HEALTH IS SKIN DEEP

An open discussion on the history of healthcare disparities in the Black Community.

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Dr. Arvilla Payne-Jackson, PHD
Lillie Tyson Head, BS, MS.
Dr. Rosanna Barrett, DrPH, MPH

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Cordella Lyon is a Registered Nurse and Program Coordinator of Preventative Screening at Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas. Ms. Lyon received her Associates Degree in Nursing from Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica NY, and her Bachelors of Science in Health Care Administration from New England College. She is currently preparing for her Masters of Arts in Emergency Management and Homeland Security at the University of Arizona. Ms. Lyon implemented the Suboxone Therapy Program at Freehold Primary Care in New Jersey to treat patients with opioid addiction in a private out-patient setting. She is currently employed at Baptist Hospital where she manages their Opt-Out Routine Screening, and Linkage to Care program for HIV, HCV and Syphilis in their eight county service area.

During her term as chairperson of the Tri County Center for Elimination of Disproportionalities and Disparities, Ms. Lyon has initiated meaningful change in cross system approach to client and patient care, while opening communications across systems of care. Ms. Lyon has also been a regional consultant for the office of Minority Health, is a Regional Co-Chair for the Texas HIV Syndicate, and member of the Steering Committee to End the HIV Epidemic in Texas. She is an active member in the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (Gulf Coast Chapter), and Golden Triangle Emergency Nurses Association.

Ms. Lyon enjoys traveling, is an avid sports fan, and an inquisitive foodie.
LILLIE TYSON HEAD,  
BS. MS.

Lillie Tyson Head of the
623 men in the United States Public Health Service Syphilis Study performed in
Tuskegee and Macon County, Alabama from 1932-1972, and the
daughter of Johnnie Mae Neal Tyson. Mrs. Head is embedded in her love of God, faithand family. She is passionate about social justice and treating everyone with 
kindness and respect, especially those who are inmost need.

Mrs. Head and her husband, 
Wilbert are living their retirement years in Wirtz, Virginia. She is the 
mother of sons Wil, Mark and wife Tanikia, and daughter Carmen, and 
the grandmother of twins, Bryce and Kylie, and Trinity.

Mrs. Head is the Chair of 
Voices for Our Fathers Legacy Foundation, an organization formed by descendants 
in 2014 to Remember, Celebrate and Honor the 623 men that were victims in 
the USPHS Syphilis Study. 
She enjoys being active in 
different ministries at her church, traveling and volunteering at Booker T 
Washington National Monument, the birthplace of Booker T Washington, where she 
is the founding President of “Friends of Booker T Washington National 
Monument”. Mrs. Head is humbled by her yearly mission, visiting 
the children at two orphanages in Port au Prince, Haiti 
with members of her church. The time that she cherishes the most, is the 
time she spends with three grandchildren and children.

Mrs. Head retired as a 
Physical Education and Health teacher after 31 years from Waterbury, 
Connecticut Public School System. During her professional tenure she was a coach, mentor and advisor for her students and colleagues. She started 
her own Educational Consultant business in 1998 and worked for Waterbury 
Public School System, Area Cooperative Educational Services and Capitol Region 
Educational Council.
She is a Tuskegee Institute 
graduate with a BS Degree. She received her MS from Southern Connecticut 
State University and her Education and Administrative 
Leadership Graduate Degree from the University of Bridgeport. Mrs. 
Head has received numerous professional and civic awards recognizing her 
leadership, educational initiatives, program management and devoted service to 
the Waterbury community.

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Arvilla Payne-Jackson, Ph.D., received her doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania. She has taught medical and cultural anthropology and linguistics at Howard University for 45 years. Her publications include books and articles on traditional medical systems, African American oral history projects, sociolinguistics, and service learning. She has conducted ethnographic evaluations for federal, state and non-profit organizations projects/programs on drug abuse, HIV/AIDS, Ex-Offender Re-Entry, domestic violence, gun violence and youth violence, among others. She was a Visiting Scholar in Folk Medicine at the University of West Indies, Jamaica, and is currently a Visiting Scholar at the National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care. She is a consultant with the Voices for Our Fathers Legacy Foundation and is doing research for the book on the Untold Stories of the men who were victims of the USPHS Syphilis Study in Tuskegee and Macon County, Alabama and their descendants.
Dr. Rosanna Barrett is a public health professional with more than 16 years’ experience administering public health and health and human services programs. She earned both master’s and doctoral degrees in public health, specializing in epidemiology and biostatistics with electives in public administration. Throughout her career, Dr. Barrett directed several state and federally funded community-based programs aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of vulnerable population groups. For five years (2013-2018), Dr. Barrett served as the Director for Texas Office of Minority Health and Health Equity, promoting policy and practice change to improve program and service delivery and to ensure optimal health for all.

Dr. Barrett is passionate, collaborative and committed in her approach to addressing health and healthcare disparities. She has championed efforts to eliminate chronic disease and maternal and infant health disparities. Throughout her professional journey, she had served on numerous committees and workgroups such as, Southwest Regional Health Equity Council (2015-2018), March of Dimes, Steering Committee for African-American Outreach (2016-2018) and the University of Texas, Black Mamas Community Collective (2018-2019). She continues to provide consultation and support to advance health equity with a strong focus on health and healthcare transformations.
YASHEKA ROY, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC

YaSheka Roy's professional interest are in the treatment and management of patients living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). She currently works in a nurse practitioner-run, navigationally-based chronic disease management clinic along with two other nurse practitioners. Together they manage patients with congestive heart failure, cerebrovascular accident (CVA), hypertension, diabetes, and HIV/ HCV patients.

YaSheka earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas in December 2005. After becoming licensed as a registered nurse, she worked the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit (CVICU) for CHRISTUS St. Elizabeth Hospital. After about 18 months, she decided to transition to palliative care to serve patients and family members as they progressed through the dying process. Finally, YaSheka found her current place of employment at Baptist Hospital of Southeast Texas. She began a charge nurse on a telemetry unit, where she remained until the completion of her Master of Science in Nursing in 2015 from McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Maintaining her employment at Baptist Hospital, she transferred to the Chronic Disease Management Department where she currently resides.

In the summer of 2019, YaSheka was accepted in the Doctor of Nurse Practice program at Texas Tech University Health and Sciences Center in Lubbock, Texas. She is currently a full time student in her program and has plans to graduate May 2021.

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with the lights of her life, her three sons Trey, Xavier, and Brandin.
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