



WEBINAR GUEST BIO

Engaging policymakers for healthier communities

July 23, 2024



Blaire Bryant
Legislative director for health
National Association of Counties

Blaire Bryant is the Legislative director for health at the National Association of Counties (NACo). In this role, she collaborates with county officials nationwide to shape NACo's health policies, focusing on Medicaid, public health systems, mental and behavioral health services, and long-term care. With over 10 years of experience in health policy advocacy, program management, and federal liaison role, she has spearheaded national advocacy efforts on Medicaid reform, including the inmate exclusion policy, and partnered with national organizations on federal

behavioral and mental health policy reforms. Blaire holds a master of public health degree from the University of Maryland College Park and a bachelor of science degree in psychology from the University of Maryland Baltimore County.



Keshia Pollack Porter
Professor
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Keshia Pollack Porter is a Bloomberg Centennial Professor and the Bloomberg Centennial Chair of the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Pollack Porter is a health equity scholar who promotes health in all policies to address the structural drivers of health. She also directs the Health Policy Research Scholars, a national leadership program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that trains doctoral students from various disciplines on using health policy to achieve a culture of health. She is a co-author of

the recently published book *Policy Engagement* (APHA Press, 2023) and is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine.