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Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to all who have gathered for the 2014 National Conference on Health Disparities.

Since its inception, the National Conference on Health Disparities has devoted itself to focusing on policies and programs aimed at reducing health disparities in this country. By bringing together experts from a variety of fields including medical researchers, legislative representatives and innovators, this conference seeks to uncover social factors contributing to health disparities and encourage dialogue that can lead to the provision of better medical care to millions of Americans. There is no doubt its efforts will continue to benefit countless individuals for many years to come.

As your United States Senator representing the State of California, I commend the National Conference on Health Disparities for its tremendous achievements and contributions. Please accept my best wishes for a most memorable event.

With warmest personal regards.

Dianne Feinstein

Sincerely yours.

United States Senator

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November 5, 2014

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Dear Friends:

Please accept my warmest greetings as you gather for the 8th Annual National Conference on Health Disparities.

For almost a decade, the National Conference on Health Disparities has been a leader in addressing the health needs of underserved communities by advocating for health equity on a local and national level. I applaud your dedication to improving access to quality healthcare to all regardless of race, religion, or economic background.

Again, you have my best wishes as you gather for this conference. May you leave the conference with a renewed commitment to health equity.

Sincerely,

Barbara Boxer

United States Senator

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November 5, 2014

Dear Friends:

It is my great honor to bring you greetings on the occasion of the 8th Annual 2014 National Conference on Health Disparities.

Many thanks for your tireless efforts to combat health disparities and your advocacy on behalf of quality, affordable health care for all. Your work is critical in bringing wellness to those in underserved communities across our great nation. Your passion for health equity will make the difference in so the lives of so many for generations to come.

While much work remains to be done, the Affordable Care Act is working to reduce health disparities. If everyone in America has access to affordable, quality health care, disparities will be reduced. We do know that the Affordable Care Act is giving more people access and that uninsured rates are falling, particularly among minorities. As states work to expand Medicaid, we will see even more progress. In addition to improving access, the Affordable Care Act is improving the quality of care. Hospital readmissions are falling. Strong Start for Mothers and Newborns has reduced early elective deliveries, which means fewer at-risk newborns.

The National Conference on Health Disparities brings together educators, advocates, researchers, innovators, and those in government to solve multi-fold problems with a multi-fold approach. Your work is greatly served by the setting of your conference: Long Beach, California, a city with a great tradition of diversity and the true American spirit.

Again, thank you for all that you do on behalf of so many. Best wishes for a most successful and memorable event.

best regards,

NANCY PELOSI Democratic Leader

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CONGRESSMAN ALAN LOWENTHAL 47TH DISTRICT

November 5, 2014

I am pleased to welcome you to the Eight Annual National Conference on Health Disparities (NCHD). As the Congressman for the 47th District in California and a longtime Long Beach resident, I want to extend a warm welcome to the panelists and participants of the NCHD.

This will mark the first time in conference history the event will be hosted on the West Coast and in Long Beach, California - the most diverse city in the nation.

This year's conference will gather renowned health education professionals, researchers, policymakers, community workers, faculty, and students to reinforce a national public health dialogue and provide opportunities for networking and collaboration.

As a professor emeritus of California State University, Long Beach, I applaud CSULB and the Medical University of South Carolina for their leadership, and the organizers ands sponsors of this event for their commitment to creating opportunities for health equity for every American.

Best wishes for a productive conference, and an enjoyable stay in our city.

Sincerely,

Alan Lowenthal Member of Congress

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Friends,

I am honored to have the opportunity to welcome you to the 2014 National Conference on Health Disparities. As a Representative of Long Beach, I would like to extend my warmest welcome and best wishes to all the conference panelists and participants who are here in our richly diverse community in Long Beach, California. It is my greatest hope that you will immerse yourself in the dialogue being offered here. I encourage you to enrich yourselves not only through the sessions, workshops, and network opportunities, but also by enjoying the uniquely culturally diverse communities found in Long Beach.

The theme of this conference—Policies and Programs that Reduce Health Disparities and Create Opportunities for Health Equity—is a movement integral to the success of our nation. While we have gained much ground in the battle to promote health equity for all, our work is not finished, rather I believe that it is just beginning. It is time to restore a much needed balance to the national dialogue on health care status and access, and the place to do just that is here.

This year's National Conference on Health Disparities emphasizes the role of social and contextual determinants, personal responsibility, and prevention as a tool in reducing health disparities. We as policy makers, researchers, health providers, health education professionals, community health workers, and leaders in our fields have an obligation to take advantage of the informative dialogue being presented at this conference, so that we may spearhead change for our communities.

In Washington and here at home I have worked with this community to embrace the need for health reform, be it through legislation or our National Minority Health Awareness Month Health Fair, the issue of health is a top priority of mine. I am proud to be a part of the movement starting here today and I applaud California State University of Long Beach as well as the organizers and sponsors of this event for their commitment to making health equity a guarantee for all.

Please take what you learn here in Long Beach and return to your communities as catalysts for change.

Sincerely,

Janice Hahn

Member of Congress

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KAREN BASS CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES 37TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

November 5, 2014

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I extend a welcome to participants in the 8th Annual National Conference on Health Disparities. Southern California, including my Los Angeles district, is home to some of the most diverse populations in the nation. California taken the lead in implementation of the Affordable Care Act, and holding the conference here offers a perfect opportunity to review the ways that the ACA has and has not reached those whom health care has typically left behind.



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Conference participants will have the opportunity to hear from a wide array of knowledgeable speakers and presenters addressing many aspects of this complex problem. I hope that the chance to interact with colleagues from all over the U.S. will result in new collaborations, and will lead to even more concrete action to address very real problems.

As a Physician Assistant for over a decade. I saw first-hand the face of health disparities in communities of color. Over 20 years ago, those disparities lead me to form the Community Coalition, a nonprofit advocacy organization that has empowered South Los Angeles communities to take charge of their own health. Through Community Coalition, local residents successfully combated their excessive targeting by tobacco and alcohol advertising and the proliferation of liquor stores in their communities, as well as fighting back against the crack cocaine epidemic that raged at the time. Despite significant progress, communities in South Los Angeles and across the country continue to fight for access to healthy food, safe recreation, and neighborhoods free of violence and illegal drugs.

I applaud the work of those attending the conference, and as a community organizer I know the power of coming together and collaborating on solutions. Ensuring that everyone in America has access to quality healthcare, and that all communities enjoy the benefits of good health strengthens the entire nation. You have my best wishes on a memorable event.

Sincerely,

Karen Bass

Member of Congress, 37th District of California

U.S. House of Representatives



November 5, 2014

Greetings,

It is with great pleasure that I join you in celebrating the 8th Annual National Conference on Health Disparities. It is my pleasure to congratulate the NCHD for yet another successful year.

This year's conference promises to focus on policies and programs that reduce health disparities and create opportunities for health equality. NCHD offers its participants an opportunity to hear from congressional representatives, health researchers and innovators in health. They also provides a forum where students and faculty from around the country can share their research through poster presentations while networking with leading health representatives.

I wish you great success in hosting The National Conference on Health Disparities, and look forward to hearing of continued successes from your organization.

Sincerely,

Linda T. Sánchez Member of Congress

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California State Senate



SENATOR

RICARDO LARA

November 5, 2014

Dear Friends.

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to California's 33rd Senate District and the 2014 National Conference on Health Disparities (NCHD). I am proud the City of Long Beach, the most diverse city in the nation, is the first in the west coast to host the conference.

Today, you will have the opportunity to hear from national experts, congressional representatives, health researchers, and innovators. Most importantly, it will provide a forum for students and faculty from around the country to share their research through poster presentations and network with leading health experts. One important topic we must discuss is **Health Justice.** Considered a comprehensive approach to address health disparities through social determinants such as education, language access, employment, and affordable housing, I invite everyone to join me in seeking meaningful dialogue in how to best achieve Health Justice

This year I proudly introduced a bill that takes us one step closer to Health Justice, Senate Bill (SB) 1005, Health for All Act. It would expand access to health care coverage for all Californians, regardless of immigration status by allowing undocumented Californians to purchase insurance through the health care exchange known as Covered California. Access to preventive care keeps families healthier by providing regular check-ups and screenings, and

early diagnosis to ensure timely treatments. By ensuring everyone has access to health care, we can improve the health and well-being of our entire community, limit the overcrowding of emergency rooms, and reduce the costs of healthcare in California.

Thank you for your efforts to reduce health disparities and create opportunities for health equity. Together we will achieve Health Justice.

Sincerely,

RICARDO LARA SENATOR, 33RD DISTRICT

CHAIR, CALIFORNIA LATINO LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS



Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Eighth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities. It was an honor and privilege to have the 2014 Conference here in Long Beach.

The well-being of each individual impacts not only our local communities, but also our nation and the greater world population. I applaud you all for coming to discuss solutions, review "programs that work" and recommending policies that strengthen and enhance the current "medical model" of health through diverse, multi-disciplinary partnerships and perspectives.

Again, thank you for visiting Long Beach and I hope you have a great conference!

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia

City of Long Beach





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November 5, 2014

Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Eighth Annual Conference on Health Disparities. It is an honor and privilege for Cal State Long Beach to co-sponsor the 2014 Conference with our many community partners. This annual conference is a necessary part of the continued national dialogue on population health and health inequities.

Over time, our nation's health care providers and policy makers have come to understand the well-being of each American impacts the well-being of all Americans. Conference presenters and participants will discuss solutions, review programs that work, and recommend policies that strengthen the current medical models of health through diverse, multi-disciplinary partnerships and perspectives.

We are pleased that you've chosen to join us at this year's conference in Long Beach and look forward to three rewarding days of participation. Thank you for coming and for sharing your expertise and excitement with us.

I wish you a productive and informative conference.

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Welcome to Long Beach, and thank you for your involvement in the National Conference

on Health Disparities.

Examples of the steep human cost of disparate access to healthcare are rampant, from

contagions like tuberculosis and Ebola to cardiovascular and metabolic diseases.

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A poorly addressed health crisis of a region or country can disrupt progress and

FULLERTON prosperity. Already weak infrastructure can falter; and social cohesion can break down.

We know this to be true for nations. It is also true for families.

Every year, the California State University recognizes 23 extraordinary students who

overcome great odds to become scholars, peer advocates and community leaders. A recurring theme in the background of these CSU trustees' scholars is how a health issue of a parent, sibling or spouse devastated family well-being. For many, the lack of access

to adequate care or the inability to pay for care exacerbated an already dire situation. In

the case of the CSU trustees' scholars, these students were able to overcome great hurdles

MONTEREY BAY and find a path to success.

