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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND PROMOTION

Advancing Health Equity through Cultural Awareness, Sensitivity, and Responsiveness

- What:** The College of Health Sciences' Department of Health Services and Promotion at SHSU will host a presentation that addresses health disparities in Texas.
- Who:** Rosanna Barrett, DrPH, MPH, Director, Office of Minority Health & Health Equity Center for Elimination of Disproportionality & Disparities, Texas Health & Human Services Commission
- When:** Tuesday, April 14 – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- Where:** Sam Houston State University
Olson Auditorium, Academic Building IV
1921 Avenue J, Huntsville, TX 77340
For a campus map with building locations, please visit <http://www.shsu.edu/map/>

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Rosanna Barrett, DrPH, MPH

Dr. Rosanna Barrett is a public health practitioner with twelve years' experience in program management, epidemiology and research. Dr. Barrett received a master's degree in public health with electives in public administration from the Florida International University. She completed a public health doctoral degree in epidemiology from the Florida A&M University. For her doctoral dissertation, she examined the effect of environmental risk factors on adverse pregnancy outcomes.

Dr. Barrett started her public health career at the Miami-Dade County Health Department in Florida. She advanced to the State Department of Health where she worked for seven years managing environmental health initiatives. In 2012, Dr. Barrett moved to Texas to serve as manager for the Primary Prevention Branch in the Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Section at the Texas Department of State Health Services. In this role, she directed the operation of the State's Wellness Program, the Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity Program and the Community

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Transformation Grant through federal funding amounting to over \$10 million annually. Dr. Barrett currently serves as Director for the Office of Minority Health and Health Equity in the Center for Elimination of Disproportionality and Disparities at Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

Dr. Barrett's wealth of knowledge and professional skills endowed her with indispensable attributes to direct public health and minority health programs. She serves as a leader and subject matter expert on many health initiatives. She has contributed to several peer-reviewed national publications and presented on various health topics at national, state, and local conferences.

Dr. Barrett delivered trainings and workshops to numerous professional groups and public entities to increase awareness and knowledge on specific health issues. She serves as a mentor to graduate level students majoring in public health and social sciences. She shares her expertise with students through guest lectures at several state and local universities. Dr. Barrett is a strong proponent of health equity and promotes the application of cultural responsiveness in health and healthcare service delivery. She is dedicated to empowering the next generation of health professionals with the knowledge base to provide public services from a social determinants of health perspective and through a health equity lens.