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El is one of the most powerful tools for driving employee engagement, increasing innovative thinking, and ultimately boosting performance. Although the business case is clear, commitment ebbs and flows depending on social pressures, economic trends and buy-in at the top. Consistent through the highs and lows is the relentless passion and drive of DEI practitioners.

**This day is dedicated to providing all of you** with the support, tools, and knowledge you need to stay focused, effective and driven.

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### **TRACK 1: BEST PRACTICES**

# For Walgreens DEI is the Cornerstone of Health Equity and Key to Driving Exemplary Outcomes

### SPEAKERS:

**Gina Stuart**, Sr. Director, DEI Strategy, Walgreens

**Dana Fortman**, Director, Pharmacy & Retail Operations, Walgreens Diverse, equitable and inclusive teams are essential to the advancement of health equity and no organization knows this better than Walgreens. This session takes attendees through Walgreens journey to not only endeavor, but improve pharmacy care for vulnerable, underserved communities nationwide. Presenters include Walgreens senior leaders from DEI and health equity who will provide an overview of how lessons learned from administering more than 72 million doses of COVID vaccines throughout the pandemic are being pulled forward for efficiencies that are narrowing the gaps in healthcare disparities across the board.

Our company's vision is to be the leading partner in reimagining local healthcare and wellbeing for all. We are committed to responsibly serving the needs of every community and creating even greater access to care, improving health outcomes and driving health equity. To make our vision a reality, we work relentlessly to create a culture where diversity, equity and inclusion are central to everything we do. DEI not only improves the bottom-line of businesses but also benefits the health, happiness, and progress of communities as a whole. For us, DEI and health equity are intrinsically linked!

### **TRACK 2: TOOLS**

# Getting to Equity: The Four Ingredients for Moving the Needle on Diverse Representation

# **SPEAKER: Valerie Rainford**

Founder & CEO, Elloree Talent Strategies Many organizations across the US are trying to advance equity in their organizations, but they aren't fully leveraging their demographic and talent data. They could be spending millions of dollars on programs and activities that don't actually move the needle. This can lead to goals that are not realistic, attainable, or aligned to targeted strategies as well as diversity fatigue. This session will help participants understand that there are 4 key ingredients needed to advance racial equity and it starts with a committed and deeply engaged CEO — but it doesn't end there. Understanding where inequity lives will require that they look at their people data, and the practices behind the data. The data leads to insights, which leads to specific actions that will move the needle. With these two pieces in place, getting to stakeholder buy-in and leadership accountability becomes less of a challenge.

# **TRACK 3: CULTURE TRANSFORMATION & BELONGING**

# Igniting & Mobilizing Leadership at all Levels to Promote Greater Inclusion

**SPEAKER: Joy Canonigo** Director, DE&I, Discover

At Discover, we make DE&I a part of everything we do so our employees can thrive, and we can best serve our customers. We've established measurable North Star DE&I Goals related to diversity, equity & inclusion.

To achieve our goals, we rely on our network of leaders and affinity groups to power our success. In 2022, we invited all people leaders and our affinity group leaders to take a 60- day inclusion challenge, in which they committed to start a new inclusive practice and make more equitable decisions. About 70% of our target population opted-in to take the challenge! As a result, our Engagement and Inclusion Index scores increased across nearly all identity groups, with overall Engagement increasing three points from 2021.

# In this session, you'll learn:

- Ways to structure, organize, and optimize affinity groups to power and advance DE&I
- How Discover has leveraged and partnered with affinity groups to design and implement company-wide DE&I initiatives.
- How Discover uses data to tell our story



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# Issues, Opportunities and Best Practices Relative to Individuals with Disabilities

SPEAKER: Nadine O. Vogel, MBA, CSP CEO, Springboard Global Enterprises

Springboard will address the size, scope, demographics, and psychographics of the largest minority in the world, the disability community.

As anyone in leadership can attest, especially those in Diversity, HR and Talent Acquisition, there is tremendous tension between meeting compliance requirements, understanding the issues, designing scalable solutions and implementing practical applications, especially when it comes to successfully sourcing, employing, and retaining individuals with disabilities.

# This session will address a variety of topics including:

- The importance of Organizational Readiness
- Organizational, Physical and Digital Assessments
- The Why, Who and How of Talent Acquisition
- Learning & Development
- Essential Job Functions
- Reasonable Accommodations
- Disclosure and Self ID
- Disability Business Resource Groups

# **TRACK 2: TOOLS**

# Beyond Burnout: Sustaining Yourself as a DEI Practitioner

# SPEAKER: Susan Stith

Former Vice President, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Charitable Giving and President, Cigna Foundation, Cigna (Retired - March 2023) Since 2020 DEI's importance and prominence exploded.

