Sixth Annual Disability Health Research Symposium

October 24, 2025 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM ET

Time	Talk Title	Presenters
9:00am	**Welcome and Introductions**	Michael McKee, MD, MPH
9:10am	From Data to Dashboards: Insights from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System and the Disability Data Dashboard	Brandie Bentley, PhD
9:30am	Improving healthcare practice and policy: Insights from caregivers and practitioners	Emily Jensen, PhD
9:45am	Disability, Health Disparities, and the Politics of Public Health Recognition	Kara M. Mannor, MPH
10:00am	Disability and Public Health Discussion	Brandie Bentley, PhD & Loren Glover
10:30am	*Break*	
10:45am	**Bridging Disability Gaps: Addressing Disconnects Between Academic Findings and Lived Experiences**	Ella Greene-Moton, APHA Past President
11:45am	Honoring Disability Advocates Jill Babcock and Michael Harris	Michelle Meade, PhD; Gianna Rodriguez, MD; Lisa Franklin
12:15pm	*Lunch Break*	
1:10pm	Adults with cerebral palsy have a “high-early” and recurrent risk of pneumococcal disease	Daniel G. Whitney, PhD
1:25pm	Michelangelo and reaching for significance: Developing a highly sensitive search strategy for d/Deaf/hard-of-hearing	PF Anderson, MILS; Tyler G. James, PhD, MCHES; Logan Roberts, MS, CHES
1:40pm	*Break / Additional Q&A*	
1:50pm	Lived Experiences and Barriers to Care Among People with MS: A preliminary qualitative study	Erika Barker, MSW
2:05pm	Experiences of Deaf signing pregnant women	Maya Rajan, BA & Rahee Amin
2:20pm	*Break / Additional Q&A*	
2:30pm	Incorporating American Sign Language Education to Prepare Future Physicians for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Patient Care	May Rhee
2:45pm	Prescription to Play: Using Adaptive Sports Experiences as Disability Health Education for Healthcare Trainees	Saumya Gupta, MSE; Erika Barker, MSW; Michael Andres
3:00pm	Disability Focused Early Experiential Interprofessional Experience - A mixed methods study	Steven Erickson, PharmD; Laura J. Smith, PT, DPT, PhD; Jillian Woodworth, DrOT, OTRL; Jeanne Andreoli, PhD
3:15pm	Interprofessional Education Discussion	Lisa Meeks, PhD & Alex Gossage
3:45pm	**Closing Remarks**	Michelle Meade, PhD
4:00pm	*Adjourn*	