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A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Beloved Community,

We are excited to have you join us to celebrate the 2022 Black Maternal Health Conference & Training Institute (#BMHC22). With the backing of our partners, supporters, and sponsors, the Black Mamas Matter Alliance (BMMA) is administering this year's conference as a hybrid experience.

The BMHC22 theme, Building for Liberation: Centering Black Mamas, Black Families and Black Systems of Care, reflects BMMA's work in centering Black women's scholarship, maternity care work, and advocacy across the full spectrum of sexual, maternal, and reproductive health care, services, programs, and initiatives. Additionally, it centers a critical need for learning about Black Feminist and womanist approaches to strengthening wellness structures within our communities and across the Diaspora as a revolutionary act in the pursuit of liberation, and in the global fight to END maternal mortality.

Continuing on our momentum of creating a conference space focused on Black Maternal Health Equity, we are proud to honor trailblazing advocates, service providers, and scholars with the establishment of the inaugural BMHC Awards: the UmmSalaamah "Sondra" Abdullah-Zaimah Birth Worker Award and the Jackson, Rowley, Hogan Excellence in Black Maternal Health Scholarship Award.

This year (2022) has ushered in major milestones for BMMA! Not only did we celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Black Maternal Health Week Campaign, we, also, started the year with the notification of our 501(c)3 designation. This could not have been done without the many years of organizational development work of BMMA's founders, staff, Board members, alliance partners, funders, and donors. Our deepest gratitude to our previous fiscal sponsor and mother organization, SisterSong, Inc. for being the pillars towards our growth and success. We LOVE and CHERISH, SisterSong, Inc. ALWAYS!

With our commitment towards building Black systems of care by pouring into and expanding the Black perinatal, maternal, and reproductive health workforce, BMMA will be implementing new initiatives and opportunities for engagement.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this work and encouraged us as we pursued our labor of love. A very special thank you to the Black Mamas Matter Alliance Board of Directors, Alliance Partners, Staff, Supporters and Donors for all that you do for this movement and for Black Mamas, our families and our communities

With Sincere Gratitude,

Angela D. Aina

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SCHEDULE DAY 1

TIME EASTERN TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:30AM - 9:00AM	Breakfast & Check-in	Rock Creek Ballroom
9:00AM - 10:00AM	BMHC22 Welcome Address ((●))	Rock Creek Ballroom
10:00AM - 11:30AM	BLOCK A Sessions	Meeting Room Level or Virtual
11:30AM - 12:30PM	Lunch - <i>Visit our Exhibitor Hall</i>	Rock Creek Ballroom
12:30PM - 2:00PM	BMHC22 Plenary Address ((●))	Rock Creek Ballroom
2:00PM - 3:30PM	BLOCK B Sessions	Meeting Room Level or Virtual
3:30PM - 5:00PM	Block C Sessions	Meeting Room Level or Virtual
6:00PM - 9:00PM	BMHC22 Awards Dinner ((●)) <i>Ticket required for in-person attendance</i> <i>Virtual attendance included for all BMHC22 attendees</i>	Rock Creek Ballroom

DAY 2

TIME EASTERN TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:30AM - 9:00AM	Breakfast & Check-in	Rock Creek Ballroom
9:00AM - 10:00AM	BMHC22 Day 2 Welcome ((●))	Rock Creek Ballroom
10:00AM - 11:30AM	BLOCK D Sessions	Meeting Room Level or Virtual
11:30AM - 12:30PM	Lunch - <i>Visit our Exhibitor Hall</i>	Rock Creek Ballroom
12:30PM - 2:00PM	BMHC22 Keynote Address ((●))	Rock Creek Ballroom
2:00PM - 3:30PM	BLOCK E Sessions	Meeting Room Level or Virtual
3:30PM - 5:00PM	Block F Sessions	Meeting Room Level or Virtual
5:00PM - 5:30PM	BMHC22 Closing Remarks ((●))	Rock Creek Ballroom

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This year, BMHC22 is a hybrid experience that offers valuable and engaging content for everyone, whether you attend remotely or in-person.

