1. Violent Interactions Between Law Enforcement And Black Americans Symposium
   The overarching goal of the symposium, sponsored by Washtenaw County Health Department and community partners, was to have a solution-oriented discussion about violent interactions between police and black Americans. The keynote speaker was Dr. Brian Williams, a trauma surgeon who cared for multiple police officers who were killed and injured from targeted shootings in Dallas, TX, in the summer of 2016. The shootings occurred after the police killings of two black men in Baton Rouge, LA and Minneapolis, MN.

   Four action-teams were created for symposium attendees to join:

   - Advocacy
   - Civic engagement/activism
   - Community-Police engagement/partnerships
   - Pipeline Programs: school (Kindergarten through 12th grade) to careers in law enforcement

Documents:

SYMPOSIUM ON VIOLENT INTERACTIONS BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND BLACK AMERICANS PROGRAM.PDF
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A DISCUSSION ON THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT, CURRENT EVENTS, PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT, AND THE QUEST FOR SOLUTIONS

Thursday, March 23, 2017
6:00 - 9:00 PM
University of Michigan School of Public Health II Auditorium
Thank you for joining us for an open discussion on a complicated public health problem that has no easy answers. The interplay of violence and race and its impact on our collective health has both historical and modern day significance. It is our hope that this symposium will lead to the development and enhancement of more tangible solutions and ways we can best achieve them. It will take all of us as a community to create a society that provides equitable opportunities for good health and the allowance for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

- Dr. Jessie Kimbrough Marshall, MD, MPH, Medical Director at Washtenaw County Public Health and Assistant Professor at the University of Michigan Department Of Medicine

**KEYNOTE**

**Dr. Brian H. Williams, MD, FACS**
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

On July 7, 2016, a lone gunman shot 12 Dallas police officers following a peaceful anti-brutality protest. As the lead trauma surgeon on call, Dr. Williams directed the team of surgeons and specialists caring for the seven officers transported to Parkland Hospital. Days later, after facing one of the largest crises of his medical career, he began confronting what he considers another crisis – violence and racism in America.

**MODERATOR**

**Dr. Herbert Smitherman, MD, MPH, FACP** is Vice Dean of Diversity and Community Affairs and Associate Professor of Internal Medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine and the Karmanos Cancer Institute. He is also President and CEO of Health Centers Detroit Foundation. Dr. Smitherman has spent the past 21 years working with diverse communities in Detroit to develop urban-based primary-care delivery systems that integrate the health and social goals and concerns of the community.

**PANELISTS**

**Dr. Alford A. Young, Jr., PhD.** is Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology at the University of Michigan. He also holds an appointment in the Department of Afroamerican and African Studies. His primary area of research has been on low-income African American men, where his emphasis has been on how they construct understandings of various aspects of social reality.

**David E. Rutledge** was elected in 2010 and served three terms representing the 54th District (Ypsilanti Area) in the Michigan House of Representatives. In May of 2013, he was elected by his colleagues to serve as the Democratic Floor Leader, and elected as Chair of the Democratic Caucus the following year. Term limits prevented him from seeking re-election.

**Dr. Austin McCoy, PhD.** is a Mellon Humanities Postdoctoral Fellow in Egalitarianism and the Metropolis at the University of Michigan. His research and teaching interests include African American history, political economy, labor, social movements and activism, and hip hop culture. He has participated in campus and community politics in Ann Arbor, including Ann Arbor’s #BlackLivesMatter movement.

**Washtenaw County Sheriff Jerry L. Clayton** took office in 2009. Prior to his running for office, Sheriff Clayton served twenty years with the Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Office. He also has experience in private law enforcement consulting work, where he focused on addressing racial profiling and biased enforcement issues throughout the United States and Europe. He has been a certified criminal justice trainer and instructor for more than sixteen years.

**AGENDA**

6:00 PM
**RECEPTION AND POSTER PRESENTATION**

6:25 PM
**WELCOME**
Andy LaBarre, Chair, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners

6:30 PM
**INTRODUCTION**
Dr. Jessie Kimbrough Marshall

6:40 PM
**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**
Dr. Brian H. Williams

7:10 PM
**PANELIST RESPONSE**
Dr. Alford Young, Jr.
Dr. Austin McCoy
Sheriff Jerry Clayton
Former MI State Representative
David Rutledge
Moderator; Dr. Herbert Smitherman

7:40 PM
**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

8:00 PM
**ACTION TEAMS AND PROGRAMS**
Stephen Wade, MUP
Derrick Jackson, MSW
Donovan Smith, BS

8:40 PM
**CLOSEING**
Dr. Jessie Kimbrough Marshall

8:50 PM
**SIGN UP FOR ACTION TEAMS AND PROGRAMS**
1) Civic Engagement and Activism
2) Community-Police Engagement and Partnerships
3) Pipeline Programs: School to Careers in Law Enforcement
4) Advocacy

8:55 PM