

VERMONT AWHONN CONFERENCE 2023

BECOMING BETTER TOGETHER: NAVIGATING INEQUITIES IN PERINATAL CARE

SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD

8AM-5PM

DAVIS AUDITORIUM

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT MEDICAL CENTER



SCAN TO REGISTER

CONFERENCE COST

\$125 member

\$50 student

*Add 1 yr membership=\$15 discount

\$150 non-member

*Add 1yr membership=\$50 discount



*You must create an AWHONN account (if you're a non-member in order to complete registration; you do not need to become a member in order to attend conference)

*For bulk registration or questions please contact Kayla.Panko@uvmhealth.org

GUEST SPEAKERS

REBECCA VAHLE



Rebecca Vahle, MEd. founded the Family to Family Support Network® (FFSN) as a pro-education non-profit organization in 2015. She has been training healthcare professionals in unique family-sensitive care for over 18 years, and her passion for training began at Parker Adventist Hospital in Colorado, where she created the first hospital-based adoption support program as she worked as the “Adoption Liaison” -a newly created position- for 10 years. Rebecca has been an advocate for unique family sensitive care across the country, and she currently serves on the Advisory Council for the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute that educates the Adoption Caucus on Capitol Hill. The original adoption program created at Parker Adventist Hospital has expanded to the FFSN's Unique Families Program®, which empowers healthcare professionals to offer respectful, neutral, compassionate care to ALL patients while cultivating and nurturing critical community relationships.

ROSE L. HORTON



Rose L. Horton, MSM, RNC-OB, NEA-BC, is passionate about nursing and caring for women and infants. All of Rose’s clinical experience has been in OB/GYN. She joined the Association of Women’s Health Obstetrics and Neonatal Nursing (AWHONN) in 1999 and was privileged to serve as a board of director and ultimately as the 2012 President. Rose also recently won AWHONN’s inaugural DEILA, an award for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership. In 2021, she was tapped by the Biden administration to join the Black Maternal Health Stakeholder group, a partnership between the Department of Health and Human Services, the March of Dimes and the National Birth Equity Collaborative. Rose is currently the Executive Director of Women & Infant Services at Emory Decatur Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. In this role, her commitment has been rekindled with a heightened focus on equity and equality as the hospital focuses on maternal mortality. The hashtag #notonmywatch was coined by Rose in 2017 and the phrase continues to be her mantra. She is committed to doing everything she can to mitigate maternal morbidity and mortality.

KANDIS MCLEAN



Kandis McLean, FNP-C, MSN-Ed, RNC-OB, C-EFM, has been a maternal child nurse for over a decade and is a Family Nurse Practitioner. Her background focuses on high-risk intrapartum, antepartum, and postpartum care. She has Masters in Nursing education and is currently certified in electronic fetal monitoring and obstetrical inpatient OB. Currently, a member of the *Maternal Mortality Reduction Program* with the NYCHHC Simulation Center to educate obstetrical teams across the system on promoting safe care management, early intervention, and the impact of implicit bias on maternal care for obstetrical patients.