In-person Attendees will be able to attend all events held on-site and will have access to all virtual on demand sessions and poster presentations

Virtual Attendees will be able to attend all sessions held in the Rock Creek and River Birch Ballrooms via livestream, and will have access to all virtual on demand sessions and virtual presentations. Livestreamed sessions are noted with the following icon: ((●))

BREAKOUT SESSION AND POSTER DESIGNATIONS

*NOTE: CEU/CERP credits are only available for in-person sessions

Tracks

- P Policy/Advocacy
- HC Holistic Care/Clinical Innovation
- R Research/Evaluation
- CS Culture Shift/Creative
- S Special Topics

Level

- Introductory
- Intermediate
- Advanced/Expert
- General

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- CEU
- CERP

BREAKOUT SESSIONS DAY 1

BLOCK A 10:00AM - 11:30AM

*denotes that presentations will share session block time

An Intersectional Analysis of Reproduction among Southern Black Women (R) ● ●
Dr. Terri-Ann Thompson, PhD

Room 3*

Care, Healing & Advocacy: A Qualitative Analysis of the Impacts of Gendered Racism on Black Women's Coping Strategies and Inequitable Fibroid Outcomes (R) ● ●
Toni Junious

Room 3*

Speaking Truth to Power: Lessons from Implementing a Virtual Policy Advocacy Training Centering Black Women (P) ● ●
Adaora Ntukogu & Jireka Gurley Neal

Room 4

The Use of Storytelling to Improve Maternal Health Outcomes (CS) ● ●
Dr. Nakeitra Burse

Room 5*

A Womanist Playlist for Motherhood: Radical Truth-Telling through Space and Sound (CS) ● ●
Iris Reddick Manburg

Room 5*

Black Folks Bleeding: Dreaming Up Community Support for First Time Menstruators (CS) ● ●
Aja Clark, MPH

Room 6

Building The Black Midwife: Removing the Veil of Midwifery Care Expansion for Black Students (S) ● ●
Patricia Liggins

Room 7

BREAKOUT SESSIONS DAY 1

BLOCK A 10:00AM - 11:30AM

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She Comes First: Re-imagining Health Sexual and Reproductive Health Services for Black Women in Washington, D.C. (HC) ●● Reagan Dunham & Ashley Wimberly	Room 8
Global Reproductive Justice Organizing as a Portal to Building Towards Liberation (S) ●● Tanay Harris, Dr. Dana-Ain Davis, PhD & Mars Lord	Room 9
The Roots of Black Family Wellness: How a Black Woman Founded and Led Community Health Center centers the Needs of Black Women in the Bay Area (HC) ●● Dr. Ifeoma Udoh & Nkemka Egbuho	Room 10*
The 5D Cycle for Perinatal Equity: Combining Black Feminism, Radical Imagination and Appreciative Inquiry to Transform Perinatal Quality Improvement (HC) ●● Lauren Arrington, CNM, DNP	Room 10*
Developing a one-stop-shop of services to reduce pregnancy care-related disparities in San Francisco (HC) ●● Jacqueline Odiase & Chelsea Stewart	Room 11*
The Black Birthing Bill of Rights: Launching A Digital Resource Hub for Practical and Liberatory Strategies to Support Black Birth Rights (HC) ●● Dr. Noelene Jeffers Joseph, PhD	Room 11*
Social determinants and Obstacles to Healthcare Utilization Across the Lifespan (SOUL): A Study of Black Appalachian Women's Health (R) ●● Jasmine Johnson	Room 15*
Gadsden County and the Politics of Birthing Space: The Making of an Invisible Maternity Care Desert (R) ●● Rose Archer, MDiv	Room 15*
MMRC, PQC, and CBO Practices and Strategies Towards Equity (R) ● Philicia Castillo, MPH; Sara Daniel, MPH; Roseline Jean Louis, RN, BSN, MS; Nia Mitchell; Isabel Morgan; Tonni Oberly, MPH; Danielle E. Rivers, MPH; SangHee Won, MPH	River Birch
Addressing the Gaps that Drive Black Maternal Health Inequities (HC) ● Dr. Meika Neblett, MD, MS	On-demand
Auntie taught me: resistance through strong feminine familial bonds (CS) ● Khye Tyson	On-demand
Black Maternal Health and Oral Health Inequities (P) ● Dr. Amber Bonnaig, DDS	On-demand
Are you listening to me? Patient-Provider Relationship in Pregnancy and Post-Loss in Black Perinatal Bereavement (R) ● Erica McAfee	On-demand

