



#FlintWaterCrisis - What's Now? What Next?

Speaker Bios

SHANNON POLK is the Principal of Leadership Solutions, LLC. Polk served on the Council of Foundations Next Gen Task Force and the National Philanthropy Committee of The Links, Inc. She designed the Passing the Leadership Baton workshop that is currently embedded at the Council of Michigan Foundations. Polk was also the founding co-chair of Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy-Michigan Chapter and a Connecting Leaders Fellow with the ABFE: A Philanthropic Partnership for Black Communities.

TERRANCE PITTS artistic orientation incorporates photography, short film, and blogging to examine issues like black identity, the politics of race, movement building, policing in America, gun violence, structural racism, and the transformation of physical markers in gentrifying neighborhoods. His education includes photography, videography, and film at The New School, International Center of Photography, and School of Visual Arts in New York. He has an undergraduate degree in political science from Stanford University; a Master of Arts in Law & Diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University; and a J.D. from Northwestern University. His international studies include French (Sorbonne) and law at Sciences Po in Paris. He lived, studied and worked in Paris, Florence, Geneva, Dakar, Kilifi (Kenya), Madrid and currently lives in Brooklyn.

LAWRENCE A. REYNOLDS, M.D., FAAP has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Mott Children's Health Center, a freestanding, private nonprofit facility for the medically needy in Genesee County. A pediatrician, Dr. Reynolds has devoted his life to children's health care. He has served the Flint community for 25 years, is a member of several local boards and has been recognized with many award recognitions for his humanitarian efforts. Most recently, Dr. Reynolds was appointed by Michigan Governor Rick Snyder to serve on the Flint Water Interagency Coordinating Committee; and in 2015 he served on the Flint Water Advisory Task Force.

LYNN WILLIAMS is a Senior Program Officer is a lifelong resident of Flint MI and has worked at the Community Foundation of Greater Flint since 2000. Over the past 14 years, a significant portion of her work has been focused on grantmaking in the areas of youth development, grassroots and neighborhood-based change efforts, and health. Lynn has also been instrumental in convening and/or as a participant in numerous collaborative efforts focused on community engagement efforts and building effective partnerships to increase the vitality of Flint and Genesee County.

ISAIAH OLIVER currently serves as Vice President of Community Impact at the Community Foundation of Greater Flint, serving on the senior leadership team. He is responsible for grant-making, program activities and shares leadership with the President for community leadership.

Isaiah previously served as an administrator in the Workforce, Community and Grant Development Division at Mott Community College. In that role, Isaiah worked to secure and manage funding from city, federal, state, and foundation resources to support and promote workforce development and other strategic initiatives. He also worked as a career liaison for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to support the creation, expansion, and sustainability of high-quality, community-based career pathways and post-secondary success strategies in the seven-county region.

Service is important to Isaiah. He is immediate past president of the Flint Public School Board, immediate past president of the Flint Alumni Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., past-chairman of the City of Flint's Human Relations Commission, a member of the University of Michigan-Flint Citizens Advisory Committee and a member of the Hurley Medical Center Board of Managers. He is a member of many other community organizations and committees including the City of Flint Master Plan Steering Committee, Genesee and Shiawassee Education Advisory Group and the Governor's Flint Advisory Committee on Urban and Metropolitan Initiatives. In addition, Isaiah is a member of several committees for the Flint and Genesee Chamber of Commerce including the Genesee Global Action Team and the Next Michigan Development Corporation Trade Corridor Alliance Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Planning Committee (CEDS.) He is also a member of the local NAACP chapter and Rotary Club of Flint.