NORTHRIDGE Your work with the National Conference on Health Disparities is critical to finding

solutions to persistent challenges that limit access to healthcare.

Please know that the CSU stands with you. CSU nursing faculty members are researching

ways to meet the needs of medically underserved communities. CSU centers and

programs in palliative care are considering the treatment of the whole person, and the

SAN BERNARDINO special needs of long-term chronic disease management.

Together we all have a role to play in building a healthy society, which rests on serving

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Dear Friends:

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of SOUTH CAROLINA

It is my great pleasure to join in welcoming you to the eighth annual Conference on Health Disparities. It is an honor and privilege for the Medical University to co-sponsor the first seven conferences and we are excited to partner in sponsoring this year's event.

Even in the healthiest communities, age-old disparities persist and exact a toll on the quality of life and economic resources. This conference will focus on policies and program to reduce health disparities. It will address the social determinants of health including education levels, health literacy, poverty, public safety, community design, environmental quality, environmental justice and personal, government and corporate responsibility. Conference presenters and participants will discuss solutions, review "programs that work," and recommend policies to strengthen and enhance the current "medical model" of health through diverse, multi-disciplinary partnerships and perspectives.

Like its seven predecessors, this year's Conference offers participants the chance to interact in a variety of settings, including a student forum with poster presentations, panel sessions on specific topics, keynote and luncheon speakers and more relaxed social activities.

We are pleased that you have chosen to join us at this year's conference and look forward to the three rewarding days of participation. Thank you for coming and for sharing your expertise and excitement with us.

Have a great conference!

Sincerely,

David J. Cole, MD, FACS

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November 5, 2014

Dear Attendees:

I am pleased to welcome you to the 8th Annual National Conference on Health Disparities. AmeriHealth Caritas is proud to once again sponsor this conference, which has played a critical role in eliminating health disparities across the nation since its inception.

The focus of this year's conference – personal responsibility, prevention initiatives, and the role of social determinants – are points that will allow us to further improve the health of the nation. We have seen firsthand the impact of educating, empowering, and embracing our members.

AmeriHealth Caritas has a long history of working in underserved communities, both rural and urban. For nearly 30 years, we have addressed social barriers to health equity and improved outcomes for our members. Care has always been at the heart of our work and closing the gaps remains a top priority for our organization. AmeriHealth Caritas is confident that the collaboration of this conference's innovative thought leaders will help pioneer solutions that address the social barriers to health equality.

This conference is the perfect convergence of visionaries, executives, and citizens who share a common goal: improving the health of our nation. Together, we can inspire action that will improve the lives of millions of people.

Sincerely,

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November 5, 2014

I bring you greetings from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). We are very pleased to be a sponsor of the National Conference on Health Disparities (NCHD) as we have been in previous years.

This national conference on health disparities grows more vital each year in shedding light on the important goal of meeting the health care needs of a diverse public. As Arkansas' only academic health center, we share these values with other academic health centers across the country as we look to population health across all segments of society.

In a constantly evolving health care arena, UAMS through its main campus in Little Rock, its northwest Arkansas campus, and its clinics throughout the state continues to provide leadership across the state of Arkansas and beyond to address the important challenges before us.

While our five colleges and seven institutes have made strides in teaching cultural competence to our students and staff, UAMS has also moved forward to help build healthy communities in both urban and rural areas.

Two recent events mark progress toward reaching those goals. One is the creation of an associate provost for society and health. Dr. Stephanie Gardner has stepped up to take on the position in addition to being dean of the UAMS College of Pharmacy. As associate provost for society and health, she will work across all colleges to ensure that UAMS is educating and training health professionals to meet changing health needs and to develop interprofessional and community-based educational experiences.

One of those endeavors is the student-led UAMS 12th Street Health and Wellness Center. The center opened in 2013 in a building donated by UAMS College of Pharmacy alumni who envisioned a student-led health and wellness clinic for the uninsured. The interprofessional center includes services by students and faculty across the UAMS colleges of Pharmacy, Medicine, Public Health, Nursing and Health Professions. Services include dental screenings, health screenings, education and immunizations for residents of the underserved community surrounding the clinic. The educational possibilities of this center are already making an impact in classrooms and in practice. The center has drawn tremendous support from UAMS donors, the Black Caucus of the Arkansas Legislature, and Delta Dental of Arkansas in readying the clinic and providing equipment needed to care for patients.

As you gather to exchange ideas and learn about new programs to reduce health disparities, we wish you another successful conference in addressing the important national issues of health disparities.

Sincerely,

Daniel W. Rahn, M.D.

Chancellor



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November 5, 2014

Dear NCHD Participant,

Your presence at the Eighth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities is invaluable. It is you who must go forth and serve in a way that ultimately creates parity in health in this country and beyond. The list of crippling health disparities that affect communities of color is extensive and well-known. After decades of research, that fact is clear. Today, therefore, is the time for bold action and consensus that brings together scientists, clinicians, lawmakers, philanthropists, clergy, and more to find solutions to this critical issue.

So your charge during this conference is to listen, learn, share, collaborate and then, ultimately, act. We are among colleagues and friends who have committed much of their professional lives to this cause. I challenge them to get to know a new participant of this conference to mentor and help understand the critical intersection of science, patient care and health policy. It is within that intersection where we will begin to find the answers to health equity.

So on behalf of the extraordinary faculty, students, staff and alumni of Morehouse School of Medicine, I welcome you to this NCHD conference, and I thank all those who have worked tirelessly to host it. It is my hope that each of you receives precisely what you need from the conference to propel you to act.

Best regards,

Valerie Montgomery Rice, M.D.

President and Dean

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November 2014

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Los Angeles County!

I extend heartfelt greetings on the occasion of the 2014 National Conference on Health Disparities.

I applaud the NCHD's efforts to reduce health disparities, and I commend your comprehensive and collaborative approach.

The important work you are accomplishing is genuinely commendable, and I send my very best wishes to all of the Conference participants.

Warm regards,

GLORIA MOLINA Supervisor, First District



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November 5, 2014

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to the eleventh annual National Conference on Health Disparities (NCHD). We are pleased you could join us for the first NCHD hosted on the West Coast. We trust that you will find many opportunities to enjoy Long Beach and the surrounding Southern California communities.

This year's enduring theme, Reducing Health Disparities through Sustaining and Strengthening Healthy Communities, remains an important focus of our work and acknowledges the critical impact of social, economic, and physical environments on health. Forward-leaning strategies to address disparate conditions in our communities are greatly needed for effective health promotion. Many transformative opportunities exist to tackle poverty, lack of safe and affordable housing, and limited access to formal education, job opportunities, healthy affordable foods, and safe places to recreate to reduce health disparities. This requires engaging multiple stakeholders from different sectors to effect widespread and sustainable change that will allow all individuals to thrive.

NCHD is an excellent forum to foster collaborative efforts among participating policy makers, researchers, clinicians, and public health professionals. The conference will explore policies and programs that reduce health disparities and emphasize the role of social determinants, personal responsibility, and prevention in reducing health disparities. We look forward to the exchange of innovative approaches to shape healthy communities through robust discourse and shared best practices. We are confident that this event will initiate meaningful change and progress toward health equity.

Jeffrey D. Gunzenhauser, M.D., M.P.H.

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Warm Regards,

Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.

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November 5, 2014



Message from
City of Long Beach
Director of Health and Human Services
Kelly Colopy

It is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to participants, organizers and supporters of the 8th National Conference on Health Disparities. Your dedication, strength and knowledge in bringing this conference to the west coast provides an incredible opportunity to learn and share about research, programs and policies supporting health equity.

This year's conference theme, Reducing Health Disparities through Sustaining and Strengthening Healthy Communities, aligns completely with our department's vision for a safe and healthy community for all. The National Conference on Health Disparities provides us the opportunity to learn from the resiliency of our communities and appreciate the diverse contributions made by all in creating health benefits for generations to come. The Long Beach Health and Human Services Department works closely with community partners, funders, elected officials and city department leads to address the behavioral, social, environmental and physical factors impacting the health of our residents, while also contributing to the national conversation for programs and policies that sustain and strengthen healthy communities. The participation of leading scholars, healthcare professionals, funders and diverse stakeholders at this conference is an unparalleled occasion for all of us to explore strategies and partnerships that enhance the delivery and access to preventive and healthcare services.

Today's conference continues to pave a path toward creating safe, healthy, and prosperous communities. As we exchange ideas, I challenge you to rethink health with a focus on education, prevention, personal responsibility, public safety, and capacity building whereby everyone makes informed health choices. I invite you to create a culture of health together.

I thank you for sharing your leadership, vision and knowledge with us. I wish you an informative, engaging and fun conference.

Sincerely,

Kelly Colopy, MPP

Director

California State University Long Beach

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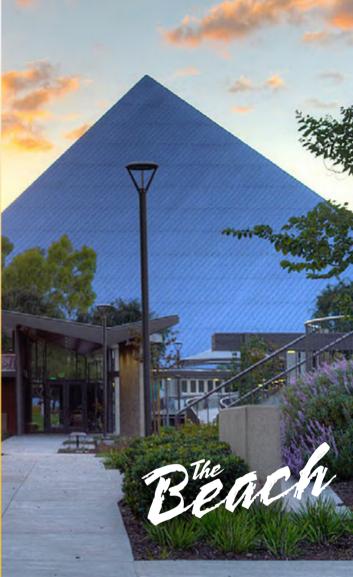
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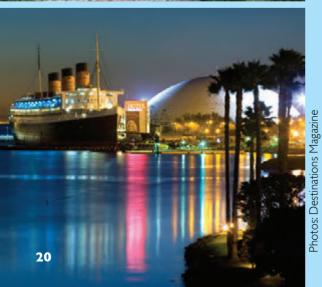
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Social Determinants of Health

America leads the world in medical research and medical care, and for all we spend on health care, we should be the healthiest people on Earth.

Yet on some of the most important indicators, like how long we live, we're not even in the top 25, behind countries like Bosnia and Jordan. It's time for America to lead again on health, and that means taking three steps.

The first is to ensure that everyone can afford to see a doctor when they're sick.

The second is to build preventive care like screening for cancer and heart disease into every health care plan and make it available to people who otherwise won't or can't go in for it, in malls and other public places, where it's easy to stop for a test.

The third is to stop thinking of health as something we get at the doctor's office but instead as something that starts in our families, in our schools and workplaces, in our playgrounds and parks, and in the air we breathe and the water we drink.

The more you see the problem of health this way, the more opportunities you have to improve it. Scientists have found that the conditions in which we live and work have an enormous impact on our health, long before we ever see a doctor. It's time we expand the way we think about health to include how to keep it, not just how to get it back.

