



# IHA Health Equity ACTION DAY

A Multi-Dimensional Approach  
to Effect Real Change

**FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2021**



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# Concrete Action to Advance Health Equity

IHA’s inaugural **Health Equity Action Day** will give hospital leaders and staff the insight and tools to take their efforts to achieve health equity to the next level. This work is critical to eliminating health disparities and enhancing health outcomes.

Through virtual programming and organizational activities, the event offers opportunities to:

- ▶ **Hear from thought leaders in the field**
- ▶ **Take concrete action to advance health equity**

This day—scheduled to precede Juneteenth—gives hospitals dedicated time to reflect on health disparities and work on health equity.



In support of our event, Governor J.B. Pritzker signed a proclamation declaring June 18 as the Illinois Health and Hospital Association’s Health Equity Action Day.



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### Virtual Educational Program: 9 – 11 am

9:00 – 9:15 am

#### Kick-Off Opening Remarks

- **Brenda Battle**, Senior Vice President, Community Health Transformation and Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, The University of Chicago Medicine (Emcee for event)
- **A.J. Wilhelmi**, President & CEO, Illinois Health and Hospital Association
- **Karen Teitelbaum**, President & CEO, Sinai Chicago; 2021 IHA Board Chair
- **José Sánchez**, President & CEO, Humboldt Park Health, Chicago; Co-chair IHA Committee on Health Disparities

9:15 – 9:45 am

#### Keynote Speaker

- **Michelle Silverthorn**, Founder of Inclusion Nation

#### Remarks

- **Governor J.B. Pritzker**
- **Reverend Marshall Elijah Hatch, Sr.**, Pastor of New Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, Chicago

9:45 – 10:15 am

#### Panel Discussion

##### Moderator

- **Gabrielle Cummings**, President, NorthShore University HealthSystem, Highland Park Hospital, Highland Park

##### Panelists

- **Diahann Sinclair**, Vice President and Head of Diversity, Organization & Community Development, St. Bernard Hospital and Health Care Center, Chicago
- **Carlos Nelson**, CEO, Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation, Chicago
- **Carmen Vergara, RN-BSN, MPH**, COO, Esperanza Health Centers, Chicago
- **Allison Arwady, MD, MPH**, Commissioner, Chicago Department of Public Health

##### Remarks

- **Darlene Oliver Hightower**, Vice President, Community Health Equity, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago
- **Ngozi Ezike, MD**, Director, Illinois Department of Public Health
- **Emanuel “Chris” Welch**, Speaker, Illinois House of Representatives

10:15 – 10:30 am

#### Official Launch of *Racial Equity in Healthcare Progress Report*

##### Progress Report Launch and IHA Online Resources Hub

- **Adam Kohlrus**, Assistant Vice President, Quality, Safety and Health Policy, Illinois Health and Hospital Association
- **Carlos Nelson**

##### Remarks

- **U.S. Senator Richard J. Durbin**

10:30 – 10:45 am

#### Call to Action

##### Closing Remarks

- **Brenda Battle**
- **Ted Rogalski**, Administrator, Genesis Medical Center, Aledo
- **George Miller**, President & CEO, The Loretto Hospital, Chicago; Co-chair IHA Committee on Health Disparities
- **Lori Lightfoot**, Mayor, City of Chicago

#### Afternoon Activity

The day will continue with hospital leaders and staff working on an activity. [See our list of on-your-own activities.](#)



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## Event Highlights

### Keynote Speaker

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Founder of Inclusion Nation



A respected expert in the field, Silverthorn believes that diversity and inclusion needs a new voice for a new generation. She has worked with numerous companies across every industry through large conferences and small

workshops, equipping her audiences with the knowledge and skills to finally move forward on diversity and inclusion.

### Progress Report

IHA will launch the *Racial Equity in Healthcare Progress Report* during Health Equity Action Day. The report will serve as a long-term accountability tool to document progress toward achieving health equity. All members are asked to complete the report over the summer.



### Who Should Attend?

For maximum impact, we encourage you to invite staff across your organization to participate. Suggested attendees include:

- ▶ **Board members**
- ▶ **Leadership teams**
- ▶ **Physicians and other frontline healthcare professionals**
- ▶ **Legislators**

### No Fee—Register Today

There is no fee to participate in the event. Please register all leaders and staff who plan to attend.

**REGISTER TODAY**



Questions? Email us at [IHAequityday@team-iha.org](mailto:IHAequityday@team-iha.org)

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