

# **Diversity Forum:**

## ***One Community, Diverse Voices***

**MISSION:** To foster inclusive, action-oriented communities through educational forums that promote and facilitate dialogue, best practices and solutions.

**VISION:** Equality and equity for all.

### **AGENDA**

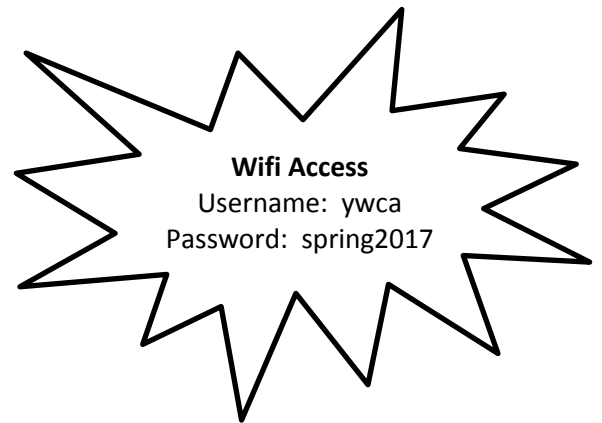
**February 16, 2017  
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM**

**1. Welcome & Framing the Session**  
Pat Gadsden, Life Esteem, Emcee

**2. Speakers**

- **Tonya Lovelace**, CEO, Women of Color Network, Inc.
- **Anne Menard**, CEO, National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
- **Elizabeth Marx**, Staff Attorney, PA Utility Law Project

**3. Time for Q & A**



### **CALL TO ACTION**

- 1. Ensure that in conversations addressing marginalized communities, that individuals from those communities are offered the last word on the topic.**
- 2. Remember that communities and individuals hold multiple identities – thus, intersectionality should always be considered and embraced.**
- 3. Believe, trust and validate people from marginalized communities when they share their experiences, feelings, hopes or fears. Do not second-guess or explain away.**
- 4. The next time you are in a discussion with someone from a marginalized community, stop yourself before offering your opinion. Instead, ask a question and LISTEN.**

### **NEXT FORUM**

**Date: Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM**

**Topic: Becoming Allies – Stepping In**

**Location: Widener Law Commonwealth**