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DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2014	8:45 am
9:00 am-3:00 pm Undergraduate and Graduate Student Research Forum Location: Centennial Ballroom	The impact of global climate change on the built environment with emphasis on environmental quality, health, food supply and infrastructure 10:00 am
I:00 pm- 4:00 pmRegistration Location: 3rd Floor Foyer	in reducing health disparities and sustaining healthy communities
All sessions will be held in the Centennial Ballroom unless	I I:30 amBREAK
otherwise noted.	12:00 pmLUNCHEON
DAY TWO: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2014	Opening Remarks/Introduction of Keynote Speaker
7:30 amContinental Breakfast: Centennial Ballroom	1:30 pmBREAK
7:30 am-4:00 pmRegistration, 3rd Floor Foyer	1:45 pmPanel Five
8:15 amOpening Remarks	Successful community-based programs for building, sustaining and strengthening healthy communities
10:00 amIntroduction of Keynote Speaker	3:15 pmBREAK
10:30 amBREAK	3:30 pm
10:45 am	Health, education and the military: How health issues – including disparities – impact the recruitment, retention and long-term well-being of our nation's servicemen and womenn
12:00 pmBREAK	DAY FOUR: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2014
12:30 pmLUNCHEON	7:30 amContinental Breakfast
1:45 pmBreak	8:00 amOpening Remarks/Introduction of Speaker
2:00 pm	8:45 amSpecial Session A Roundtable discussion with Congressional leaders on health care and the reduction of health disparities
6:00-8:00 pm	10:15 am
Advisory Board Chairman; Associate Professor Medical University of South Carolina	I I:45 amBREAK
DAY THREE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2014 7:30 am	12:00 pm

Closing Remarks



EIGHTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH DISPARITIES

Reducing Health Disparities through Sustaining and Strengthening Healthy Communities

November 5-8, 2014

9:00 am-3:00 pm.......Undergraduate and Graduate Student Research Forum Location: Centennial Ballroom

I. Continental Breakfast and Student Forum Registration

II. Welcome and Overview

Dr. Marvella Ford, Chair, Student Research Forum Professor, Department of Public Health Sciences; Associate Director, Cancer Disparities Hollings Cancer Center, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

III. Oral Presentations

IV. Poster Session

V. Keynote Address/Lunch

Dr. Britt Rios-Ellis

Founding Dean, College of Health Sciences and Human Services, California State University Monterey Bay; Founder and Co-Director, Center for Latino Community Health, Evaluation, and Leadership Training, Seaside, CA

VI. Roundtable Discussions

VII. Closing/Evaluations

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DAY TWO: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2014

8:15 am

Mistress of Ceremonies

Ms. Carolyn Sawyer, Communications Strategist, Tom Sawyer Company, Columbia, SC

Opening Remarks

Moderator

Dr. David E. Rivers, Associate Professor and Public Information and Community Outreach Director, Department of Library Science and Informatics; Advisory Board Chairman, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

Speakers

Dr. Jane Close Conoley, President, California State University Long Beach, Long Beach, CA

Mrs. Maryann Reyes Jackmon, Senior Director of External Relations, CSU Chancellor's Office, Long Beach, CA

Ms. Maria Pajil Battle, President, AmeriHealth Caritas Partnership, Philadelphia, PA

Mrs. Kelly Colopy, Director, City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services. Long Beach, CA

Dr. Sabra C. Slaughter, Principal Investigator, SE VIEW; Assistant Professor, Family Medicine, Office of the President, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

Dr. Valerie Montgomery Rice, President, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

Dr. Billy Thomas, Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR

Dr. Britt Rios-Ellis, Founding Dean, College of Health Sciences and Human Services, California State University Monterey Bay; Founder and Co-Director, Center for Latino Community Health, Evaluation, and Leadership Training, Seaside, CA

Dr. Charlene Spearen, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, Allen University, Columbia, SC

Ms. Cynthia A. Harding, Interim Director of Public Health and Chief Deputy Director, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Los Angeles, CA



9:00 am......Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dr. Allen W. Parrott

Presiding Elder of the Kingstree District in the 7th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Ladson, SC

Keynote Address

The Honorable James E. Clyburn

Assistant Democratic Leader

U. S. House of Representatives, South Carolina-Sixth District

10:00 am......Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Keynote Speaker: Overview of Health Disparities

Dr. J. Nadine Gracia

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health, Director of the Office of Minority Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC

10:30 am......BREAK

10:45 am

Panel One

The impact of social determinants in reducing health disparities and sustaining healthy communities, with a major focus on race, poverty, education and environmental issues

Moderator

Dr. David E. Rivers, Associate Professor; Advisory Board Chairman, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

Video Presentation on Social Determinants of Health

Panelists

Ms. Kathy Ko Chin, President and CEO, Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF), San Francisco, CA

Dr. Kurt C. Organista, Professor, School of Social Welfare, University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Dr. Gail C. Christopher, Vice President for Programs, Food, Health & Well-Being, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Battle Creek, MI

12:00 pmBREAK



12:30 pmLUNCHEON

Opening Remarks/Introduction of Speaker

Mr. Cástulo de la Rocha

President and CEO AltaMed Health Services Corporation Los Angeles, CA

Luncheon Speaker

Dr. Dwayne Proctor

Director of Disparities Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Princeton, NJ

1:45 pm......BREAK

2:00 pm

Panel Two

Translational research with proven results in reducing health disparities, with a major focus on chronic and communicable diseases

Moderator

Dr.Valerie Montgomery Rice, President, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

Panelists

Dr. Stephanie Gardner, Dean, College of Pharmacy, Associate Provost for Society and Health, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR

Dr. Roberta Troy, Founding Director of the Health Disparities Institute for Research and Education, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL

Dr. Frank Meza, Assistant Area Medical Director Los Angeles and West Los Angeles Kaiser Medical Centers, Los Angeles, CA

Dr. Gregory A. Talavera, Associate Professor, Division of Health Promotion, Graduate School of Public Health, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA

6:00 pm-8:00 pmRECEPTION The Westin Long Beach Lobby

Remarks

Dr. David E. Rivers, Advisory Board Chairman; Associate Professor, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

Ms. Verdenia C. Baker, President, National Forum for Black Public Administrators, Deputy County Administrator, Palm Beach County Administration, West Palm Beach, FL

Mr. Bob Blair, Chief Aministrative Officer, Kaiser Permanente South Bay, Harbor City, CA

Dr. Kenneth Millar, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, California State University-Long Beach, Long Beach, CA

DAY THREE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2014

7:30 am	 Continental	Breakfast: (Centennial	Ballroom
7:30 am-4:00 pm	 	Registrat	ion, 3rd Flo	oor Foyer

8:00 am

Ms. Carolyn Sawyer, Communications Strategist, Tom Sawyer Company, Columbia, SC Mistress of Ceremonies

Opening Remarks/Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dr. David E. Rivers, Associate Professor; Advisory Board Chairman, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

Keynote Address

The Honorable Donna M. Christensen, M.D.

Delegate, U.S. Congress, U.S. Virgin Islands

8:45 am

Panel Three

The impact of global climate change on the built environment with emphasis on environmental quality, health, food supply and infrastructure

Moderator

Dr. LaVerne E. Ragster, Retired Professor and President Emerita, University of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, USVI



Panelists

Mr. Ernesto Diaz, Director, Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program, Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Ms. Francesca Vietor, Program Director, Environment, Public Policy, and Civic Engagement, San Francisco Foundation, San Francisco, CA

Dr. Michael K. Dorsey, Interim Director and Visiting Scholar, Energy and Environment Program, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, Washington, DC

10:15 am

Panel Four

Prevention and personal responsibility as a major theme in reducing health disparities and sustaining healthy communities

Moderator

Dr. Britt Rios-Ellis, Founding Dean, College of Health Sciences and Human Services, California State University Monterey Bay; Founder and Co-Director, Center for Latino Community Health, Evaluation, and Leadership Training, Seaside, CA

Panelists

Dr. Tom Ellison, Medical Services Director, Principal Investigator, Project H.E.L.P. USA/MRC, Bruno- Smithfield Community Health Center, Birmingham, AL

Dr. Elisa A. Nicholas, CEO, The Children's Clinic, Long Beach, CA

Dr. Nneka L. Ifejika, Director of Neurorehabilitation, University of Texas Stroke Team; Associate Professor, Department of Neurology, University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX

Dr. Gloria Wilder, President and CEO, Core Health, LLC, Washington, DC

Opening Remarks/Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dr. Beatrice Yorker, Dean, College of Health and Human Resources, California State University-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Michael Kanter, Medical Director Quality & Clinical Analysis, Southern California Permanente Medical Group, Pasadena, CA

1:30 pm......BREAK

1:45 pm

Panel Five

Successful community-based programs for building, sustaining and strengthening healthy communities

Moderator

Dr. Sabra C. Slaughter, Assistant Professor, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

Panelists

Dr. L. Toni Lewis, Chair, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Healthcare, Physician Chair, SEIU Healthcare, International Vice President, SEIU, New York, NY

Mr. Roland J. Gardner, CEO, Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton Comprehensive Health Services, Ridgeland, SC

Mr. Nolan Rollins, President, Los Angeles Urban League, Los Angeles, CA

Ms. Karen Dale, Executive Director, AmeriHealth District of Columbia, Washington, DC

Mrs. Kelly Colopy, Director, City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services, Long Beach, CA

3:15 pm......BREAK

3:30 pm

Panel Six

Health, education and the military: How health issues — including disparities — impact the recruitment, retention and long-term well-being of our nation's servicemen and women

Moderator

Dr. Jennifer Friday, President and Principal Researcher, The Friday Consulting Group, Atlanta, GA

Panelists

Dr. Gloria Ramsey, Associate Professor, Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing, PhD Nursing Science Program; Secondary Appointment, Department of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics, School of Medicine; Director, Community Research Engagement, Center for Health Disparities, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD



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Ms. Lori Diaz, U.S. Army Reservist and Executive Director of Holiday Help for Heroes, Huntsville, AL

Dr. Eduardo M. Ochoa, President, California State University, Seaside, CA

DAY FOUR: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2014

7:30 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00 am	Opening Remarks/Introduction of Speaker
Ms. Carolyn Sawyer, Communications Strateg	ist, Tom Sawyer Company, Columbia, SC
Mistress of Ceremonies	

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Debra Joy Pérez

Vice President, Research, Evaluation and Learning Annie E. Casey Foundation Baltimore, MD

8:45 am......Special Session

A Roundtable discussion with Congressional leaders on health care and the reduction of health disparities

Roundtable Discussion Moderator

The Honorable Donna M. Christensen, M.D.

