

# Black/White Equity in the Opportunity to Survive the 1st Year of Life . . . a dream deferred



## WHEN

Wed, June 5, 2019  
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM ET

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**Keynote Speaker:**

**Arthur R. James,  
MD, FACOG**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND · CDR/FIMR Coordinators and Team members · Abstractors · Interviewers · Maternal Child Health Professionals · Anyone working in the field of improving maternal, infant, and child health by addressing inequity

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# WHY ATTEND

Maternal and infant health inequities and disparities are serious public health concerns that have many social and economic implications, such as poor health outcomes and increased direct and indirect healthcare costs. These disparities are diverse and can exist among different groups, including insured and uninsured populations, urban and rural communities, privately and publicly insured individuals, and racial or ethnic minorities. This webinar will explore how the inequities in social conditions forced upon slaves and their descendants provide the primary explanation for the racial disparities we see today. Now, during our country's 400-year anniversary of African American Slavery, it is time to accurately acknowledge the impact of this history, change the narrative about how these disparities came to be, and explore strategies and steps necessary to embrace each other and create equity for all our citizens, particularly women, infants, and children.

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

### **Welcome and Opening Remarks:** Mary Emanuele, USPHS, RN, BSN, CNOR, CCHP

Commander (CDR) Mary Emanuele is a registered nurse with an extensive experience in peri-operative, post anesthesia care, women's health nursing, medical surgical, oncology and biotherapy and immunotherapy. Mary Emanuele served as a Commissioned Officer in the United States Navy from 2002-2008. She was deployed to West Africa for the Ebola Crisis Response in 2014 and served as a Rapid Deployment Force PHS-2 team member for Hurricane Irma (Florida), Hurricane Maria (Puerto Rico) and Hurricane Florence (North Carolina).

In 2016, CDR Mary Emanuele transferred to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in her current position as a Program Management Officer in the Maternal and Child Health Bureaus, Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services where she provides programmatic guidance to grantees under the Federal Healthy Start Program. Her responsibilities include assisting grantees with technical oversight and monitoring programmatic progress to reduce infant mortality in vulnerable populations. Mary serves alongside of CDR Sonsy Fermin as the backup FIMR project officer for the Center's Cooperative agreement.

### **Keynote Speaker:** Arthur R. James, MD, FACOG

Dr. Arthur R. James is an Obstetrician, Gynecologist, and Pediatrician who has been involved in the care to underserved populations for the entirety of his medical career. In previous practices he has been the Medical Director of a Neighborhood Health Center (FQHC-site), Medical Director of Bronson Methodist Hospital's Women's Care Clinic, and founding/Medical Director of Borgess Medical Center's Women's Health office. In each of



these efforts, he has been instrumental in expanding services to indigent patients, patients using drugs, HIV positive pregnant patients, and to teens. He is also the founder and former Medical Director of the Kalamazoo County **Fetal and Infant Mortality Review** team and, for many years, led the Kalamazoo County community's efforts to reduce infant mortality and reduce the incidence of teen pregnancy. In 1990, the Kalamazoo Public School System named its school-based teen pregnancy clinic in his name.

From 2011-17 he was an Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Pediatrics at the Ohio State University Medical Center and Nationwide Children's Hospital, former Co-Director of the Ohio Better Birth Outcomes, and Interim Executive Director of the Ohio State University's Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity.

Dr. James has served on the Health and Human Services Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality, (SACIM) and currently co-chairs the Center for Disease Control and March of Dimes Health Equity workgroup of the Prematurity Prevention Collaborative. Dr. James has received numerous local and national awards for his advocacy to achieve equity in birth outcomes. He is also a frequent national speaker on infant mortality, especially regarding the national racial disparity in birth outcomes.

## ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

### Webinar Host Organization: The National Center for Fatality Review & Prevention

The National Center for Fatality Review & Prevention (NCFRP), a program of the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI), is funded by the U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau to provide training, technical assistance, and data services to CDR and FIMR programs around the country. The Center uses on-site and remote consultations, web-based trainings, and an interactive website to support review programs. The Center also develops and disseminates materials. Support focuses on assisting teams to improve their effectiveness in moving from review findings to policy, practice, and prevention improvements. NCFRP also works with numerous national partners to help translate review recommendations into action.