

Social determinants of health (SDOH) help us understand the significant disparities that exist in health care access, quality, and outcomes across population groups. While SDOH have long guided our policy discussions, the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on morbidity and mortality of minorities including African Americans, Native Americans, and Hispanics has further highlighted the need for more broad-based access to health care. In this talk program, Ms. Stinson will share her experience with the emerging innovation and entrepreneurship in the area of health care practices and activism.

Impacting Social Determinants of Health through Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Our Communities

Ms. Lucinda M. Stinson

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Ms. Lucinda M. Stinson is a veteran health care professional turned nonprofit leader and activist in the greater Kalamazoo area, who thinks outside the box to address inequities and other systemic issues in health care. She has 25 years of clinical experience in health care and now runs Lending Hands, a nonprofit organization providing durable medical equipment to community residents on a seven-month loan basis.

Having started her career as a Registered Respiratory Therapist at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Ms. Stinson moved to Borgess Medical Center as the Supervisor of Pulmonary Services and later Director of Systems and Outcomes for the Neuro/Ortho/Rehab/Trauma Care Center. Among the many leadership positions she has held include Director of South Michigan Healthcare Coalition, Senior Program Manager at Center for Advancing Community Health, and Director of Administrative Services at Family Health Center. Ms. Stinson's leadership positions since 2014 have included Deputy Director of Community Services at Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services, Interim director of Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity, and Director of Partners in Housing Transition at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

A lifelong resident of Kalamazoo, Ms. Stinson serves on the boards of many nonprofit organizations including Hospice of Southwest Michigan, WMU Center for Disability Services, Housing Resources Inc., and Komen of Southwest Michigan. First elected to the Board of Trustees of KVCC in 2014, Ms. Stinson was reelected as its Chair in 2020.

Ms. Stinson is a graduate of our MPA program with health care concentration. She has also completed all of the coursework (except dissertation) in our PhD program.



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