Delegate, U.S. Congress, U.S. Virgin Islands

Congressional Roundtable Members

The Honorable G.K. Butterfield, Jr. U.S. Congress, First District, North Carolina Chief Deputy Whip and First Vice-Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus

The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard, U.S. Congress, 40th District, California Chair, Congressional Hispanic Caucus's Health Care Task Force

10:15 am

Panel Seven

The impact of human trafficking (for labor and sexual purposes) at the national, state and local level

Moderator

Ms. Shirley Franklin, Barbara Jordan Visiting Professor, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas; CEO and Chair of the Board, Purpose Built Communities, Former Mayor of Atlanta, Austin, TX

Panelists

Ms. Deborah J. Richardson, Executive Vice-President, National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Atlanta, GA

Ms. Lisa Williams, Author; Founder, Living Water Learning Resource Center, Atlanta, GA

Mr. Kenneth F. Joe, Sr., Community Advocate, Author and Consultant, Atlanta, GA

Ms. Renee Murrell, Victim Specialist, Baltimore Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Baltimore, MD

11:45 am......BREAK

12:00 pm

Panel Eight

The causes and impacts of violence, with emphasis on such contributing factors as guns, poverty, mental health and education, including a focus on black-on-black crime

Moderator

Dr.W. Marvin Dulaney, Associate Professor of History, Department of History, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

Panelists

Dr. Bryant T. Marks, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Morehouse College; Executive Director, The Morehouse Research Institute; Commissioner, The White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans, Atlanta, GA

Dr. Robert Bing, III, Associate Professor, Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Texas-Arlington, Arlington, TX

Dr. Nicholas Cooper-Lewter, Professor, University of South Carolina, College of Social Work, Columbia, SC

Dr. William Oliver, Associate Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Closing Remarks

Dr. David E. Rivers, Advisory Board Chairman, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC



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Robert L. Bing, Ph.D.

Robert L. Bing, Ph.D., is a Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at The University of Texas at Arlington. He is former and first chair of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, where he served for 12 years. He is currently interim chair of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Dr. Bing's research interest includes corrections, plea-bargaining, crime and public policy, race and disparate health care. He has authored over 30 refereed articles and/or book chapters. He also has authored technical reports for federal and state agencies, co-edited a book entitled *Race and Crime*, and recently has authored *Race, Crime and the Media* (McGraw-Hill).

Dr. Bing is an active member of the American Society of Criminology, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, the European Society of Criminology, the Southern Criminal Justice Association, and the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice. With respect to the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, he is chair of the section on Minorities and Women.

Dr. Bing holds a Ph.D. in Criminology from Florida State University. His undergraduate degree in Sociology is from the College of the Holy Cross, located in Worcester, MA.

The Honorable G. K. Butterfield, Jr.

Congressman G. K. Butterfield, Jr. is a life-long resident of eastern North Carolina. Raised in Wilson, Congressman Butterfield spent his formative years attending Charles H. Darden High School and worked tirelessly in the Civil Rights Movement as a youth. His parents were Dr. & Mrs. G. K. Butterfield, Sr. His father practiced dentistry for 50 years and served as the first black elected official in Wilson since Reconstruction. His mother was a teacher for 48 years.

Congressman Butterfield graduated from college and law school at North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina. After earning his law degree, Congressman Butterfield founded a law practice in Wilson and served the community in that capacity for 14 years. He is best known for his successful litigation of voting rights cases that resulted in the election of African-American elected officials.

In 1988, Congressman Butterfield was elected as Resident Superior Court judge. In this role, he presided over civil and criminal court in 46 counties of North Carolina. For two years, he served on the North Carolina Supreme Court by appointment of the governor. Butterfield retired from the judiciary after 15 years of service and successfully ran for Congress. He was elected to serve the First District of North Carolina in the U.S. House of Representatives in a special election on July 20, 2004, where he continues to serve today.

In Congress, Butterfield is a champion of affordable medical care, education, investments in rural communities, veterans, renewable energies, and federal programs that support low-income and middle-class Americans.

Butterfield serves in the Democratic leadership as Chief Deputy Whip and as First Vice-Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. He sits on the influential Committee on Energy & Commerce as the 8th most senior Democrat on the Health Subcommittee. In addition, he serves as a member of the subcommittees of Communications and Technology, and Oversight and Investigations.

Congressman Butterfield is a life-long member of Jackson Chapel First Missionary Baptist Church. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and a proud father and grandfather.



Gail Christopher, Ph.D.

Gail Christopher; Ph.D., is vice president for policy and senior advisor at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. In this role, she serves on the president's cabinet that provides overall direction and leadership for the foundation. Since joining the foundation in 2007, Dr. Christopher has served as vice president for program strategy with responsibility for multiple areas of programming, including Racial Equity; Food, Health & Well-Being; Community Engagement and Leadership; as well as place-based programming in New Orleans, LA, and New Mexico.

Dr. Christopher is a nationally recognized leader in health policy, with particular expertise and experience in the issues related to social determinants of health, health inequities and public policy issues of concern to our nation's future. Her distinguished career and contributions to public service were honored in 1996 when she was elected as a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. In 2011, she was awarded the "Change Agent Award" by the Schott Foundation for Public Education. In 2012, she was the recipient of the Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP) John C. MacQueen Lecture Award for her innovation and leadership in the field of maternal and child health. She is president of the board of the Trust for America's Health.

The Honorable James E. Clyburn

President Barack Obama has said he is, "One of a handful of people who, when they speak, the entire Congress listens." As Assistant Democratic Leader in the 113th Congress, the number three Democrat in the House, James E. Clyburn is the leadership liaison to the Appropriations Committee and one of the Democratic Caucus' primary liaisons to the White House. Working with the internal caucuses, he plays a prominent role in messaging and outreach.

His humble beginnings in Sumter, SC, as the eldest son of an activist fundamentalist minister and an independent civic-minded beautician, grounded Congressman Clyburn securely in family, faith and public service. He was elected president of his NAACP youth chapter when he was 12 years old, helped organize many civil rights marches and demonstrations as a student leader at South Carolina State College, and even met his wife Emily in jail during one of his incarcerations.

When Mr. Clyburn came to Congress in 1993, he was elected co-President of his Freshman class and quickly rose through leadership ranks. He was elected Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus in 1999, and his reputation as a leader and consensus-builder helped him win a difficult three-way race for House Democratic Caucus Vice Chair in 2002. Three years later, he was unanimously elected Chair of the Democratic Caucus. When Democrats regained the House majority in 2006, Mr. Clyburn was chosen by his colleagues as House Majority Whip.

As a national leader, Congressman Clyburn has worked to respond to the needs of America's diverse communities. He championed rural communities, supporting the development of regional water projects, community health centers and broadband connections. He has supported higher education by leading the charge for increased Pell grants, investing millions in science and math programs and historic preservation at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. He has encouraged economic development by securing funding for Empowerment Zones; investing in green technology development such as nuclear, wind, hydrogen and biofuels; and directing 10% of Recovery Act funding to communities 20% under the poverty level for the past 30 years. Mr. Clyburn was instrumental in advancing into law measures to resolve historic discrimination issues, significantly reducing the statutory disparity in cocaine sentencing and compensating African and Native American farmers who suffered racial discrimination under the USDA loan program.

Jim and Emily Clyburn have three daughters, Mignon, Jennifer Reed and Angela Hannibal; two sons-in-law, Walter Reed and Cecil Hannibal; and three grandchildren, Walter A Clyburn Reed, Sydney Alexis Reed and Layla Joann Clyburn Hannibal.

Kelly Colopy

Kelly Colopy is the Director of the Health and Human Services Department for the City of Long Beach, CA. The Department has over 300 employees in 30 programs working with community partners focused on improving the health of people in Long Beach.

Ms. Colopy has spent the past 20 years working in organizations that supported public health and social services at both the State, County and local levels. Prior to her arrival in Long Beach, she managed the public mental health network in Salt Lake County, UT, as Network Director for Optum Salt Lake County's 225-provider network; served seven years as the Associate Director for Salt Lake County's Human Services Department, providing leadership in the areas of public health, aging services, behavioral health, community development, criminal justice services and jail re-entry, youth at risk and library services; and served as the Research Director for the State of Utah Division of Substance Abuse and Research Consultant in the Executive Director's Office for State of Utah Department of Human Services.

Ms. Colopy has a successful history of leading cross-agency and community efforts, including designing and implementing Salt Lake County's award-winning after-school and community learning center programs, including parent services and school-based integrated physical and mental health care; leading the Utah Correction's Department "Women's Summit," which designed and implemented a one-stop shop within Utah's women's prison, where partners provided training and services to prepare women for successful re-entry; co-led the design and evaluation of alternatives to incarceration for those with substance use disorders and mental illness; and designed and facilitated community meetings, mayoral round tables and cross-agency planning processes. She also co-designed an Employee's University for the County's 4,000 employees, chaired the Leadership and Performance Learning Council and led the Executive Leadership training program for over 400 County employees.

Ms. Colopy holds a master's degree in Public Policy from Duke University, and a bachelor's degree in Political Science, with a minor in Mathematics, from Smith College.

Rev. Dr. Nicholas Cooper-Lewter, MSW, LISW-CP, ACSW

In his roles as licensed psychotherapist, life coach, mental trainer, optimum performance professional and sports psychology expert, Reverend Dr. Nicholas Cooper-Lewter "coaches hearts to empower minds" to embrace their God-given potential.

Throughout his four-decade career Dr. Cooper-Lewter has served as a senior pastor, tenured full professor, visiting full professor, distinguished lecturer, chaplain resource (mentor), workshop facilitator and motivational speaker. He served as a commissioner on the Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference, Inc., Katrina National Justice Commission and as a consultant. He has worked with universities, seminaries, churches, agencies, foundations and institutes around the world. Dr. Cooper-Lewter is called the "Inmate Whisperer" by Capital Trial Attorneys because of his ability to facilitate inmates' sharing difficult psychosocial histories. In 2012, he was chosen to be on the cover of the *Carolinian* magazine, which was the inaugural issue of the University of South Carolina's "No Limits" branding effort. The *Carolinian*'s featured story gave him a new nickname: the "Soul Whisperer."

Dr. Cooper-Lewter's clients and many former students agree that "when the unspoken must be spoken and the unknown must be known," Dr. Cooper-Lewter is the one to trust. He conducts therapist trainings, works with athletes at all levels and in all sports to overcome the odds to optimize personal achievement on and off the field, and assists in the development of Rites of



Passage programs for youth. Honoring his African, Native American and European ancestry, Dr. Cooper-Lewter recommends recapturing the ancient healing folk/spiritual values and practices of "Soul Therapy."

