



**2020 Annual Conference
Innovative and Just
Approaches to Tackling Hunger**

Agenda

8:30 Registration/Networking

9:00 Welcome/MAHN Year in Review

Stu Bush, *Executive Director, The Open Link; Chair, MAHN Governing Board*

9:20 Enhancing Food Security in Pennsylvania (Panel Discussion)

Tamela Luce (Moderator), *President & CEO, Phoenixville Community Health Foundation*

Dr. Valerie Arkoosh, *Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners*

Nelly Jiménez, *Executive Director & CEO, ACLAMO*

Teresa Miller, *Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Human Services*

10:00 Beyond Pantry Walls: Extending Our Reach with Online Ordering

Suzan Neiger Gould, *Executive Director, Manna on Main Street; Vice Chair, MAHN Governing Board*

Vicki Bumstead, *Outreach Center Director, Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities*

Laura Dzugan, *Outreach Counselor, The Open Link*

Susan O'Neil, *Market Manager, Manna on Main Street*

10:45 Census 2020: Getting a Complete Count

Bill England, *Program Manager, Pennsylvania Health Access Network*

11:00 Keynote Address

End Hunger by Shifting from Charity to Justice Through a Racial Equity Lens

Marlysa Gamblin, *Domestic Policy Advisor, Racial and Gender Divides, Bread for the World Institute*

11:30 Lunch

12:10 Racial Wealth Gap Introduction and Poverty Simulation

Marlysa Gamblin, *Domestic Policy Advisor, Racial and Gender Divides, Bread for the World Institute*

2:00 Closing Remarks

Ken Lawrence, *Montgomery County Commissioner*

Speaker Bios



Marlysa D. Gamblin, MPP (Keynote Speaker)

Domestic Policy Advisor, Racial and Gender Divides, Bread for the World Institute

Marlysa D. Gamblin is the Domestic Policy Advisor for Racial and Gender Divides at Bread for the World Institute. Her expertise is providing research and analysis to end hunger and poverty among communities of color and women, with the intention of narrowing the racial and gender hunger and income divides. At Bread, Marlysa has designed the Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation, an interactive tool that helps people understand the connection between racial equity, hunger, income and wealth. She also authored the first-ever report that applied a racial equity lens into federal policy to end hunger and poverty.



Stuart Bush, Ph.D.

Executive Director, The Open Link; Chair, MAHN Governing Board

Stu Bush has been Executive Director of The Open Link, a multi-service agency serving the Upper Perkiomen Valley, since 2013. He is a founding member of MontCo Anti-Hunger Network and currently serves as its Chair. He is also President of the Upper Perk Community Council, a member of the Board of Directors of Bucks-Mont Collaborative and sits on the Steering and Educational Advisory Committees of PerkUP.



Tamela Luce, MPA

President & CEO, Phoenixville Community Health Foundation

Tamela Luce is the President and CEO for the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation. She has more than two decades of philanthropic experience, most recently as the Senior Program Officer for Health Spark Foundation. While at HealthSpark, Tamela helped secure the funding that created and seeded the initial years of MontCo Anti-Hunger Network's growth. She was also instrumental in supporting the network during those formative years and introducing MAHN to several of the region's food funders.



Valerie Arkoosh, M.D., MPH

Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners

Dr. Valerie Arkoosh has served as a Montgomery County Commissioner since January 2015, and is currently Board Chair. As a practicing obstetric anesthesiologist for over two decades, Val understands the impact that nutrition has on good health. She has always put the health and well-being of her community first and earned a Master's Degree in Public Health to increase her impact outside of the exam room. Through many local and national leadership positions, Val has been a tireless advocate for fair and equal treatment of all people.



Nelly Jiménez, J.D.

