

**The Genetics Equity Network:
Achieving Equity in Genetics Policy through Diversity in Decision Making**

Agenda

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast/ Registration

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Making Connections, Applying Concepts

Panel discussion and dialogue moderated by David Camp

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Welcome and introductions

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Sharon Kardia**

Associate Professor, University of Michigan School of
Public Health

How is genetics related to health disparities?

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Aranthan Jones ("AJ")**

Chief of Staff for Congressman William Jefferson
(Louisiana, District 2)

*What are current practices in genetics policy decision-
making that would benefit from diversity to reduce
disparities? Why does it matter?*

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Makani Themba-Nixon**

Executive Director, The Praxis Project

Why do we need to engage our communities?

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Debrief

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. Lunch

12:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Moving Toward Action

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Identifying and answering critical questions for the Network (Small group discussion – Questions TBD)

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Debrief

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.

Building a Network

How can we create supportive connections within the Genetics Equity Network to maintain a sustainable and diverse partnership?

What kinds of activities do you envision as central to the Network?

How can we position the strength of our relationships to secure funds and other resources to increase, and then sustain diversity at the genetics policy tables?

2:35 p.m. – 3:05 p.m. Debrief

3:05 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Conclusion

3:30 p.m. Launching a network

Reception – Website Demonstration