

Home and Community Based Care Symposium
April 24, 2017
SMCCC Ballroom
8:40 – 8:50 a.m.

Welcome remarks

Good morning. I am delighted to welcome you to the 2nd Annual Home and Community Based Care Symposium. For our first time visitors, welcome 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.

The 2016, symposium also focused on key intersections between national forces driving the demand for changes and the need to accelerate changes within the U.S. health care system. That symposium spotlighted how home and community based health care will increasingly be the core of future health care systems. This year we focus the lens closer to home to look at exemplars of home and community based health care models within Maryland and even closer, within Baltimore. You will hear from experts in the field who are shaping policy as well as practice. You will also hear the voice of those who depend on effective home care and community services to provide care for a family member and remain engaged with their community.

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.

I also want 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 and look forward to continued collaborations. We are equally grateful for our sponsors who contributed valuable support.

Lastly, I have the privilege of introducing the opening speaker, Dr. Steven Landers, President and CEO of the Visiting Nurses Association Health Group, the nation's second largest not-for-profit home health care organization. As a certified family doctor and geriatrician, Dr. Landers places a strong emphasis on house calls to the vulnerable elderly and has a specialized interest in geriatric medicine, home health, hospice and palliative care. I encourage you to read the details of his remarkable accomplishments are provided in your packets. For now, please join me in welcoming Dr. Landers to the podium.