Dr. Cooper-Lewter's speaking and teaching abilities have been honored with a number of national teaching and service awards. He is especially recognized for his ability to motivate and inspire others through his personal story of adoption and overcoming childhood abuse. In his practice of Soul Therapy, with an emphasis in sports psychology and helping people become *People of the Resurrection* after being *crucified and stuck at the Cross*, he addresses optimizing potential, developing healthy Core Belief, redirecting misplaced anger and eliminating self-destructive aggression by looking at multi-generational legacies of innate potential, grief response and resilience. Dr. Cooper-Lewter's innovative and successful work with athletes has been showcased in both the national and international media with documentaries on his work. His research and work addressing shame, grieving and the real work of love in overcoming the odds to optimize potential has earned him international respect.

Dr. Cooper-Lewter holds a Master of Social Work degree and a Ph.D. in Psychology. He has studied at the Ecumenical Center for Black Church Studies in Claremont, CA, under H.H. Mitchell, Th.D., and is a supervising Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist. He is he a grandmaster and teacher of martial arts, and personally developed an Asian-African American Martial Art style of Kung Fu.

Dr. Cooper-Lewter's first book, Soul Theology: The Heart of American Black Culture, which was co-authored with Dr. H.H. Mitchell, has been well received around the world. His latest book, Black Grief and Soul Therapy, has earned him the designations of the Black Jung and the American Fanon.

Karen M. Dale, RN, MSN

Karen M. Dale is the Executive Director for AmeriHealth District of Columbia, one of the largest Medicaid Managed Care Organizations in Washington, DC. Prior to leading AmeriHealth DC, Ms. Dale served as the Executive Vice President of Healthcare Management at DC Chartered Health Plan, Inc. (Chartered). At Chartered, she led key initiatives that strategically positioned the organization as a market leader with innovative solutions for the critical challenges faced by its members.

Ms. Dale's health care experience spans nearly three decades, and she has successfully led teams that engage more than 100,000 members of AmeriHealth DC over the last year. She has significant knowledge of all levels of health care delivery and specific expertise in program development, operational effectiveness and financial management.

Ms. Dale has guided the execution of unique approaches to managing the complex needs of medically underserved populations. These efforts, which are focused interventions for Medicaid members with chronic conditions, include the use of telemedicine to aid in the management of chronic diseases, personal health records, peer-to-peer outreach using community health workers, and the roll-out of a multifaceted member engagement approach.

Known for her philosophy that all persons deserve access to the right care, without barriers, starting where they are, Ms. Dale has built a collaborative culture in which providers, community partners and employees of the health plan work side by side in the interest of the member. She is very optimistic about the future growth of AmeriHealth DC and the well-being of the communities in which it serves.

Ms. Dale holds a Master of Science Degree in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing from The Catholic University, Washington, DC, a Bachelors of Science Degree in Nursing from George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, and was a member of the Leadership Greater Washington Class of 2003. She serves as Board Chair for CommonHealth ACTION, a Board Member for both Volunteers of America National Services and the Volunteers of America National Board.

Cástulo de la Rocha, J.D.

Cástulo de la Rocha is President and CEO of AltaMed Health Services Corporation and a long-standing community health leader. In the last 30 years, he has taken AltaMed, a non-profit community health clinic, from two employees to a fully-accredited Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) with over 1,900 employees.

Mr. de la Rocha's dedication and success in providing affordable and accessible health care to Latinos and the underserved has earned him national recognition in the community health field and many commendations, including the U.S. Surgeon General's Gold Medallion for Public Health in 1992; the Community Service Award in 1995 from the American Diabetes Association; the Significant Achievement Award in 1995 from the Chicanos for Creative Medicine; and the VNA Vantage Award in 1996 from the Visiting Nurses Foundation. Mr. de la Rocha was also named one of the Top 10 Latinos in the health care industry by Latino Leaders Magazine and one of the Top 100 Influential Latinos by Hispanic Business Magazine in 2008.

Mr. de la Rocha holds a Juris Doctorate from Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley, a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a Certificate in Management from Stanford University.

Ernesto L. Díaz

Ernesto Díaz is the Director of the Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program and Executive Secretary of the Puerto Rico Climate Change Council. Prior to this position, he served as Administrator of the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources.

Specific to climate change, Mr. Díaz was a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in 1992, assisting with Working Group 2 development of sea level rise vulnerability assessments. Mr. Díaz also served as Project Coordinator of the Integrated Planning and Institutional Development Program for the United Nations Environment Programme - Caribbean Regional Unit, located in Kingston, Jamaica.

Mr. Díaz completed his studies in Oceanography at Shoreline College in Washington state and Marine Sciences at the University of Puerto Rico. He earned a Masters degree in Environmental Engineering Management from the University of Puerto Rico and conducted post-graduate studies in Energy and Environment at the University of Florida.

Lori Diaz

Lori Diaz is a Warrant Officer Candidate with the United States Army Reserves. She also works as an engineer in her civilian career. During her 13 years as a reservist, she started a non-profit organization called Holiday Help for Heroes, which helps lower enlisted military personnel, not only during the holiday season, but all year long. She started the organization because she saw the need for the soldiers. She is originally from Rochester, NY, and now resides in Huntsville, AL.



Michael K. Dorsey, Ph.D.

Michael Dorsey, Ph.D., is an interdisciplinary scholar, policy analyst and intellectual. He is Interim Director of Energy and the Environment at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, DC, and advisor to the United Nations' NGLS — a UN inter-agency programme administered by UNCTAD.

Dr. Dorsey is a recognized expert on global governance and sustainability.

For decades Dr. Dorsey has provided strategic guidance and advice to governments, foundations, firms and many others on the interplay of multilateral environment policy, finance and economic policy matters. In 1992, under President George H.W. Bush, he served as a member of the U.S. State Department Delegation to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, "The Earth Summit." From 1994-96, he was a task force member of President Clinton's Council on Sustainable Development. In 1997, in Glasgow, Scotland, Dr. Dorsey was bestowed Rotary International's highest honor, The Paul Harris Medal for Distinguished Service to Humanity.

A "Life member" of the Sierra Club, Dr. Dorsey served seven years as a Director on the Club's national board.

From April 2007 until November 2008, he was a member of Senator Barack Obama's energy and environment Presidential campaign team. In July 2010, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US-EPA) Administrator, Lisa Jackson, appointed Dr. Dorsey to the EPA's National Advisory Committee (NAC). Administrator Jackson reappointed Dr. Dorsey to the US-EPA NAC in 2012.

From 2012-13, Dr. Dorsey was a visiting fellow and professor of environmental studies in Wesleyan University's College of the Environment. Prior to Wesleyan, he was an assistant professor in Dartmouth College's Environmental Studies Program and the Director of the College's Climate Justice Research Project. In 2012, Dr. Dorsey was made a "Full member" of the Club of Rome. In the fall of 2013, the National Journal named Dr. Dorsey one of 200 national "energy and environment expert insiders."

W. Marvin Dulaney, Ph.D.

W. Marvin Dulaney, Ph.D., is Associate Professor and Chair of the History Department at the University of Texas, Arlington. He teaches American History, African American History, Public History and the History of the American Civil Rights Movement in UTA's undergraduate and graduate History programs. He is also a Faculty Affiliate of the Center for African American Studies.

In addition to teaching at UTA for 15 years, Dr. Dulaney has taught at Central State University, Ohio State University and St. Olaf College in Minnesota. From 1994 to 2008, he served as Executive Director of the Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture and Director of the African American Studies Program at the College of Charleston in Charleston, SC.

Dr. Dulaney has authored scholarly articles and reviews for numerous academic publications. He is the editor of the following books, journals and essays: Charleston's Avery Center: From Education and Civil Rights to Preserving the African-American Experience (2006); Born to Serve: A History of the Woman's Baptist Educational Missionary Convention of South Carolina (2006);

and The Avery Review; and co-editor of the Texas African-American History Journal and the book, Essays on the American Civil Rights Movement. His first monograph, Black Police in America (1996), was published by Indiana University Press. Currently, he is completing a social and political history of African Americans in Dallas, TX, for Texas A&M University Press. His most recent publications are: "Women in the South Carolina Civil Rights Movement," in Southern Black Women in the Modern Civil Rights Movement, Bruce A. Glasrud and Merline Pitre, editors (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2013), 117-136; "We Still Love Lucy: Lucy Patterson, Dallas's First African American Councilwoman," Legacies 25 (Fall 2013): 42-47; and "Documenting the Life and Legacy of Malcolm X," Journal of African American History 98 (Fall 2013): 602-606.

Dr. Dulaney serves on the board of directors of Mothers Against Teen Violence in Dallas and the Texas State Historical Association. He has won numerous awards for his community service, activism, and scholarship.

Dr. Dulaney is a graduate of Central State University in Wilberforce, OH, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History, *magna cum laude*. He earned his Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in American and African-American history at the Ohio State University in Columbus, OH.

Tom Ellison, M.D.

Tom Ellison, M.D., is the Co-Founder of Health Education Linkage Programs Inc. (PROJECT H.E.L.P. USA), a Non Governmental Community Based Health Organization. A member of the United Nations Humanitarian and Medical Relief and Rescue Team, that also provides Community Based Health Centers in indigent areas of the world, Best Practices with divisions of DHHS, NHI, and CDC as well as Community Based Research, H.E.L.P.s Mission is to improve the quality of life in our lifetime by decreasing disparities, morbidity, mortality, unintentional injuries and negative behaviors while increasing access, knowledge, sensitivity and services. PROJECT H.E.L.P. USA also sponsors the Project HELP Medical Reserve Corps, a Division of the Surgeon's General Office and Homeland Security

Dr. Ellison was educated in Birmingham, AL, at Parker High, Lawson State and Daniel Payne Colleges prior to his Medical Education at UAB School of Medicine/SCAH, and The Latin American School of Medicine. He also holds Doctorates from Trinity University in Community Health, and Health Services. Dr. Ellison is a consultant to many organizations and entities, including Morehouse School of Medicine, CDC, Congressional Black Caucus, FEMA, Alabama Legislature, OWH, American Cancer Society, where he serves as the ACT Congressional Lead in the State Legislature and Washington DC, the NBA, WNBA, Tyler Perry Productions and most recently the Obama Campaign.

He is a member of the International Society of Hypertension in Blacks, American Heart Association Affiliate Faculty, Association of Black Cardiologists, Governor's Task Forces on Diabetes and Hypertension, Alabama Department of Public Health Diabetes and Physical Activity Committee, Alabama State Board of Education HIV Education Committee, and Obesity in Children.



Marvella Ford, Ph.D.

Marvella Ford, Ph.D., is a Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences at the Medical University of South Carolina, where she is Associate Director of Cancer Disparities at the National Cancer Institute-designated Hollings Cancer Center.

Dr. Ford is a behavioral scientist with expertise in conducting cancer research in diverse populations of older adults. She is PI of an NIH/NCI-funded P20 center grant, titled "South Carolina Cancer Disparities Research Center" (SC CaDRe) in collaboration with Dr. Judith Salley from South Carolina State University. The goal of the SC CaDRe, administered by the NIH/NCI Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities, is to expand cancer disparities research in South Carolina while cultivating a network of diverse cancer researchers. She was also PI of a recently concluded NIH/NCI R21 investigation, titled "Optimizing Survivorship and Surveillance after Treatment for Colon Cancer." In the R21 study, Dr. Ford and her colleagues, Drs. Jane Zapka and Katie Sterba, systematically investigated the role of multi-level factors on participation of colon cancer survivors in guideline-based post-treatment cancer surveillance and care.

In addition, Dr. Ford is Multiple PI, with Dr. Nestor Esnaola, of an NIH/NIMHD-funded R01 grant, titled "Improving Resection Rates among African Americans with NSCLC." The purpose of the study is to evaluate a strategy to increase rates of receipt of lung-directed therapy with curative intent among African Americans with early stage lung cancer. She is also a collaborator (with Dr. Sabra Slaughter) on a Department of Defense (DoD)-funded grant, titled "Southeastern Virtual Institute for Health Equity and Wellness (SEVIEW)." The goal of the study is to improve cancer screening, cancer knowledge, and knowledge of cancer clinical trials, among residents of the I-95 Corridor of South Carolina.

Since 2009, Dr. Ford has led a DoD-funded undergraduate student summer research training program in collaboration with Claffin University, South Carolina State University and Voorhees College. Most of the students have been accepted to graduate or professional schools. Dr. Ford coordinates the "Selected Topics in Epidemiology" course and a seminar series course in the Department of Public Health Sciences. She is the author of more than 70 scientific articles and she is the coauthor of an annotated bibliography on black American fathers.

Dr. Ford completed her undergraduate training at Cornell University and her graduate and postdoctoral fellowship training at the University of Michigan.

Shirley C. Franklin

Former Atlanta, GA, Mayor Shirley Franklin is currently the Barbara Jordan Visiting Professor in Ethics and Political Values in the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. After Ms. Franklin left office in 2010, she was appointed to the William and Camille Cosby Endowed Chair at Spelman College and served until June 2011.

Ms. Franklin was elected the first African American woman mayor of a major southern city in 2002 and served two-terms until 2009. The mayor's office is term-limited in Atlanta. During her eight years, the city experienced unprecedented growth and afforded Mayor Franklin the opportunity to partner and collaborate with many local and regional leaders in addressing policy challenges, which included urban planning, economic development and infrastructure. She is best known for advocating for and tackling major government operations and ethics reform, launching the Atlanta Beltline, planning and executing over \$5 billion in airport and water infrastructure improvements, leading the acquisition of the Morehouse College

Collection of Martin Luther King Jr. Papers, launching the Regional Commission on Homelessness and developing successful business and public sector partnerships and alliances.

Aside from her role as a public official, Ms. Franklin's community service spans nearly 40 years and includes her active participation in the arts, homelessness and higher education. She entered city government as the Bureau of Cultural Affairs Director, so the arts remain dear to her. In addition to the many other initiatives she led, her leadership was critical on the annual, city-sponsored Atlanta Jazz Festival, Percent for Art, Symphony in Park, Neighborhood Arts Center and the Bureau of Cultural Affairs grants program.

Mayor Franklin has previously served on the boards of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Advisory Board, National Conference of Democratic Mayors, United States Conference of Mayors, Georgia Municipal Association, Atlanta Regional Commission, Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, East Lake Foundation, Drew Charter School, Spelman College, Neighborhood Arts Center, Atlanta Black United Fund and the National Association of Black Public Administrators.

She currently serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of Purpose Built Communities, a national holistic community revitalization organization. She is President of Clarke-Franklin and Associates, Inc., a general management consulting practice, partner in Urban Environmental Solutions (UES), an infrastructure and transportation firm, and founder of the political blog, Blogging While Blue. She co-chairs the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta's Regional Commission on Homelessness, serves as the Chair of the National Center of Civil and Human Rights, and on the board of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's 2013 Commission to Build a Healthier America. Ms. Franklin also serves on the Boards of Directors of Mueller Water Products, Delta Air Lines and The Volcker Alliance.

She is a contributor to several books including, Leaders on Ethics, Real-World Perspectives on Today's Business Challenges, Principles for a Successful Life, Megaregions-Planning for Global Competiveness, and Investing in What Works for America's Communities. She is a frequent speaker on leadership, public policy and community engagement having served over three decades as an executive in government and business.

Jennifer C. Friday, Ph.D.

Jennifer C. Friday, Ph.D., is President and Principal Researcher of The Friday Consulting Group, LLC, a woman- and minority-owned research and management consulting firm located in the Atlanta, GA, Metropolitan area. Dr. Friday has worked in the health field for more than 30 years, in both the mental health and the public health arena. For 13 years, Dr. Friday worked in various capacities at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including Health Education Specialist, Technical Assistance Specialist and Behavioral Scientist. Her efforts at the CDC focused on working with state, local and international health departments, as well as community-based and national organizations to develop, implement and evaluate education and prevention programs.

During her tenure at the CDC, Dr. Friday was on-loan to the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, DC, to work on health policy issues. Dr. Friday's work at the Joint Center focused on health disparities and other health related issues, including HIV/AIDS, environmental health, managed care and the future of African-American physicians. Dr. Friday is the



evaluation consultant for the MUSC SEVIEW project to develop educational and outreach programs and conduct community-based research on health disparities. She has demonstrated a substantial record of accomplishment of supporting data collection activities, performing surveys, problem identification and compiling survey protocols. She has authored, published and presented book chapters, journal articles, final reports, presentations, results and recommendations for review.

Dr. Friday currently serves on the psychology faculty at Georgia Gwinnett College. She is active in many professional and civic organizations, including the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA). She is a past President of SEPA, the first African-American to serve in that capacity. Dr. Friday serves on the boards of the Rosalynn Carter Institute and the Episcopal Media Center, and is an Emeritus Trustee of her alma-mater, Millikin University. Dr. Friday received a Bachelor's degree in biology from Millikin University, and both the masters and doctoral degrees in psychology from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Roland J. Gardner, MS

For more than 30 years, Roland J. Gardner has served as the Chief Executive Officer of Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton Comprehensive Health Services, Inc., which provides quality, accessible health services to more than 19,000 patients in three rural counties of South Carolina. He has served on numerous task forces and committees, giving generously of his time and talents to improve the quality of community life.

In November 2011, the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius, appointed Mr. Gardner to a four-year term on the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services (NACRHHS). This 21-member citizens' panel of nationally recognized rural health experts provides recommendations on rural issues to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Mr. Gardner graduated received his undergraduate degree from North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, NC. He earned the Master of Science degree from Howard University, and completed additional studies in Administration and Management at the University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill, the University of Alabama and the Executive Development Program at Harvard University.

Mr. Gardner is married to Constance Smith Gardner. He is the father of two daughters, LaChelle (James) Watkins and Erin, and a grandfather of one.

Stephanie Gardner, Pharm.D., Ed.D.

Stephanie Gardner, Pharm.D., Ed.D., is Dean and Professor at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Pharmacy. She joined the UAMS College of Pharmacy faculty in 1991. She subsequently earned a Doctorate in Education from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. In 2003, she was appointed as Dean of the UAMS College of Pharmacy and was recently named Associate Provost for Health and Society.

Dr. Gardner earned both the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina and completed a Research Fellowship in Cardiovascular Pharmacology at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH. She is a recipient of numerous recognitions, including the Senior Clinical Faculty Award and the Dale Bumpers AHEC Leadership Award. She has served on numerous committees of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, and was elected as Chair of the Women Faculty SIG in 2005-06.

Dr. Gardner has served the UAMS campus through her leadership as chair of the Committee on Clinical Research and as Chair of the Council of Deans. She is a member of the UAMS Bioventures Advisory Board and the Arkansas Center for Healthcare Improvement Advisory Board. Dr. Gardner also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education and was elected as President in 2014.

J. Nadine Gracia, M.D., MSCE

J. Nadine Gracia, M.D., MSCE, is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health and the Director of the Office of Minority Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The Office of Minority Health is dedicated to improving the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will help eliminate health disparities. Under Dr. Gracia's leadership, the Office of Minority Health oversees the implementation of the HHS Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities and the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities.

A pediatrician with epidemiology training, Dr. Gracia previously served as Chief Medical Officer for the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health. There, she provided policy and programmatic leadership for a portfolio that included child and adolescent health, climate change, disaster preparedness, environmental health, global health, Haiti recovery and the White House Council on Women and Girls. She led the development of the HHS 2012 Environmental Justice Strategy.

Dr. Gracia is a former White House Fellow, serving at HHS in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health and the Office of the Secretary. She also served as a policy advisor in the Office of the First Lady, assisting in the development of the Let's Move! initiative to solve childhood obesity.

An honors graduate of Stanford University, Dr. Gracia received her medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh and holds a Master of Science in Clinical Epidemiology from the University of Pennsylvania. She completed postgraduate training at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, where she was Chief Pediatrics Resident. She served as a clinical instructor and general pediatrics research fellow at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, conducting research on community risk factors for violence. Dr. Gracia is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

A first-generation Haitian-American, Dr. Gracia is an advocate for minority and underserved populations and lectures nationwide on health disparities and health equity. She has been named one of The Grio's 100 History Makers in the Making and one of Washington's Powerful Women by BET. Dr. Gracia is a National President Emeritus of the Student National Medical Association and a past Postgraduate Physician Trustee of the National Medical Association.



Nneka L. Ifejika, M.D., MPH

Nneka L. Ifejika, M.D., MPH, is Director of Neurorehabiltation of the University of Texas Stroke Team and Associate Professor in the Department of Neurology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

Raised in Washington, DC, Dr. Ifejika joined the Department of Neurology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston after completing her residency at Baylor College of Medicine in 2007. Within six months, she became Director of Neurorehabilitation, serving as the leader of the clinical, research and education programs. In 2010, she received a grant from the NINDS to study the impact of intravenous thrombolysis and healthcare associated infections on rehabilitation care. Within a two-year period, she published five articles in peer-reviewed journals and received the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Best Neurological Research Award. She is an award-winning mentor, author and reviewer in the fields of Neurology and Physiatry, and the first neurorehabilitation physician to be fully integrated in a ICAHO-accredited comprehensive stroke center.

