



*Massachusetts Psychiatric Society's*  
**Antiracism Committee is pleased to present**  
**Envisioning an Equitable Mental Health Crisis Response**

**Friday**  
**May 6, 2022**  
**8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom videoconference**

**Program Overview**

Society continues to grapple with the ways in which our systems reinforce racial biases and limit access to historically oppressed communities. It is within this context that, as demand for mental health services swell, mental health crisis response is in the spotlight. Government and community investment is being made to improve crisis services, and it is imperative that Massachusetts convene stakeholders to ensure that the system we build together meets the needs of all of its residents. This conference will challenge psychiatrists and

our professional colleagues to consider equitable, trauma-informed, and culturally-responsive approaches to mental health crisis intervention. Voices of patients, patient-advocates, and families will be centered in dialogue with other stakeholders across this system. Ethical and racial considerations around the use of involuntary treatment will be highlighted and applied to case examples and current events. Participants will be provided with the knowledge and impetus to make important changes in care provision and advocate for systemic change.

**Program Objectives**

- Identify contributors to and outcomes of inequity in the current mental health crisis system.
- Explore the ethical complexities faced by clinicians responding to mental health crises.
- Appreciate the stated needs of individuals interacting with the mental health crisis system.
- Consider approaches to mental health crisis response that are trauma-informed, culturally-responsive, and equitable.

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This activity meets the criteria of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine for risk management study.

**Faculty**

- Maanasa Bandla, DO**  
 Boston University School of Medicine
- Jhilam Biswas, MD**  
 BWH Psychiatry, Law, and Society Program
- Valeria Chambers, CPS, EdM, CAS**  
 Black Voices: Pathways 4 Recovery  
 Cambridge Health Alliance
- Siu Ping Chin Feman, MD**  
 Eliot Homeless and Outreach Services
- Danielle Cobb, LICSW**  
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- Theresa Coney, Esq**  
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- Virginia Cuello**  
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- Nieisha Deed**  
 Founder, PureSpark
- Stephanie Guirand**  
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- James Hill**  
 Founder, Java with Jimmy
- Marie Hobart, MD**  
 Community Health Link
- Sharay Howard**  
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- Jessica Isom, MD, MPH**  
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- Michael Kahn, MD**  
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- Diya Kallivayalil, PhD**  
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- Katherine Koh, MD**  
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 Massachusetts General Hospital
- Nancy Norman, MD, MPH**  
 Massachusetts Behavioral Health  
 Partnership
- Debra Pinals, MD**  
 University of Michigan
- Tonisha Pinckney, PhD**  
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## Program Schedule

- 8:00-8:10 a.m.**                      **Welcome and Introduction**  
*Hannah Larsen, MD*
- 8:10-8:55 a.m.**                      **Lived Experience of Crisis Intervention**  
*Moderator - Valeria Chambers, CPS, EdM, CAS*  
*James Hills, Sharay Howard, & Nieisha Deed*
- 9:00-9:50 a.m.**                      **Structural Strategies for an Equitable Crisis Continuum**  
*Debra Pinals, MD*
- 10:00-10:50 a.m.**                      **A Trauma-Informed Crisis System**  
*Diya Kallivayalil, PhD*
- 11:00-11:50 a.m.**                      **Community Organizing:  
Cambridge Holistic Emergency Alternative Response Team**  
*Stephanie Guirand & Virginia Cuello*
- 12:00-1:00 p.m.**                      **LUNCH**
- 1:00-2:15 p.m.**                      **Needing Treatment, Wanting Nothing:  
A 2022 Update with Reflections on Mass and Cass**  
*Moderator - Marie Hobart, MD*  
*Michael Kahn, MD, Katherine Koh, MD, & Siu Ping Chin Feman, MD*
- 2:30-3:00 p.m.**                      **Discussion Groups**
- 3:10-4:30 p.m.**                      **Closing Panel / Roundtable**  
*Moderator - Jessica Isom, MD, MPH*  
*Valeria Chambers, CPS, EdM, CAS*  
*Tonisha Pinckney, PhD*  
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# Envisioning an Equitable Mental Health Crisis Response

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- MPS/APA/MMS MEMBER \$90
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## Questions?

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