Dear Conference Delegate,

Thank you for your registration. We would like to provide you with some helpful information about what you can expect during the conference. Best wishes for lots of learning and networking during the day!

*Nova Scotia Health Authority – NS Brotherhood, Men’s Health League*

<http://www.nshealth.ca/content/nova-scotia-brotherhood-initiative-nsbi>

**Location**

The Black Men’s Conference will take place at the Dalhousie Collaborative Health Education Building (CHEB). **5793 University Ave, Halifax, Nova Scotia.** The building is fully accessible. <https://www.dal.ca/campus-maps/building-directory/carleton-campus/cheb.html>

**Transportation**

The CHEB is accessible by bus route. Please follow this link for [routes and schedules](http://www.halifax.ca/transit/Schedules/index.php). (If you are reading this in print format, go to <https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents>

/transportation/halifax-transit/Route07.pdf

**Parking**

Parking will be free at the Victoria General Hospital for the first 150 delegates, near the end of the conference parking passes will be distributed to conference delegates. During the conference, street parking near the CHEB is free but subject to availability. Please be mindful of and **obey all on-street and private lot parking signs** to avoid being ticketed or having a “boot” applied to your vehicle. We encourage carpooling when possible.

**Registration**

When you arrive, please check-in at the conference registration desk where you will receive your delegate bag and nametag for the conference. Registration will open at 8:45am and will be available throughout the day. Breakout session will determined during pre-registration phase. If you did not pre-register, you may not receive your first choices for the breakout sessions. Pre-registration is encouraged.

**Scent Free**

The Black Men’s Conference is a scent free event. We ask that you respect this policy as it affects other delegate’s ability to participate.

**Delegate Bags**

Each conference delegate receives a bag with information about the conference and from various organizations. Included in the bag you will find a conference program, a delegate networking list and a conference evaluation.

**Breakout Sessions**

All breakout sessions will take place in the main conference room. A schedule and floor plan will be available in the conference program and the conference committee will provide directions before each breakout session begins. **There are seven concurrent breakout sessions in two time slots during the full day**. ***Although we do plan to accommodate everyone’s workshop selection, we would like to make it known that you may not receive your top XX choices. Due to workshop capacity, there will be no switching of workshops at the conference. Our presenters have planned for the maximum numbers of men per session specified by the coordinating team. This is to ensure rich and productive conversation. Thank you for your understanding.***

**Showcase**

We have over **5 organizations participating in the Showcase.** You can visit these booths during registration, breaks and lunch times on the conference day. They will have a lot of great information and resources to share with conference delegates.

**Food & Refreshments**

There will be nutritional breaks provided mid-morning and mid-afternoon, as well as lunch breaks. When you registered, if you indicated a special dietary requirement, please provide the conference committee serving staff with your name at lunch and they will bring you your meal.

**Photos**

Photos will be taken throughout the conference and used for media and promotional material. If you do not wish to have your image included in Nova Scotia Health Authority and HRM Publications, please let the photographer know.

**Weather Cancellation**

If, for some reason, we are expecting inclement weather, please call Duane Winter at (902)240-6131 for updates on the conference.

**Evaluations**

Each delegate is provided with a conference evaluation in your delegate bag. We ask that you please take the time to complete it and provide it to committee members as you leave the conference on Saturday. These evaluations are a feedback tool that helps us improve and enhance the conference in the future.

*To submit registration forms and for questions, please email us at* blackmensconference2019@gmail.com

**Black Men’s Conference Agenda – Saturday, November 9th 2019**

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| TIME: | EVENT: |
| 8:00 am – 8:45 am | Registration, name tags, breakfast items and mingling |
| 8:45 am – 10:00 am | Opening Remarks, housekeeping and schedule. (Setting the tone - empowerment)Devon Bundy – Welcome on behalf Men’s Health League Mario Rolle – Welcome on behalf of NS BrotherhoodMotivational Speaker – Andreas Robinson |
| 10:00 am – 10:15 am | Break # 1 – healthy light snacks provided |
| 10:15 am – 11:45 am | Break Out Session #1 8 groups of 20 |
| 11:45 am -12:30 am | LUNCH – Gina Mae CateringPotential Showcase of local Black Businesses |
| 12:30 am -2:00 pm | Break Out Session #2 * 8 groups of 20
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| 2:00pm –2:15 pm | Break # 2 – healthy light snack provided |
| 2:15 pm -4:15 pm | Key Note – **Dr. David Divine** 1 hour 15-minute address 45 minute discussion |
| 4:15pm -4:30 pm | ClosingWrap up, Thank you, survey collection, feedback. Contact information collection.What about next year? |