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Ngina Lythcott is a public health practitioner and health activist. Ngina has done extensive health promotion and disease prevention work with diverse residents of low-income communities in the prevention of heart disease, cancer, substance abuse, unintended adolescent pregnancy and violence, using a community organization and development model. A 25-year breast cancer survivor, Ngina has served as the Breast Cancer Liaison for the Black Women's Health Imperative (BWHI) for more than 15 years. She currently represents the BWHI as a member of the Department of Defense (DOD) Breast Cancer Research Program's (BCRP) Integration Panel, the Advisory Committee of the Intercultural Cancer Council (ICC), and a founding member (and currently Co-Chair) of the US Cochrane

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