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The power of narrative to influence civic health

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Jeannette Raymond has over 25 years of experience advancing health equity and authentic community engagement through public health practice. Her experience includes: organizing a community-led family violence prevention initiative for 15 years, serving on the core team that developed the 2014 Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Advancing Health Equity Report, establishing and leading the first MDH Community Engagement capacity building team, and advancing the Health Equity Data Analysis (HEDA) process which supported local public health departments to conduct qualitative research and share the results with their

communities. Jeannette also serves as staff lead for the Healthy Minnesota Partnership which has advanced a health equity narrative through the framing of the past two Minnesota Statewide Health Assessments and other activities. Jeannette earned her undergraduate degree from Princeton University and served in governance roles for the American Friends Service Committee for over 30 years.

Gloria Carter Dickerson

Founder and CEO

We2gether Creating Change

Gloria Carter Dickerson is the founder and CEO of We2gether Creating Change, a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to be a change agent in the transformation of the Mississippi Delta from a perceived place of poverty, low skills, and despair to a place of prosperity, abundant skills, and hope. The organization exists to be a catalyst in transforming poor communities in the Delta to a culture of positive possibilities and a place where there are many opportunities for children and families to live meaningful, good and successful lives. The organization began its work in September 2009.



Ms. Dickerson previously worked for the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. She was hired as the Controller for the Foundation and was later named the Program Director to coordinate the Mid-South Delta Initiative, an economic and community development initiative. She retired from that position in August 2009. Prior to her work at Kellogg, Ms. Dickerson was Vice President of Financial Operations for MINACT, INC. in Jackson, Mississippi. Ms. Dickerson was elected to the Sunflower County Board of Supervisor in November 2015.

She was born and raised in Drew Mississippi of Sunflower County. In 1965 her family, parents Mae Bertha and Matthew Carter, along with her seven siblings, were the first Black citizens of Sunflower County, Mississippi to sign their school district's "freedom of choice" papers to attend the white schools in Drew, Mississippi. Her family's struggle for equality in educational opportunity was captured in the book "Silver Rights" by Constance Curry, a children's book titled "The School Is Not White" by Doreen Rappaport, and a documentary titled "Intolerable Burden" which was also produced by Constance Curry. Ms. Dickerson opened the Mae Bertha Carter Learning Center in September 2017 where she directs youth and adult programs including workshops on life skills, health, African American history, education, healthy relationships and career readiness.

Ms. Dickerson received her bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Mississippi in Oxford and her MBA from Millsap's College in Jackson, Mississippi. She is a Certified Public Accountant. She is an instructor/trainer and is certified in Heal Your Life®, Mindful School®, and Infinite Possibilities®. Additionally, she is a Life Coach. Most importantly, she advocates on the Sunflower County P-16 council of the Sunflower County Consolidated School District for policy changes in the schools. Ms. Dickerson lives in Drew, MS. She is married to Donald Dickerson and has one son, Deidrick.