BREAKOUT SESSIONS DAY 1

BLOCK B 2:00PM - 3:30PM

**denotes that presentations will share session block time*

Birth Without Bias: Centering the Lived Experience to Drive Community Accountability for Black Birth Liberation: Data Analysis from IrthApp Reviews (R) ●● Kimberly Seals Allers	Room 3
Use of a Respectful Maternal Care Model to Study Inpatient Infant Feeding Support (R) ● Darchelle Excellent	Room 4
Community don't come easy: teaching clients to build radical communities (CS) ●● Khye Tyson	Room 5
The Development of a Health and Racial Equity in Maternal Care Pilot Course to Address Maternal Health Outcomes (S) ●● Dr. Nakeitra Burse & Dr. Jameshia Ballard, PhD, RDN, CLC	Room 7
Improving Pregnancy & Birth Outcomes in L.A. County through Community and Government Collaborations - the African American Infant and Maternal Mortality Community Action Teams (HC) ●● Adjoa Jones, MBA	Room 8
Community-Integrated Models of Care in the Safer Childbirth Cities Initiative (HC) ●● Shaquelle Ballou, MS, CHES	Room 9*
Strategizing for Holistic Maternity Care: Centering Community Partners in Learning Development Strategies (HC) ●● Inas Mahdi, MPH & Philicia Castillo-Sanders, MPH	Room 9*
The Black Maternal Health Momnibus: Understanding and Advocating for a Comprehensive Federal Legislative Package (P) ● Vina Smith-Ramakrishnan & Anna Bernstein	Room 10
Lessons From The Mama Bird Doula Alliance (HC) ●● Dr. Kenya Mitchell	Room 11
Research-Informed Community Interventions to Address Stress Factors and Reduce Preterm Birth Among Black Birthing People (R) ●● Adelaide Appiah, MPH	Room 15*
Preserving Community Knowledge and Information Networks to Promote Maternal Health and Wellbeing of Black Immigrant PregnantPeople (R) ●● Dr.Favorite Iradukunda, PhD, RN	Room 15*
On the Front Lines: The Black Moms and Doulas Fighting to Close the Maternal Care Gap - Presented by Baby Dove (HC) ● Shannnon Trudge & Haley Wickham	River Birch ((●))
Black Joy as a Therapeutic Intervention for Black Birthing People (HC) ● Sydney Morris	On-demand
Embodying Black and African feminism to aid and address Black maternal health inequities (CS) ● Indra Lusero, JD, MA & Dr. Alicia D. Bonaparte, PhD	On-demand

BREAKOUT SESSIONS DAY 1

BLOCK B 2:00PM - 3:30PM

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The Evolution of Maternal Health Policy Reform in the State of New Mexico (P) ●
Sunshine Muse

On-demand

Using the Reproductive Justice Lens to Address Climate Crisis Harms to Maternal and Newborn Health (S) ●
Zainab Jah, MPH

On-demand

BLOCK C 3:30PM - 5:00PM

**denotes that presentations will share session block time*

When We Show Up: Sharing Solidarity to Shift Federal Policy (P) ●●
Denys Symonette Mitchell, MSW

Room 3

Queering Families (CS) ●●
Bianca Campbell, Courtney Hooks, & Elle Molokwu

Room 4

Navigating Pregnancy Loss: Companionship and Supporting through Bereavement (CS) ●●
Erica McAfee

Room 5

Breastfeeding Equity is Reparations (CS) ●●●
Stephanie Amekuedi

Room 6

Advancing Black Community-level Leadership for Birth & Breastfeeding (S) ●●●
Kiddada Green, MAT

Room 7

AWOHNN: The Impact of Respectful Maternity Care Framework, Evidence-Based Guideline, and Implementation Toolkit in Maternity Care Settings (HC) ●
Dr. Shawana Burnette, DNP & Catherine Hill, MSN, FNP-BC

Room 8

Care Inequities: What Everyone Should Know About Cesarean Recovery (HC) ●●
Dr. Rebeca Segraves, PT, DPT, WCS & Darline Turner, BS, MHS, PA-C

Room 9

Designing virtual, doula-led maternal support services that center Black joy and well-being (HC) ●●
Elise Omaitis & Dr. Nicha Cumberbatch, DMSc, PA-Ca

Room 10*

Following the Mother's Lead: Improving Maternal Health through the Mississippi Mother & Birth Worker Community (HC) ●●
Dr. Nakeitra Burse

Room 10*

Online conversations: Black women's perceptions of their pregnancy journeys (R) ●
Dr. Joy Baker

Room 11

Creating a Center of Excellence: CHOICES Black Midwifery Training Program (HC) ●
Nikia Grayson & Miajenell Peake

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Community based doulas: The missing Link to addressing maternal health inequities (HC) ●
Amber Pendergraph-Leak

On-demand

The Modern Mom's Self-Care Toolkit (CS) ●
Sasha Nicole

On-demand

Racism-related Stress, Linked Lives, and Black Maternal Health & Well-being (R) ●
Dr. Mia Brantley