With an unprecedented and unrelenting global pandemic that disproportionately impacted vulnerable populations particularly communities of color, a resurgent civil rights movement shining a bright spotlight on systemic racism and social injustice and expectations from employees to take a stand and act on societal issues that may not have been directly related to their organizations mission, the role of DEI and DEI leaders became more important than ever.

While DEI leaders strive to make positive change within their organizations and in their communities, they are often met with a variety of factors that make the work of creating a fair and equitable workplace even more challenging. The work of diversity leaders can be unforgiving and unrelenting and may lead to 'diversity fatigue' or burnout.

## This session will:

- Address the phenomenon known as diversity fatigue
- Identify the top causes
- Outline strategies to instill sustainability in diversity leaders to avoid the emotional, physical, and spiritual toll that can come with leading and supporting diversity efforts

# TRACK 3: CULTURE TRANSFORMATION & BELONGING

# Confidently Using LGBTQ+ Language: Focus on Gender Identity

# SPEAKERS:

**Rebecca Parrilla**, Director of Content & Research, LCW

**Ada Vargas**, DEI Consultant & Founder of Queer Money Coach This skill-building session provides participants the opportunity to discuss the dynamic language landscape regarding LGBTQ+ people, their experiences, and their identities, especially as related to diverse gender identities. Discussion centers on how gender identity develops, common ways gender identity is understood by transgender and non-binary people, and the ways allies can demonstrate understanding and empathy—particularly around pronouns, non-binary identities, and gender neutral language.

# Key take-aways:

- Describe the general societal landscape for trans and nonbinary people today
- Define and understand the 'why' behind important gender identity related terms
- See examples of trans and nonbinary people talking about their own experiences
- Understand the impact (on inclusion, safety, mental health) of using correct pronouns, names, and gender-neutral language
- Know what to do if you make a mistake and if you want to be more confident using LGBTQ+ language

3:15 - 3:30 PM

**Break** 

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# **TRACK 1: BEST PRACTICES**

# Designing a Comprehensive Learning Strategy to Strengthen Organizational DEIB Acumen

# **SPEAKER: Gail Manley**

Vice President, Diversity & Inclusion Leader, Fidelity Investments For organizations to truly attain their vision for Diversity & Inclusion employees, must have the education, exposure, and experience to expand their worldview and evolve their behaviors. Creating a robust learning strategy customized for every level in the organization is a key component. Digital training models alone generally do not move people to change their behavior, however a comprehensive plan with year-over-year new offerings, and various learning components can make a difference.

# This session will address:

- Ways to build and implement a DEIB learning strategy
- The pros and cons of utilizing vendor offerings versus creating training in house
- What to look for and expect from a learning vendor
- Exploring sustainment options to achieve a lasting impact

# **TRACK 2: TOOLS**

# How To Design Your Culture for Sustainable Change

### SPEAKER:

# **Hanlie Van Wyk**

Global Engagement Leader and Subject Matter Expert, The Kaleidoscope Group When trying to solve complex human problems - like DEI - organizations often fail to create conditions that are appropriate for the desired change.

For sustainable and successful change the cultural conditions of the company must evolve to support this change: executive leadership must be the change; managers must be committed; and, employees must be empowered to create the change and understand how their behavior impacts the success of the business in a real, tangible way.

DEI leaders and practitioners need a new approach and tools that addresses human behavior and performance in order to meet the increased complexities of the workplace. This requires whole systems thinking and design. Consciously designing for DEIB helps to impact business decisions, work styles, and personal relationships that ultimately affects the success of an organization.

# By attending this session you will:

- Understand the importance of designing a culture that fosters DEIB
- · Learn about the behaviors to change and habits to adopt
- Apply the framework and formula for change

# TRACK 3: CULTURE TRANSFORMATION & BELONGING

# Cultivating Safe, Inclusive, and Accountable Cultures

### SPEAKER:

# **Kelly Charles-Collins**

Attorney, Speaker, Author, HR Legally Speaking, LLC

It is imperative for organizations to create safe, inclusive cultures where people see, appreciate, and respect each other's humanity. That requires open, honest conversation and accountability. It also requires a genuine commitment from leadership to integrate diversity, equity, belonging, inclusion, and safety into the fabric of the organization. What doesn't get measured, doesn't count. What isn't seen as having a direct correlation to your bottom line, doesn't matter.

# By attending this session, you will:

- Identify practical strategies to uncover hidden biases and facilitate inclusive interactions
- Analyze the tangible and intangible impact of unconscious bias
- Explore the "PER" fect Framework for Courageous Conversations
- Discover the 4 Cs to move from being a bystander to an ally and advocate

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4:50 - 5:20 PM	Closing Keynote Activating Your Resilience During the Era of the 5Ps  SPEAKER: Dr. Jackie Glenn, Founder and CEO, Glenn Diversity Inclusion & HR Solutions	
5:30 PM	Closing Remarks Dr. Sheila Robinson, Founder, Publisher & CEO, Diversity Woman Media	



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