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MARCH 18, 2021

## AGENDA

- 9:00 AM**      **Welcome from Northeast Louisiana / LHCC Co-Chair Opening Statement**  
Ann Brown, Mayor of Athens, LA  
Terry Hoof, Mayor of Cullen, LA  
Rosia Humphrey, Mayor of Natchez, LA  
Beverlee Killgore, Mayor of Haynesville, LA  
Feamula Bradley, The Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco-Free Living  
Jaime Bruins Cyprian & Michelle Kendall, Louisiana Healthy Communities Coalition
- 9:10 AM**      **Listen to Heal & Celebrate Smoke-Free**  
Eddie Spencer, Jazz Musician & Smoke-Free Advocate
- 9:30 AM**      **Keynote Speaker**  
Dr. Stephen B. Thomas, Director of University of Maryland Center for Health Equity
- 10:30 AM**      **Music & Movement Break**  
Live music provided by Eddie Spencer
- 10:45 AM**      **Leading Communities to Healthy & Equitable Futures - Panel of Elected Officials**  
Ann Brown, Mayor of Athens, LA  
Denise Epps Hoof, Councilwoman of Cullen, LA  
Beverlee Killgore, Mayor of Haynesville, LA
- 11:30 AM**      **Planting The Seeds - LHCC Mini-Grants**  
Dr. Grace Peterson, LSU AgCenter  
Jaime Bruins Cyprian & Michelle Kendall, Louisiana Healthy Communities Coalition
- 11:50 AM**      **Closing Remarks**  
Jaime Bruins Cyprian & Michelle Kendall, Louisiana Healthy Communities Coalition

*Optional Pre & Post Summit Sessions will be held. Indicate interest in registration form.*

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### DR. STEPHEN B. THOMAS

**Professor, University of Maryland School of Public Health  
Director, University Maryland Center for Health Equity**



One of the nation's leading scholars in the effort to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities, Dr. Stephen B. Thomas has applied his expertise to design community engaged interventions that break the cycle of risk factors associated with premature illness and death associated with chronic diseases such as hypertension, type II diabetes, youth violence and depression.

Dr. Thomas is the founding director of the University of Maryland Center for Health Equity, an NIH Center of Excellence on Race, Ethnicity and Health Disparities Research funded by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. With the mission to advance the elimination of health disparities and achievement of health equity through innovative research, teaching and service, the center works to eliminate racial disparities to achieve health equity among residents in the state of Maryland, and increase the inclusion of racial and ethnic minorities in health research through our Building Trust Initiative.

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## PRESENTER BIOS



### JAIME BRUINS CYPRIAN

Jaime serves as the Regional Manager in Region 9 for the Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco-Free Living and co-chair of the Louisiana Healthy Communities Coalition (LHCC). With a B.A. degree in Psychology from Grambling State University and a Master of Public Health degree from Columbia Southern University, Jaime has accumulated over 15 years of experience working in nonprofit, social service, and public health-related fields. She specializes in public health with an emphasis on tobacco control and prevention. She also facilitates suicide intervention skills trainings. Jaime provides leadership and support to the Region 9 LHCC and enjoys working within communities to create healthier, more equitable environments giving all people an opportunity to not only survive but thrive.



### MICHELLE KENDALL

As Policy Coordinator at Louisiana Cancer Prevention & Control Programs (LCP) and co-chair of Louisiana Healthy Communities Coalition (LHCC), Michelle has spent her early public health career working with communities throughout Louisiana to foster locally-driven changes in policies, systems, and the built environment to ultimately improve community livability and health outcomes for all. Originally from Folsom, LA and now based in Hammond, LA, she is locally and professionally driven by her ultimate passion to move towards a healthier and more equitable Louisiana. She is a recent Master of Public Health graduate from LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans and Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES).



### FEAMULA BRADLEY

Feamula has been on staff at the Louisiana Public Health Institute since 2004 where she serves as the Region 7 Manager for The Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco-Free Living. She has over 35 years of experience working with non-profit organizations and disparate populations. She is passionate about building community capacity, advocating on behalf of the underserved, and educating municipalities on the importance of passing policies that create healthier communities.



### EDDIE SPENCER

As an up-and-coming jazz artist of the new decade and native of Shreveport, LA, Eddie is captivating audiences with a fresh energy while moving crowds with a soulful sax that will leave you speechless. Eddie realized his love for music at an early age and received training from great masters such as Tilmer Keels, Cleveland R. White & Alvin Batiste, and at Grambling State University. As a distinguished artist with an impressive repertoire, Eddie is using his talent to advocate for smoke-free music venues to ensure healthier air for all.

## PRESENTER BIOS



### MAYOR ANN BROWN

Ann Brown retired from Claiborne Electric Cooperative after 20 years of service as Office Manager and has been Mayor of the Village of Athens for 5 years. Prior to Mayor, she served as Alderman, and the Village Clerk. Through her efforts as Mayor, new life was breathed into the Village of Athens. She enjoys promoting new businesses, and projects for economic growth. One of her proudest moments of her career was when the village became the third municipality in Region 7 to pass a comprehensive smoke-free ordinance.



### COUNCILWOMAN DENISE EPPS HOOF

Councilwoman Denise Epps Hoof is the wife of Cullen Mayor Terry Hoof. She is the mother of 4 daughters, 3 sons, and 11 grandchildren. She currently serves as the Property Manager for Cullen Square Apartments and is also a Minister at Faith Deliverance Outreach Ministry. Her heart and passion is to help her brothers and sisters by making Cullen, the State of Louisiana and our world a better place to live and thrive.



### MAYOR BEVERLEE KILLGORE

A resident of Haynesville for over 25 years, Mayor Killgore believes in having a strong community presence and has a strong sense of civic duty. She has over 40 years experience leading companies as the Corporate Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, all with multi-million dollar budgets. In addition to being a two term Mayor of Haynesville, she and her husband Keith own Killgore's Pharmacy, Haynesville Mini Storage and BKK Properties. She is proudest of being a grandmother of seven.



### DR. GRACE PETERSON

Grace Peterson, Ph.D. is an Extension Agent with the LSU AgCenter. Using a "systems approach to healthy community," Grace is working with a wide range of collaborators to address the complex issue of access to nutritious food and health resources in northwest Louisiana. She is a founding member of the We Grow Together! Coalition which has developed a place-based, community driven model to address health challenges in a variety of settings. Grace grew up in San Antonio, Texas. She has a B.S. in biomedical science from Texas A&M University and a Ph.D. in microbiology from the University of Texas. She completed postdoctoral studies in molecular genetics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and more recently earned her M.A. in Counseling and Guidance from Louisiana Tech University.