On-demand

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS DAY 2

BLOCK D 10:00AM - 11:30AM

**denotes that presentations will share session block time*

Investing in Breastfeeding to Improve Maternal Health Outcomes (P) ●●● Denys Symonette Mitchell, MSW	Room 3
MotherHOOD: Black Tech Innovation with Mamas in Mind (CS) ●●● Kiddada Green, MAT & Taylor Mobley	Room 4
InnerLight Holistic Rites, Rituals & Processes in Birthkeeping: An Africana Womanist Approach to Being a Holistic Birth keeper in Family-Centered Care (HC) ●● Shaonna Haley & Kaprice Welsh	Room 5
Understanding the Intersection of Grief and Black Maternal Health (S) ●● Kierra Taplin	Room 6
Ancestral Veneration and the Connection to Parent/Child Attachment (HC) ●●● Katrice Thabet-Chapin, M.Ed., Ed.S., NCSP & Talyce Ketura Henning	Room 7
Saving Ourselves: Creating Systemic Solutions with Black Families in Mind (HC) ●● Nekisha Killings, MPH IBCLC	Room 8
Human-Centered Solutions for Respectful Black Maternal Health Care (HC) ●● Nandi Barton & Shanae Bond	Room 9
Data Collection for Change - Mobilizing Community Health Workers (R) ● Twylla Dillion, PhD, MBA & Zainab Sulaiman	Room 10
Thriving in the Postpartum Year: A Midwife Led Group Intervention to Promote the Health and Wellbeing of Families Experiencing Racism in Washington, DC (R) ● Lauren Arrington, CNM, DNP & Caitlin Mensah, BS	Room 11
Racial Health Equity and Cesarean Birth in the Birth Center Model of Care: Current Status and Future Directions (R) ●● Dr. Shaughanassee Vines, DNP	Room 15
Building for Liberation: Restoring Midwifery as a Model of Care for Black Communities in Policy and Practice (P) ● Breana Lipscomb, MPH; Angela Aina, MPH; Nikia Grayson, Jamarah Amani, LM; Kwajelyn Jackson, & Clarke Wheeler, MPA	River Birch ((●))
Black Maternal Grief: A panel on supporting Black families through infant and mother loss (HC) ● Alicia Forneret	On-demand
How Communities of Color can use Policy as a Lever to Advance Birth Justice: Lessons from Nebraska LB 929 (P) ● Dr. LaKaija Johnson, PhD, MPH, MPS & Ashlei Spivey, Nyomi Thompson	On-demand
The Abundant Birth Project: Applying the Racism as a Root Cause Framework to Drive Change (S) ● Dr. Zea Malawa & Michaela Taylor, RN, MPH	On-demand
Fatherhood Coordination: Combating African American Infant & Maternal Mortality disparities (CS) ● Davion Mauldin, M.S	On-demand

BREAKOUT SESSIONS DAY 2

BLOCK E 2:00PM - 3:30PM

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Do the Declarations that Racism is a Public Health Crisis Address Structural Racism? A Content Analysis Using the R4P Framework (R) ●● Tonni Oberly, MPH & Carmen Green, MPH	Room 4
Empowering Community-driven Care: The Maternity Navigator Model (HC) ● Dr. Mary Fleming, MD, MPH	Room 5
Reducing Provider Stigmatization and Improving Care for Those with Opioid Use Disorders in Pregnancy (P) ●● Demetrice Smith, FNP-C, CNM	Room 6
Facilitators, Barriers, and Limits to Growth for Black-led and Black-serving Community-Based Organizations (P) ● Dr. Irene Headen, PhD, MS & Lawryn Fowler, MPH	Room 7
Imagining Livable Black Futures and Centering Black Maternal Wellness (CS) ●● Dr. Stacie McCormick, PhD	Room 8
Nurture New Jersey: A Statewide Plan to Achieve Maternal Health Equity (P) ●● Dr. Shanta Whitaker, PhD, MPH	Room 11*
Black Voices in State Capitols: Black Women Legislator Perspectives on Advancing Maternal Health Equity through Policy Change (P) ●● Breana Lipscomb, MPH; TN State Senator London Lamar & MI State Senator Erika Geiss	Room 11*
Speaking up to end the silence: Black women's experiences with infertility (R) ●● Dr. Lasha Clarke, PhD, MPH & Dr. Natalie Hernandez, PhD, MPH	Room 15
Rally Around: Community as Sustenance for Black Student and New Grad Midwives (CS) ● Aiyanna Davison	River Birch* ((●))
Black Midwives Care: A Community Centered Model for Liberation (HC) ● Jamarah Amani, LM	River Birch* ((●))
Holistic Nutrition for the Black family (CS) ● Aimbriel Lasley	On-demand
"I will give birth at a Metro stop before I ever step foot back in that hospital": Exploring the Experiences of Black Mothers and Labor and Delivery Nurses in Hospital Settings (R) ● Jada Ledbetter, MPH	On-demand
Our Stories Reflect the Sky (P) ● Jacqueline Blocker, JD	On-demand

