

SPEAKER BIOS

Dr. Gary Kesling, PHD

Dr. Kesling is a health care executive, academician, and clinician with over four decades of experience across a broad range of organizations in both the public and private sector working with local, state and federal agencies. Twenty of those years in collaborating, promoting and nurturing in academic health science center environments serving as a faculty member in Schools of Medicine, Nursing and Health Professions and the Executive Dean of the John B. Coleman College of Health Sciences at the Texas Medical Center, Houston.

J'Vonnah L. Maryman, PHD

Dr. J'Vonnah Maryman is currently the Associate Director - Family Health Services at Tarrant County Public Health. She has worked in public health for over 15 years in a number of areas including health promotion and disease prevention, maternal child health and performance management and organizational development. She has worked with a number of coalitions and believes the best health outcomes are achieved when those affected are part of the solution. Dr. Maryman holds a Master's degree in Public Health from the University of Kansas School Of Medicine and a Doctorate in Community Psychology from Wichita State University.

Glenda Redeemer, RN, MSN

Glenda has been a nurse for 25 years. During her tenure as a nurse she has worked in various areas of nursing, to include neurology intensive care, medical-surgical, psychiatric and nephrology. She has practiced as a Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner, taking care of clients from birth to 90-years plus. Glenda has spent the last 13 years of her nursing career as a Manager in the Chronic Disease Prevention Division at Tarrant County Public Health. She co-authored three of Tarrant County Public Health's Waiver 1115 projects.

Keisha Leatherman, MS, CHES

Ms. Leatherman has worked for Tarrant County Public Health for over 16 years. In 2003 she received her Masters of Science in Health Studies from Texas Woman's University and in 2004 she attained professional honors of becoming a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES). She has vast experience with tobacco education, having taught the Texas Youth Tobacco Awareness Program from 2002-2014. The past five years she has served as the Tobacco Cessation Program Supervisor overseeing operations of the Live Tobacco Free Program in the Chronic Disease Prevention division.