

Carlessia A. Hussein, RN, BS, MS, D.Ph.
Health Equity Visionary

Education:

Graduate - Executive Enrichment Program, Harvard University, MA - 1987
Doctor of Public Health – University of California, Berkeley – 1977
Master of Science – Community Health Nursing, UC San Francisco – 1967
Bachelors of Science – School of Nursing, UC San Francisco – 1966
Registered Nurse – Freedmen’s Hospital School of Nursing, DC – 1957.

Dr. Hussein Post Retirement 2015 – 2019:

- Chair, Howard County Board of Health; advisory to the County Health Department; County Executive and County Council; focus on health data and health disparities
- Philanthropist: Carlessia Hussein Minority Youth Opportunity Fund; Scholarship programs in Howard County and Baltimore City to provide opportunities to middle-school minority boys in poor families; 97 awards Howard County/8 awards Baltimore
- Health Disparities Advisor to Maryland legislators during legislative session; assists in monitoring health equity trends and best practices in other states for Maryland
- Vice President, Women Legislators of Maryland Foundation focused on education and promoting the role of women in government, and the welfare of children
- Chair, Johns Hopkins Accountable Care Organization (ACO), The Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC); focused on promoting patient-centered programs and services
- Board Member, MedStar Health Research Institute; focus on promoting community engagement with research and philanthropy; 10 hospitals, 4.3 million outpatient visits.

Selected Professional Positions: 1973-2014 Retirement Maryland State Government 2014

- Director, Maryland Office of Minority Health & Health Disparities 2004-2014
- Director, Maryland Tobacco Settlement Program 2000-2010
- Director, Local & Family Health Administration, MD State Health Dept. 1996-2000
- Chief, Office of Health Planning & Development, DC Government 1991-1995
- Deputy Commissioner, District of Columbia Public Health Department 1989-1991
- Deputy Health Director, Los Angeles County Forestry & Fire Department 1984
- Executive Director, Health Planning Agencies: California/Washington DC 1977-1988
- Research Director, UC Berkeley, School of Public Health, Hypertension Control 74-76
- Associate Dean & Nursing Chairperson, UC Berkeley School of Public Health 71-73.

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Selected Accomplishments:

- Assisted in development and implementation of Maryland Health Improvement and Disparities Reduction Act 2012; led to establishment of five Health Enterprise Zones.
- Published three Health Disparities Reduction Plans and individual health profiles for Hispanic, Asian, American Indian and African Americans in Maryland; 2008-2012.
- Established Maryland's Minority Health Network of locally funded health disparities programs (a statewide network of diverse Health professionals and advocates); 2000.
- Implemented/managed Tobacco Settlement Program in Maryland; funded cancer research (Hopkins/U. Maryland), local health departments education programs, and cancer awareness/screening/reduction of related disparities. Achieved increased cancer awareness and screening, reduced cancer screening disparities; 2000-2010.
- Led team that established the DC Public Health Sub-Regional Office in the City to expedite federal grants & technical assistance to address structural challenges; 1989.
- As DC Health Planning & Development Director, Negotiated/approved Certificate of Need for organ transplant in DC &VA (Washington Hospital Center, Howard University and Northern Virginia Health System); 1987. Negotiated/approved Certificate of Need for Washington Rehabilitation Hospital construction; 1985.
- Instituted role for a Deputy Health Fire Chief position in Los Angeles County Fire Department, liaison to hospitals and monitored/promoted health of firefighters, served as first incumbent & Received Honorary Fire Chief recognition; 1984.
- Established University of California School of Public Health Minority Recruitment and Retention Program that increased African American and American Indian student enrollment; 1972. Served as Chair of the Nursing MPH program; 1971-1973.