Executive Director & CEO, ACLAMO

Nelly Jiménez is the Executive Director and CEO of ACLAMO in Montgomery County. She is an appointed member of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs (Pennsylvania), co-chair of the Montgomery County PA Counts Census Committee 2020, and co-organizer of the Latino Professional Luncheon Scholarship Program for Chester County. She serves on the boards of the West Chester Area Senior Center, Norristown Police Department Advisory, Montgomery County United Way, Diversity Council Advisory and Montgomery County Community College Culture Affairs.



Teresa Miller, J.D.

Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Human Services

Teresa Miller has served as Secretary of the Department of Human Services (DHS) since August 2017. In her time at DHS, Miller has focused on collaborating across agencies to advance Governor Wolf's health innovation and workforce development agendas, overseeing the successful launch of managed care for long term care services, and supporting efforts to address social determinants of health such as food security and housing.



Suzan Neiger Gould, MS NPM

Executive Director, Manna on Main Street; Vice-Chair, MAHN Governing Board

Suzan Neiger Gould has been Manna's Executive Director since 2012. Using her extensive experience in organizational management, she coordinates board, staff, volunteer and constituent collaboration in operations, program design and delivery. She is a founding member of MontCo Anti-Hunger Network and currently serves as its Vice Chair. As Chair of the CEO Council of North Penn Commons, she helps manage an innovative partnership between Manna, the Lansdale YMCA, The PEAK Center and Advanced Living Communities.



Bill England, MSW

Program Manager, Pennsylvania Health Access Network

Bill England is a community organizer and nonprofit manager. His career has been devoted to social justice issues including hunger, public education, and access to affordable health care. He works for the Pennsylvania Health Access Network in Montgomery County where he is building a coalition focused on advocacy and policy around the 2020 Census. In 2018 he worked with food pantries and other providers in Montgomery County to develop grassroots support for reauthorization of the Fam Bill.



Ken Lawrence, MPA

Vice Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners

Ken Lawrence Jr. has served as a Montgomery County Commissioner since February 2017 and is Chair of the Board of Elections. He came to county government from Temple University where he was Vice President of Alumni Relations and Senior Vice President of Government, Community and Public Affairs. He currently serves on the boards of SEPTA, Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association and Share Montco Hunger Solutions Advisory.

Innovative and Just Approaches to Tackling Hunger

There are two approaches to addressing hunger: getting food to people who need it and resolving the issues that cause it. MontCo Anti-Hunger Network is developing innovative methods to connect people to food assistance who cannot access brick and mortar food pantry locations. We also acknowledge that racism is a root cause of hunger in many of our communities and the racial inequities that create and sustain hunger are unjust. The goal of this conference is to inspire new thinking and action around these approaches.

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Calvary Church
Chelten Seeds of Hope
Inter-Faith Food Cupboard
Jenkintown Food Cupboard
Mitzvah Food Program (Elkins Park)
Mattie Dixon Community Cupboard
New Life Presbyterian
Willow Grove Seventh Day Adventist

Lansdale Area

Bethlehem Baptist Church
Cornucopia Cupboard
Emmanuel Evangelical Church
Gwynedd Mercy University
Hatfield Church of the Brethren
Keystone Opportunity Center
Manna on Main Street
Montgomery Co. Community College (Blue Bell)
Shepherd's Shelf

Western County

Bethel Community Church
Daily Bread

Montgomery Co. Community College (Pottstown)
Open Door Ministry
Outreach House
Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities
Salvation Army Pottstown
The Open Link

Norristown Area

Catholic Social Services
Grace Lutheran
Haws Avenue Food Pantry
Iglesia De Dios Renacer
New Hope Baptist
Patrician Society
Salvation Army Norristown
Upper Merion Area Community Cupboard

Main Line

Ardmore Food Pantry
ElderNet of Lower Merion
Memorial Church of God in Christ
Mitzvah Food Program (Bala Cynwyd)
Narberth Community Food Bank
PALM Senior Center

Staff

Paula Schafer, Administrator
Ron Levine, Jr., Retail Food Rescue Program Driver & Representative

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