
possible best practices from other states. These innovative strategies include 17 state task forces for Covid-19 disparities, Oregon's Covid-19 Equity framework, Louisiana's partnership with three foundations to generate more than \$500 in funding for Covid-19 health disparity initiatives, diverse and culturally appropriate outreach and messaging campaigns, housing supports, extended health care access, testing initiatives, and more.

In this presentation, we will highlight the top 10 state-level best practices, discuss the "playbook" of 77 possible actions states can take to address Covid-19 disparities, and provide 10 specific recommendations the State of Georgia should consider to address Covid-19 racial disparities, including: 1) a state-level task force specifically dedicated to Covid-19 racial disparities; 2) mandatory data requirements; 3) improving health care supports; 4) additional policies to support essential workers; 5) bringing testing and vaccines to high-need areas; 6) eviction moratoriums and other housing supports; 7) diverse messaging; 8) adopting an equity framework; 9) funding for Covid-19 disparities initiatives; 10) partnering with corporations and non-profits to fund such initiatives.

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Moderator: Dr. Vanessa Greenslade, Southern University and A & M College

Presenters:

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Dr. Behrooz Kalantari, Savannah State University

Classroom and Student Perspectives – Multiculturalism and Diversity in the Online Classroom

Dr. Tomicka Williams, Purdue Global & Dr. Chole Robinson, Indiana University

Taxation by Citation Revisited: The Case of Georgia County and City Governments

Dr. Min Kim, Georgia College & State University