Dr. Ifejika specializes in stroke, brain injury and multiple sclerosis rehabilitation. She has received cross discipline on measurements of disease severity and disability in cerebrovascular disease. Her current NIH-funded research looks at the use of mobile applications to improve secondary stroke prevention in high-risk minority patients who would otherwise be lost to follow-up. Dr. Ifejika's novel research approach uses web-based interfaces and interactive technology to improve communication with uninsured and underinsured populations. For her innovative and forward-facing work, Dr. Ifejika was one of 10 young faculty selected by the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R) for the inaugural class of the Academy Leadership Program.

Dr. Ifejika's future research goals will evaluate the impact of comprehensive stroke centers on disability rates in the "Stroke Belt," an area of the Southeastern United States that is disproportionately affected by cerebrovascular disease.

Dr. Ifejika is a magna cum laude graduate of Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, FL. She earned her M.D. (MED Program Scholar) from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill, NC. She completed her MPH in Health Policy and Administration (Honors) at the University of North Carolina School of Public Health in Chapel Hill.

Kenneth F. Joe, Sr.

Kenneth F. Joe, Sr., is a seasoned leader with over 25 years of experience in bold and innovative child advocacy, serving as a clinician, executive human services professional and child advocate in Chicago, IL, and Atlanta, GA. Today, he uses his expertise and passion as an advocate for children and young adults and as a Lobbyist for the State of Georgia.

Previously, Mr. Joe was the Chief Administrator for the Georgia Department of Family & Children Services (DFCS), and served as the Director of Integrated Family Support for the Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR). He is the former DFCS Regional Director/Administrator of Fulton County (Atlanta), the largest public Child Welfare System in Georgia, and the past DFCS Director of Richmond County (Augusta, second largest city in Georgia). He was the Interim-Executive Director and the Chief Operating Officer of Chicago Child Care Society, the oldest Child Welfare agency in Illinois.

Mr. Joe's professional expertise and vision are augmented by his survivorship of emotional, physical and sexual abuse. He exercised fearless courage to hold accountable those within the Archdiocese of Chicago who perpetrated crimes against

him. He brings a unique approach that, in tandem with his clinical and practical child welfare experience, solidifies him as the expert to provide sound advocacy, life changing keynote addresses and retreat facilitation that is authentic and effective in helping participants' transition from victim to victor. His proven techniques, compassion and positive example allow them to move forward in achieving their personal, professional and mental health goals.

Born and raised in Chicago, IL, Mr. Joe credits his success to a family foundation rooted in Christian values. The seventh of eight children, he learned that life is much easier when you share and listen to the wisdom of those who came before you. Although he spent many of his formative years growing up in the Wentworth Garden Projects in Chicago, he reflects: "Even though we were poor, we didn't feel it because we had love and discipline in our home; although like most households, it was 'perfectly imperfect.' Throughout the six years I was sexually abused, I somehow knew God was with me. This is shocking to even me, since it was my Pastor who was my abuser. Ironically, the same passion that my mom had for giving us a foundation of Church and God both led to my abuse and helped me survive a victor through it."

Mr. Joe earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with a minor in Social Work from Lewis University in Romeoville, IL; a Masters of Science degree in Human Services Administration from Spertus College in Chicago, IL; and a Masters of Science degree in Clinical Counseling from National-Lewis University in Chicago, IL. He is the author of From Abused to Protector: Claiming Your Life After Your Church Sexually Abuses You.

Mr. Joe is married to his wife and best friend of 18 years, and they are the parents of an amazing teenaged son.

Michael H. Kanter, M.D.

Michael Kanter, M.D., is regional Medical Director of Quality & Clinical Analysis for the Southern California Permanente Medical Group (SCPMG) in Pasadena, CA. His responsibilities include oversight of quality activities to improve care for the 3.7 million members in the Southern California Kaiser Permanente Region.

Dr. Kanter currently serves on the SCPMG Board of Directors (2004-current) and the Oversight Board of the Los Angeles Basin Clinical and Translational Science Institute (2011-current). He previously served on the Board of Directors of Archimedes Inc. (2005-2007).

His professional affiliations include the American Association of Blood Banks, the California Society of Blood Banking, the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, the American Society of Professionals in Patient Safety, and the Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine. He is a prolific author, presenter, lecturer and workshop instructor on a wide range of healthcare-related issues.

Dr. Kanter is a 1976 graduate (B.S. Cybernetics) of UCLA and a 1980 graduate of the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine. He is married and the father of two children.



Kathy Ko Chin

As president and CEO of the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF), Kathy Ko Chin spearheads the organization's efforts to influence policy, mobilize communities and strengthen organizations to improve the health of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders. With strong values handed down from her parents, immigrants from China, Ms. Ko Chin's life's work has built community institutions that contribute to a just and multiracial society. At an early age, her parents shared with her the truths about injustice in our society, instilling in her the impetus to give back to the country that has given her so much. She heeded their words, and for over 35 years, has worked to improve health services especially for the poor and underserved.

Ms. Ko Chin, recognized as an authority on national health policy, is also a renowned voice for the Asian American community and serves on the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. She is a frequent contributor in the media on AA and NHPI perspectives and health issues, including in Huffington Post, mainstream publications and ethnic media.

Despite her many work commitments, Ms. Ko Chin is passionate about volunteering, and she has donated her time to many nonprofits, including the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation, Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce, Asian Women's Shelter, CompassPoint Nonprofit Services, Public Health Institute and California Pan-Ethnic Health Network. For her dedication to community service, she has received numerous prestigious accolades, including induction into the Stanford Alumni Multi-Cultural Hall of Fame.

L. Toni Lewis, M.D.

Luella Toni Lewis, M.D., is Chair of SEIU (Service Employees International Union) Healthcare, the largest division in SEIU, and serves as an international vice president on the board of SEIU.

Dr. Lewis has spent her life committed to social justice. From a very early age, she was taught by two generations of union leaders in her family that service was the highest form of leadership and that all humans deserve justice, dignity and respect. With their support, she pursued a career in social justice through medicine and earned her Bachelor's Degree in sociology and a Medical Doctorate from Georgetown University in Washington, DC. In 2004, Dr. Lewis became a family medicine resident and a member of the Committee of Interns and Residents (CIR/SEIU), the largest physician's union in the Service Employees International Union. While she trained in Queens, NY, at the St. Vincent's Catholic Medical Center (Brooklyn/Queens division), the hospital experienced financial crisis. Dr. Lewis spent her medical training treating her patients and advocating for the community with CIR/SEIU and hospital workers, including her brothers and sisters at 1199 United Healthcare Workers East.

Dr. Lewis was honored to serve CIR in many roles, including delegate and National President from 2007-2010. In this national role, she saw an opportunity to affect the lives of millions by serving the 1.1 million healthcare workers of SEIU Healthcare and 2.2 million service workers of SEIU. As the healthcare reform movement intensified in 2008, Dr. Lewis continued to work to raise the voices of healthcare providers and the communities they serve. Because of this work, in 2010, with support of her family, friends, patients, colleagues, and SEIU President Mary Kay Henry, she was appointed Chair of SEIU Healthcare, the largest division in SEIU. She currently serves SEIU in this capacity and on the board of SEIU as an international Vice President. Dr. Lewis is board certified in Family and Geriatric Medicine and currently resides in Brooklyn, NY.



Bryant T. Marks, Ph.D.

Dr. Bryant T. Marks is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Morehouse College and Executive Director of the Morehouse Research Institute, whose mission is to serve as a national resource regarding research and best practices related to the affirmative personal and academic development Black males.

Dr. Marks was appointed by President Obama to serve on the Advisory Board of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans. He is also a Faculty Associate of the Education and Well Being Program at the Institute of Social Research at the University of Michigan and a faculty affiliate with the Human Centered Computing division at Clemson University. Dr. Marks served as an Assistant Professor in the Departments of Psychology and African American Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago prior to returning to Morehouse. He holds a B.A. in psychology and a minor in economics from Morehouse College, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Social Psychology from the University of Michigan.

Dr. Marks' areas of expertise include the psychology of African American males with an emphasis on academic achievement and identity, the psychological impact of the Black College experience, and innovations in science education. Dr. Marks serves on the Morehouse College Board of Trustees, has received several teaching awards, serves on numerous national advisory boards (e.g., UNCF, The College Board, and The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies) and is a sought after public speaker and workshop facilitator. He is the husband of Kimberly Marks and the father of Kim, Zion-Trinity, and Asa Bryant.

Valerie Montgomery Rice, M.D.

Valerie Montgomery Rice, M.D., provides a valuable combination of experience at the highest levels of patient care and medical research, as well as organizational management and public health policy in her role as president and dean of Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA. These assets make her an invaluable strategist, influencer and community partner.

When Dr. Montgomery Rice was announced to become president and dean of Morehouse School of Medicine, effective July 1, 2014, she was the first African-American woman named to lead a free-standing medical school. She is a renowned infertility specialist and researcher and most recently served as dean and executive vice president of MSM, where she has served since 2011. In this role, she lead MSM's widespread academic and clinical programs in health sciences and leads strategic planning initiatives for patient care, research and community engagement. She is currently researching the development of vaginal microbicides for the prevention of HIV in partnership with the University of Zambia.

Dr. Montgomery Rice is the founder and former director of the Center for Women's Health Research at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN., where she had previously served as dean of the School of Medicine and senior vice president of health affairs. The Center for Women's Health Research is one of the nation's first research centers devoted to studying diseases that disproportionately impact women of color. Dr. Montgomery Rice also held numerous administrative and faculty appointments at the University of Kansas School of Medicine prior to joining Meharry Medical College.

Her dedication to healthcare research, preventative care and mentoring are manifested in every aspect of her work and life. As such, she has been honored with membership in the following: National Institute of Minority Health and Disparities and Office of Women's Health/National Institutes of Health (NIH) council (2013-current); Society for Women's Health Research board (2012-) and the executive committee (2013); March of Dimes board (2012-current); Association of American Medical **56**



Colleges Council of Deans Administrative board (2012-current); FDA Advisory Committee for Reproductive Health Drugs (2011-current); American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, board examiner (2007-current); Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society (2006-current); President's Commission on White House Fellowships Regional Panelist Selection Committee (2010); Every Life Matters, Every Dollar Counts Campaign chair, National AIDS Fund board of trustees (2009-2010); National AIDS Fund board of trustees (2007-2011), Wal-Mart Healthcare Insights Panel chair (2007-2010); and Wal-Mart External Advisory Board (2006-2008).

