



NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE

A BI-WEEKLY LOOK AT THE BUSINESS & POLITICS OF HEALTH CARE IN NEW JERSEY



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PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER **Spring Events Provide Valuable, Actionable Information**

We are honored that Acting Commissioner of Health, Kaitlan Baston, M.D., sat down with us for a Take Five to share her priorities and thoughts on the pressing health issues facing our state. I urge you all to read Dr. Baston's Take Five below.

I also want to share the upcoming events we have planned for the months ahead — everything from educational opportunities to our spring conference on *Top Health Care Issues for NJ Voters at the Ballot Box: from affordability to abortion*. Our programs are developed to support the critical work of our members and drive forward systemic improvements. Please see what's ahead and join us...

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TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

Kaitlan Baston, MD, MSc, DFASAM, Acting Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health.

Interview Sneak Peek: *Prior to becoming New Jersey's Acting Health Commissioner, you created and led the [Cooper Center for Healing](#), an integrated pain, addiction, and behavioral health center that is part of Cooper University Health Care. How will that experience inform your leadership of the Department of Health?*

First and foremost, the experience as a leader working in health care and public health keeps me humble — and learning. I love that.

As a family physician, for a long time, I had what I like to call a bio-psychosocial approach to medicine. It's people's health and wellbeing. It's mental health and everything about the way people live their lives. When building the Cooper Center for Healing from the ground up with that focus on public health — I was able to integrate those aspects of health from the very beginning.

Do patients have access to transportation? Do they have access to food, to housing, to childcare, to childcare items along with their health care and their mental health care? Integrated health care is essential, and I'm thrilled to bring that lens into the public health sphere as Acting Health Commissioner. It's a vision of care dramatically different from what is happening today on the ground but I believe we can get there...

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TAKE OUR MEMBER-ONLY SURVEY



We are always trying to improve as we pursue our mission. Your opinion and partnership is valuable to us. Please help us by taking this short survey about how you value your membership and how you engage with us. It should take about 5 minutes.

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MATERNITY ACTION PLAN

Work Session Wednesday, April 24, 2024



Join us for the second virtual [Maternity Action Plan \(MAP\)](#) work session of 2024, *Collecting and Using REaL (Race, Ethnicity, & Language) Data to Improve Health Equity & Quality*, on **April 24 from 12 p.m.- 2 p.m.**

This event will feature:

- DeAnna Minus-Vincent, MPA, Managing Director, [The Outcomes Architect](#);
- Tracy Parris-Benjamin, LMSW, FHELA, Managing Director, [The Outcomes Architect](#); and
- Kathryn Burggraf Stewart, MPH, Director, Health Care Ratings, [The Leapfrog Group](#).

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Expert Co-Facilitators



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Thursday, April 25, 10 am-1 pm

Maternal Infant Health Hub's Midwifery Convening



Speaker

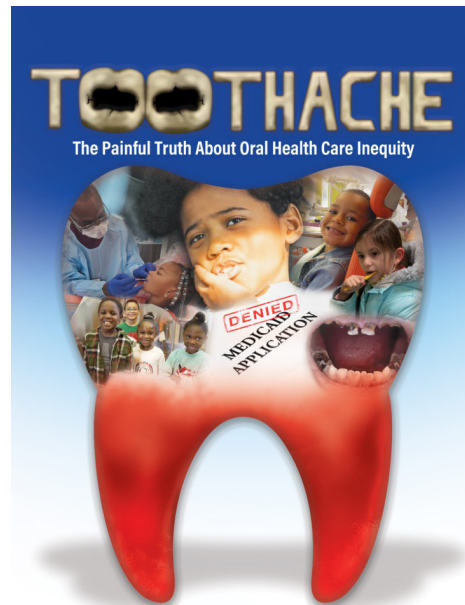
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Register for the [MIH Hub's](#) in-person midwifery convening on April 25 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the RWJ Fitness & Wellness Center to celebrate its Midwifery Collaborative. This convening will feature guest speaker Magda Schaler-Haynes, who will discuss New Jersey's current midwifery licensing and regulatory structure and present evidence-based approaches to regulate midwifery practice. This event will also review the [MIH Hub's social media toolkits](#) to raise public awareness about midwifery.

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Our member KinderSmile Foundation's documentary film, **'Toothache: The Painful Truth About Oral Health Care Inequity,'** featuring Quality Institute President & CEO Linda Schwimmer, was selected for the 22nd Annual Garden State Film Festival and will be screened at the Jersey Shore Arts Center Palaia Theater in Asbury Park on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at the 12 p.m. block.

This film gives the audience a bird's eye view of the disparities in oral health, outlines the strides NJ has taken, and lists necessary resolutions.

[Click here to purchase tickets for the film festival.](#)

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For information on how to join, please contact Virginia Tesser at vtesser@njhcqi.org.

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