



**MPHA Breakfast Forum
January 14, 2022**

Local and Global—What can we learn from each other about challenges in maternal and child health?

Registration and Breakfast	7:45am
Welcome	8:00am
Elizabeth Moe	
Moderator Remarks	8:05am
Ed Ehlinger	
Introduction of Panelists	8:10am
Ed Ehlinger	
Opening Commentary	8:15am
Thia Bryan	
Julia Interrante	
Susan Mason	
Panelist Discussion	8:30am
Table Discussion	8:45am
Discussion Table Questions	9:00am
Summary Remarks	9:20am
Ed Ehlinger	
Closing Remarks	9:25am
Elizabeth Moe	

Moderator and Panelist information:



Moderator: Ed Ehlinger, MPHA Past President

Dr. Ed Ehlinger is a past president of MPHA and former commissioner of health for Minnesota. He is also a past president of ASTHO (Association of State and Territorial Health Officials). He labels himself as a Public Health Metaphysician – someone concerned with understanding the nature of being healthy as individuals, a community, and society along with the conditions that create health.



Panelist: Susan Mason, PhD, MPH

Susan Mason is an Associate Professor in the Division of Epidemiology and Community Health at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. As a social epidemiologist, Dr. Mason's research focuses on the population health impacts of adverse and traumatic experiences, including childhood abuse and neglect, sexual violence, racial segregation, and other forms of violence and social marginalization. These adverse and traumatic experiences are highly prevalent and have impacts on numerous health outcomes of major public health importance. The overarching goal of her work is to advance the evidence base for clinical practice and public health action to prevent these adversities and their negative health impacts.



Panelist: Thia Bryan, MA, IBCLC, Community Health & Well-being Partnership Manager

Thia has been at HealthPartners for over 13 years. She first worked within Well-being Product Management for 9 years, before transitioning to the Community Relations team in 2016. Thia started her career in exercise science, but due to her deep community commitment, transitioned to designing, managing and promoting individual and community well-being solutions and partnerships. She also holds a Master of Arts in Sports and Health Management from the University of San Francisco. She received her Internationally Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) credential in 2016 and currently uses this knowledge to help address perinatal and early childhood disparities and outcomes within communities of color, including as a lead on a state-wide partnership focused on brain development within the first three years of life: the Little Moments Count initiative. She has continued her learning and has completed trauma-informed practice and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), bias, structural and historical racism trainings, as well as completed a year-long facilitated course on anti-racism and universal design principles. Thia is focused on optimizing access to health and supporting health equity and racial justice within care and community settings.



Panelist: Julia Interrante, MPH

Julia D. Interrante, MPH, is an advanced doctoral student in the Division of Health Policy and Management at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. She holds a BA in Gender Studies and International Relations from the University of Virginia and a MPH in Epidemiology from Emory University Rollins School of Public Health. Her prior work as an epidemiologist at the CDC focused on gender disparities, maternal medication use, and disease surveillance and prevention in both the domestic and international context. Julia currently works as a graduate research assistant at the University of Minnesota Rural Health Research Center on a variety of maternity care projects. Her research examines the effects of reproductive health policies on maternal health outcomes, with specific focus on geographic and racial health equity as well as access to care, and includes topics such as disparities in severe maternal morbidity and mortality, changing access to rural maternity care, and the impact of payment policies on postpartum care.