BREAKOUT SESSIONS DAY 2

BLOCK F 3:30PM - 5:00PM

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Art, Abolition, & Black Maternal Health (CS) ● Crystal Irby	Room 3
So You Want to Start A Podcast?: Storytelling, Journalism & Audio Production Strategies to Shift Cultural Norms In Birth & Breastfeeding (CS) ●● Kimberly Seals Allers	Room 4
Healing the Womb: The Intersection between womanhood and motherhood among Black Women (S) ●● AnaNeicia Williams	Room 6
Black Coalition for Safe Motherhood (BCFSM™) ACTT Curriculum (HC) ● Dr. Leslie Farrington & Nubia Martin	Room 7
Recommendations for Integrating Traditional Healers with the Biomedical Approach to Birth and Maternal Healthcare (HC) ●● Jaleah Rutledge & Dr. Jasmine Abrams, PhD	Room 9*
EMBRACE: A Safe Passage for Reclaiming Holistic Health, Wellness, & Self-Determination for Black Births (HC) ●● Glamarys Acevedo, MSW, MPH, IBCLC & Dr. Jei Watkins, PsyD	Room 9*
The Quest for Equity is Failing: Systemic Racism the Vine that will not die (S) ● Dr. Stacy Scott, PhD	Room 10
Using Digital Tools to Increase Postpartum Depression Screening in Black Women (R) ●● Shannon Malloy, BS	Room 15
B'more for Healthy Babies: Addressing Baltimore's Maternal and Infant Health Disparities Through Community Driven Programs (CS) ● Nina Kearin, MPH; Tamira Dunn & Krismir Thomas	River Birch
Reimagined Support (P) ● Erin Cloud & Jasmine Wali	On-demand
The Black Mothers Care Plan: Reducing Racial Bias and Supporting Maternal and Infant Health in Miami (HC) ● Dr. Okezi Otovo, PhD; Dr. Alexandra Cornelius, PhD; Zharia Thomas, Esther McCant, & Jamarah Amani, LM	On-demand
Hear Them: Understanding and Assessing Risk for Suicide and Homicide Among Black Birthers (S) ● Dr. Dorienna Alfred, PhD	On-demand

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POSTERS ON-DEMAND PRESENTATIONS

A Pivotal Shift Toward a Sustainable Non-Traditional Perinatal Workforce in New Jersey (CS) ●

Genevieve Lalanne-Raymond, MPH, BSN, RN

Illinois Task Force on Infant & Maternal Mortality Among African Americans (P) ●

Dr. Jessica Lamberson, DNP

Weathering: The Perfect Storm of Black Maternal Mortality (CS) ●

Dr. Dania Alarcon, PhD, Ni-Ka Ford, MS

Reproductive Justice Rooted Anti-Racism Training for Perinatal Providers (HC) ●

Ana De Brito, MSN, CNM

Uplifting Maternal Mental Health: Creating a model for culturally congruent maternal depression training (S) ●

Clare Friedrich, MA

Strategically Funding Birth Equity and Justice: A Request for Input from the Midwifery Funders Group (S) ●

Elizabeth McNamara, BA

A Sankofa Moment: A Review of Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) data on Black maternal health before the Covid-19 pandemic (R) ●

Dr. Tyra Gross, PhD, MPH

On The Rise: Black Women vs State Sanctioned Violence (P) ●

Stacey Little

Breastmilk is a Birthright: How Nursing Our Young is the Key to Securing Black Health and Wellness (CS) ●

Katie Rice, CD(DONA)

“This has always been our reality as Black people even though we may break”: Adaptability and Resilience of Community Partner Organizations providing Holistic Maternity Care during COVID-19 in Atlanta (R) ●

Philicia Castillo-Sanders, MPH, Inas Mahdi, MPH, Danielle Rivers, MPH, Angela Aina, MPH

A Seat at the Nursing Pillow: Sociodemographic differences among Ever Breastfed Children (R) ●

Dr. Lindsey West, PhD, Camelia Malkami, BA

The Personal is Political: Fibroids and Fertility (S) ●

Chloe Mondesir, MSOL

Exploring Maternal Stressors and Their Relationship to Racial Disparities in Adverse Birth Outcomes in Maryland (R) ●

Dr. Alicia Sherrell, DrPH

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