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Diversity and Inclusion: Practical Meanings and Application for Healthcare

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Annie Deaver, LMSW, and Vicki T. Sapp, PhD, will discuss the implication of social determinants of health and their relationship to the inequities prevalent in healthcare; the healthcare quadruple aim (improve population health, reduce cost of care, improve patient experience and improve employee well-being to mitigate bias in healthcare); and the tools, tips and strategies to cultivate employee well-being as it relates to diversity, inclusion and sense of belongingness.



Annie Deaver, LMSW

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Annie Deaver, LMSW, is a for-profit and not-for-profit healthcare leader with over 20 years' experience. Ms. Deaver has a bachelor of arts, cum laude, sociology/health services administration, and a master of social work, mental health concentration. Additionally, Ms. Deaver has a certificate in trauma counseling and is a 2016 health fellow with Health Foundation of Western and Central New York. Ms. Deaver has instructed at the graduate level and facilitated workshops on conflict resolution, self-care and mental health in communities of color. Ms. Deaver relocated to Raleigh, N.C., from Buffalo, N.Y., in 2017 and since has worked for local government and an assisted living community, where she is an associate executive director. Ms. Deaver has a passion for women's empowerment and underserved communities, especially communities of color.



Director of Student Engagement, Diversity and Inclusion and

Vicki T. Sapp, PhD

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Vicki T. Sapp, PhD, has over 20 years of experience in higher education, and 15 have been directly focused on inclusion, diversity, equity, access, retention and success (IDEA+RS). Dr. Sapp is an administrator, researcher, educator and service provider. Her research, scholarship and publications focus on making the inVISIBLE visible. She focuses on first-generation and student of color populations, college access, retention and success, social justice, diversity, equity, inclusion and healthcare topics. Dr. Sapp is responsible for bringing the Safe Zone project to Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine. Additionally, she trains, coordinates and is responsible for the design, development and continuous enhancement of the Geisinger Commonwealth Professional Identity Formation Cultural Humility Curriculum: Part I: Cross-Cultural Communication, Part II: DIY: Human Experiences, Part II: Trauma is REAL: Understanding and Interrupting Microaggressions in Healthcare, Part III: Microaggressions Navigating Triggering Events, Part IV: Intersectionality: Examining Concepts of Privilege, Part I: Safe Zone, Part II: Ally Trainings, and Part III: Transgender 101. Moreover, Dr. Sapp is responsible for implementing initiatives such as the diversity challenge pledge, diversity video, courage card, Cultural Humility Certificate Program, cultural bazaars, admissions diversity presentations, cultural biographies, cultural banner series and other programs and initiatives for students, faculty and staff. She is also a Title IX Resource Advisor and Mental Health First Aid advisor, emotional intelligence coach and Green Dot sexual assault prevention trainer. She has her Title IX Level One Coordinator and Adult Mental Health First Aid certificates. She serves as a board member on several boards, including Geisinger Diversity and Inclusion Council, Geisinger Commonwealth Accessibility and Learning Environment Committees, Geisinger's Black Outreach and Leadership Development employee resource group, the Black Scranton Project and the Northeast Pennsylvania Diversity and Inclusion Consortium.

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