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Congressional Briefing: Public Health Approaches to Addressing Health Disparities in Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias

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Panelist Bios (in order of speaking)



[Stephanie Monroe, JD](#), Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Access, UsAgainstAlzheimer's

Stephanie J. Monroe is Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Access at UsAgainstAlzheimer's, a national advocacy organization based in Washington, D.C. She also directs AfricanAmericansAgainstAlzheimer's founded in 2013 and is the first national network created specifically to respond to Alzheimer's disease's disparate impact on African Americans. By working nationally, locally, and through strategic partnerships, African Americans Against Alzheimer's is raising awareness of the impact of Alzheimer's health disparities on communities of color and women, the need for greater minority participation in clinical trials to find better treatments and hopefully a cure, and the importance of all communities, especially those most at risk to begin to focus on brain health and adopt risk reduction strategies that promote brain health and healthy aging.

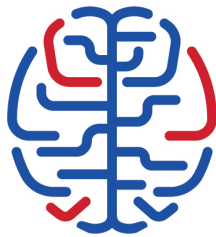


Martha Villanigro-Santiago, JD, caregiver

Martha Villanigro-Santiago has taken the challenge of caregiving and made it her life's passion. An employment attorney by trade, in 2013 Martha seized an opportunity to advocate for her Latina parents and other older adults with the massive task of aging and staying healthy. After her mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Martha encountered the critical dearth of early diagnosis, prevention and treatment information for Latinos living with Alzheimer's. She channeled her acuity for analysis and problem solving into the role of a tireless champion and collaborator by identifying and advancing improvements to Alzheimer's and dementia care for Latinos. Martha resigned her nearly 30-year attorney career before dedicating herself to the non-stop job of family caregiver for her mother.

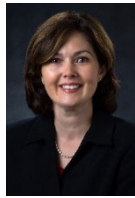
She has collaborated on several organizational proposed projects and reports, including the Us Against Alzheimer's the <https://mybrainguide.org/mi-brainguide/> (Spanish); the Milken Institute Alliance on Improving Dementia Care's report "Reducing Health and Economic Disparities in Dementia", and the Weill Cornell Medicine, Division of Geriatrics & Palliative Medicine published report "Results from a National Consensus Conference of Engaging and Supporting Care Partners of Persons with Dementia in Healthcare Delivery".

Martha is first generation American. Her parents immigrated from Colombia. Martha is bilingual in English and Spanish. She earned her Juris Doctor from Albany Law School and her Bachelor of Science from Queens College in New York.



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Lisa C. McGuire, Ph.D., Lead, Alzheimer's Disease Team, Healthy Aging Branch, Division of Population Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Dr. Lisa McGuire is the Lead for CDC's Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging Program with more than 100 articles and book chapters on aspects of cognition, caregiving, and aging. Dr. McGuire is a member of the National Alzheimer's Project Act Federal Advisory Council; Editorial Board of *The Gerontologist*; co-lead for Healthy People 2020/2030 Older Adults and Dementia Including Alzheimer's; and holds Fellow Status in the American Psychological Association and the Gerontological Society of America. As a caregiver for her mother with mixed dementia, Dr. McGuire is professionally and personally passionate about caregiving and issues related to dementia.



Kina L. White, DrPH, MHSA, FACHE, Director, Office of Community Health Improvement, Mississippi State Department of Health

Kina L. White, DrPH, MHSA, FACHE is the Director for the Office of Community Health Improvement at the Mississippi State Department of Health. Her office includes three Bureaus: Healthy Aging, Injury and Violence Prevention, and Community and School Health. Dr. White is the Principal Investigator for multiple federal grant programs, including the BOLD (Core Capacity) grant. Dr. White was invited and serves on the board of advisors for the UsAgainstAlzheimer's Center for Brain Health Equity. She is a board-certified Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and currently serves as President for the state chapter of Mississippi Healthcare Executives. Dr. White is a graduate of the Mississippi Economic Council's Leadership Mississippi program. She is also an Adjunct Faculty at Belhaven University.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from The University of Southern Mississippi, a Master of Health Services Administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and a Doctor of Public Health in Health Policy and Management from Jackson State University. In addition, Dr. White has completed a two-year NIH-R25 Clinical and Community-Based HIV/AIDS Research Training (CCRT) Fellowship at Brown University. Dr. White has a sincere passion for working with vulnerable populations and improving their access to quality care.