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Post-Webinar Discussion on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Throughout the Intersection of Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health: Text Alternative

Presenters

- Menelik R. Alleyne, Esq., Georgia Department of Transportation's Equal Employment Opportunity Office
- Jacqueline Bunn, Esq., Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles
- Michael Finley, W. Haywood Burns Institute

Session Notes

- Racial and ethnic disparities prevail in our behavioral health and justice systems
 - It is by design
- The problem is multi-faceted: providers, police, courts, and prisons
- "It is a not a question of capacity. Systems only act and move when they want to."—Michael Finley
- How do we overcome barriers?
 - There is hope
 - Start with the courts
 - Create buy-in
 - Change who is at the table
 - Get the right voices at the table
 - Collaborate
- What happens when the conversations stop?
 - Ideas + Action = Change
- Utilize local officials and hold them to their word
- Ask what the racial and ethnic impacts are
 - See who benefits and who is burdened

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