has a Master's of Management in Public Administration from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor's of Arts in Mass Communication from California State University, San Bernardino. Moore is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Mahogany Festival Planning Committee, Go On Girl Book Club, and Girl Trek. She resides in Sacramento, CA with her husband with new baby son and two dogs.



**Dr. Olivia Kasirye, M.D. is the Sacramento County Public Health Officer and Public Health Officer of City of Elk Grove.** Dr. Kasirye has over 20 years of experience including her work as the Medical Director of the Sacramento County Child Health and Disability Prevention program and the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health program and as the Communicable Disease Controller. Dr. Kasirye received a Medical Degree from the Makerere University Medical School in Kampala, Uganda. She also has a Master of Science degree in Epidemiology from the University of California, Davis. She is Board Certified in Public Health and General Preventative Medicine. She had been employed by El Dorado County Department of Health and Human Services as the Public Health Officer since August 2009.