

Home and Community Based Care Symposium
April 25, 2016
SMCCC Ballroom
8:30 – 8:45 a.m.

Welcome remarks

Good morning. I am delighted to welcome you to this symposium and, for first time visitors, welcome you to the University of Maryland, Baltimore. This education, research and technology complex occupies 71-acres in West Baltimore. It houses seven professional and graduate schools that train the majority of the state's physicians, graduate nurses, dentists, lawyers, social workers, and pharmacists.

It certainly is a sprawling academic home as well as an integral part of West Baltimore's community. The University of Maryland opened a Community Engagement Center last fall. The 3,500 square foot center provides multiple opportunities for engaging our neighbors and community. For example, the center allows us to provide direct services to residents and neighbors, which ultimately will improve population health in West Baltimore. The university schools work collaboratively to provide students learning experiences in which they engage directly with Baltimore residents. Students learn early in their

education to appreciate the intersections of health, social justice, and community organizing. For example, the School of Nursing will invite guest lecturers to the center so that students and neighbors might explore urgent issues of community and public health. The Carey School of Law's Just Advice Project will offer low-cost legal consultation. It is a new model of engagement.

This symposium focuses on similar intersections – within the context of key forces shaping demand for changes in current health care delivery models. These developments challenge us to design innovative and nimble health care models beyond traditional, institutional based systems. As you will learn today, the growing field of home and community based care is not only an integral part of health care's future. It *is* the future of health care.

The University of Maryland School of Nursing has a rich legacy in preparing nurses in community and public health. Our Community and Public Health graduate program celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year and a number of faculty are present and involved in today's events. However, we need more nurses, physicians, social workers, and other health care team members to participate in designing and providing effective health care services in homes and communities.

We are delighted you have joined us today and encourage you to share what you learn over the next few hours with your colleagues and students.

Just one more comment. I am pleased to recognize the partnership between the School of Nursing and Maxim Healthcare in developing this symposium. We've learned much about and from each other in preparing today's program. In addition, a sincere thanks to the sponsors who contributed valuable support.

So, let's begin. Please welcome Jennifer Dupree from Gilchrist, who will introduce the opening speaker.