## Antoniette M. Holt, MPH Office of Minority Health, Indiana State Department of Health

Antoniette M. Holt is currently the Director for the Office of Minority Health for the Indiana State Department of Health.

Over a 22-year career, her work involves specialized knowledge of state government, public health, cultural competence, diversity, health equity, and minority health concerns and issues. Previously she served as the deputy director and epidemiologist for the Office of Minority Health and the Office of Cultural Diversity and Enrichment. She has conducted research and led community outreach projects related to cultural competency and health disparities. Ms. Holt has been responsible for the execution and investigation of a variety of reports and studies focused on minority health concerns.

Antoniette is considered an expert in her field and is often consulted and invited to provide valuable input on urgent matters that involve underserved communities within Indiana and the nation. She has been a guest orator at various local and national functions, conferences, and seminars in relation to minority health, health equity, and cultural diversity training.

Not only has Ms. Holt committed her career to public health, but also, embraced the field through her education having a Bachelor of Science in Public Health, and Master in Public Health, both from Indiana University (Bloomington). She is in current pursuit of her doctorate degree.

Locally and nationally, Antoinette sits on several boards and committees. She is very involved within Region V Office of Minority Health initiatives and programs and is the current Past President/ Vice-President for the National Association of State Office of Minority Health (NASOMH). In 2019, Ms. Holt was part of the Minority Leadership Program Cohort for the National Association of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD). This is a leadership development and investment program for persons of color working at various levels in state or CDC funded health department positions in minority health, HIV/AIDS or viral hepatitis programs. In 2021, Antoniette was nominated and chosen to receive the Indiana University's Bicentennial Medal.

During her time off, she is committed to helping others. She enjoys volunteering at her local church and with other organizations. Ms. Holt thoroughly enjoys taking part in mission trips and serving others around the world. She has traveled to West Africa (Ghana, Liberia, Senegal), South Africa (Johannesburg), and Haiti (Port-a Prince). She really enjoys and cherishes spending time with her family and friends.

Ms. Holt makes it her personal mission to inform all of the importance of Minority Health. She takes full advantage of every opportunity to improve minority health, help usher in the wave of long standing and effective changes in the movement of health equity across the board, and be a sounding alarm on the importance of equity and equality health care for all.