Dr. Montgomery Rice has been instrumental in generating multimillion dollar research grants and has received numerous accolades, including the National Coalition of 100 Black Women – Women of Impact (2014); YWCA – Women of Achievement (Atlanta-2014 and Nashville-2007); National Medical Association's President's Citation Award (2013); American Medical Women's Association Elizabeth Blackwell Medal (2011); Working Mother Media Multicultural Women's Legacy Award (2011); Maternal Infant Health Outreach Program Award (2009-2010); Vanderbilt University Medical Center's Maternal Infant Health Outreach Worker (MIHOW) Mentorship Award (2009) and The Links, Inc. Portia Searcy Award (2007).

A Georgia native, Dr. Montgomery Rice holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the Georgia Institute of Technology and medical degree from Harvard Medical School. She completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Emory University School of Medicine and her fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at Hutzel Hospital in Detroit, MI. She also completed the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine program at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA.

Renee G. Murrell

Renee G. Murrell entered duty with the FBI in 1979 and is currently assigned to the Office of Victim Assistance (OVA) as the Victim Specialist in the Baltimore (MD) Division. She is an active member of the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force and the Prince Georges County Human Trafficking Task Force, and is working with various agencies to initiate a collaborative anti-trafficking effort on Maryland's Eastern Shores and in Delaware.

As the Victim Specallist for the FBI, Ms. Murrell is responsible for providing information and assistance to victims. A critical component of her duties involves developing partnerships with other federal, state and local agencies to provide comprehensive services and support to victims of crimes, with special emphasis dedicated to confronting the proliferation of crimes against children.

From 2000-2007, Ms. Murrell served as the Foreign Operations Specialist for the FBI's Office of International Operations (OIO) Middle East Unit, covering Beirut, Lebanon, and Amman, Jordan. While assigned to OIO, she provided budgetary oversight of the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI) program, an initiative designed to combat human trafficking in southeast Europe. It was during her work with the overseas community that she began to understand the correlation between human trafficking and modern-day slavery. In Baltimore, she witnesses the devastating impact of human trafficking on U.S. citizens.

Ms. Murrell was recently deployed to assist with victims of the Boston Marathon bombing and the Washington Navy Yard shooting. She received the 2013 FBI Director's Award for her distinguished service assisting victims of crime in Sandy Hook, CT.

Ms. Murrell received her undergraduate degree in Social Work from the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) and completed her graduate studies at the University of Maryland, School of Social Work (UMB). She is pursuing her Ph.D. in Human Services at Capella University. Her proposed dissertation topic addresses placement and after-care services for minor victims of trafficking in Maryland following rescue. Her passion for helping this population extends into her personal life, as she continues to solicit members of her family, friends and local churches to become engaged in the healing process. She is married, with three adult children and five grandchildren.

Elisa Nicholas, M.D., MSPH

Pediatrician and Chief Executive Officer Elisa Nicholas, M.D., MSPH, of The Children's Clinic, "Serving Children and Their Families" (TCC) has utilized her clinical expertise and connections with patients, combined with community-based activities and public health perspective to assess, design and implement programs that address the pressing needs of vulnerable children and families in a multicultural, multi-ethnic community. Sharing her knowledge and experience with others has helped establish TCC as one of the most successful and innovative models for federally qualified health centers in the United States. Under the expert skill and care of Dr. Nicholas, TCC has grown from one small community clinic serving only children to a system of nine federally qualified health centers (FQHC), serving all ages and playing a vital role in greater Long Beach and surrounding communities by providing increased access to comprehensive, high quality health care services. In 2013, TCC touched the lives of over 36,000 patients through more than 111,000 visits.

Dr. Nicholas also oversees TCC's Everychild Bright Beginning Initiative (EBBI) funded by the Everychild Foundation. The EBBI program is being implemented throughout TCC's clinic system to identify and address the effects of toxic stress and exposure to violence on infants, toddlers and pregnant mothers. As part of this effort, TCC has become a member of a National Trauma-Informed Care Learning Community with the National Council for Behavioral Health (NCBH) to begin the process of adapting a Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) organizational infrastructure, which will enhance our established services and better promote the healing and well-being of both patients and staff.

In addition to serving as CEO, Dr. Nicholas is the founder of and serves as Project Director for the Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma. She is an Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine.

Dr. Nicholas is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Medicine. She completed a pediatric residency at the Yale University School of Medicine/New Haven Hospital. She also was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at the UCLA School of Medicine, where she completed a preventative medicine residency and earned her Masters of Science in Public Health (MSPH). Dr. Nicholas has served on numerous local and national boards, committees, and commissions, all of which focus on the health disparities and well-being of children and families.

Eduardo M. Ochoa, Ph.D.

Eduardo M. Ochoa, Ph.D., is president at Cal State University, Monterey Bay, a position he has held since 2012.

Dr. Ochoa worked for 29 years as a faculty member and administrator at campuses in the Cal State system, including Fresno State, Cal State Los Angeles, Cal Poly Pomona and Sonoma State University. At Sonoma State, he served as provost and vice president for academic affairs from 2003-2010. In 2010, he was named assistant secretary for postsecondary education in the Obama Administration. In that post, he was the Education Secretary's chief advisor on higher-education issues and headed the Office of Postsecondary Education, which administers most of the Department of Education's higher education programs that support students and institutions.



Dr. Ochoa grew up in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He moved to Portland, OR, with his family while in high school. He earned a B.A. in physics and philosophy from Reed College, a M.S. in nuclear science and engineering from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. in economics from the New School for Social Research.

Dr. Ochoa's wife, Holly Byers Ochoa, is a historian, writer and editor. They have two sons Michael and Eric.

William Oliver, Ph.D.

William Oliver, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Indiana University. From 1996 through 2008, Dr. Oliver served as a member of the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community Steering Committee, University of Minnesota.

Dr. Oliver's primary area of research examines the social context and interpersonal dynamics associated with violent confrontations among African Americans. His book, The Violent Social World of Black Men, has been praised for its revealing analysis of the interpersonal and intrapersonal dynamics of violent confrontations that occur among black men in street corner social settings. Furthermore, his paper, "Black Males and Social Problems-Prevention through Afrocentric Socialization" (1989), is the fourth-most frequently cited paper published in the Journal of Black Studies in the last 40 years.

In addition, Dr. Oliver has conducted research in Bermuda, examining how incarcerated violent offenders perceived the causes of street violence in Bermuda and the various turning points that led them to commit acts of street violence. His more recent work has focused on the intersection of prisoner reentry and intimate partner violence in the African American community. Prior to coming to academia full-time, Dr. Oliver worked as a criminal justice policy analyst for the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and as an alcohol/corrections specialist for the New York State Commission on Corrections. He also held academic appointments at the University of Delaware and the University of Missouri.

Dr. Oliver received his B.S. in political science from Tuskegee University and his masters and Ph.D. in criminal justice from the School of Criminal Justice at the State University of New York at Albany. He was born and raised in upstate New York.

Kurt C. Organista, Ph.D.

Kurt C. Organista, Ph.D., is Professor, School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley. He publishes articles on Latino health and mental health, conducts research in the area of HIV prevention with Latino migrant laborers, and is editor of HIV Prevention with Latinos: Theory, research and practice, published in 2012 by Oxford University Press, and author of Solving Latino psychosocial and health problems: Theory, practice, and populations, published in 2007 by John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Dr. Organista serves on the senior editorial board of the American Journal of Community Psychology, and on the editorial boards of the *Hispanic Journal of the Behavioral Sciences*, and the *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work*. From 2004-08, he was appointed to the Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council at the National Institutes of Health, and he is currently PI of a federal R01 grant from the NIAAA to develop and test a structural environmental model of alcohol-related HIV risk in Latino migrant day laborers in the San Francisco Bay Area (2010-2014). Dr. Organista is Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the San Francisco Foundation.

Reverend Doctor Allen W. Parrott

Reverend Doctor Allen W. Parrott is Presiding Elder of the Kingstree District in the 7th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Ladson, SC.

Since 1996, Dr. Parrott has been involved in health ministry and the role of the church in addressing health needs of the people. His involvement has led to publication of the AME Church Good Health Cookbook, the AME Church Health Meditation Guide, and the Seventh Episcopal District's Sixteen Point Strategic Health Plan, in collaboration with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Dr. Parrott's involvement has been instrumental in the AME partnership with the Medical University of South Carolina and the resulting significant health ministries.

Dr. Parrott holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Allen University in Columbia, SC, a Master of Divinity degree from Turner Theological Seminary in Atlanta, GA, and a Doctor of Divinity degree from Erskine Theological Seminary in Due West, SC.

He is married to Barbara Ann Canty Parrott. They have three children and four grandchildren.

Debra Joy Pérez, Ph.D.

Debra Joy Pérez, Ph.D, is vice president of research, evaluation and learning at The Annie E. Casey Foundation. Dr. Pérez has devoted her philanthropic career to supporting evidence to improve the lives of vulnerable children and their families. In her current role, she provides leadership and direction for performance measurement and management, program evaluation, policy research, data development, knowledge management and organizational learning.

Prior to joining Casey, Dr. Pérez was the assistant vice president for research and evaluation at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, where she focused on advancing research and evaluation practices in philanthropy. She is one of nine children and the first in her family to graduate from college, earning a bachelor's in communication from Douglass College; a master's in social science and women's studies from the University of Kent in Canterbury, England; a master of public administration from Baruch College, City University of New York; and a Ph.D. in health policy from Harvard University. Her research includes a focus on disparities research, discrimination, socio-cultural barriers, public health and quality health care.

Dr. Pérez has worked to level the playing field in quality education and services for low-income and minority populations. She is a leader who has established new areas of research in public health services and systems and has presided over millions of dollars in grants to nonprofits. Dr. Perez established the "\$25 Fund" at her local community foundation (www.pacf. org). This donor-advised fund provides support for first-generation, low-income high-school kids to attend college. Dr. Pérez is particularly proud of her work mentoring young people and mid-career professionals of color in becoming public leaders.

Mike Pischner

Mike Pischner is the Director for the Veteran and Military Affairs office at Florida International University (FIU), a large state university in Miami, FL. He has worked with veterans in higher education since 1994.

Mr. Pischner earned a Bachelors degree in Environmental Studies and a Masters Degree in Higher Education Administration, both from FIU, where he will begin a doctoral program in January. He is the Past President and founding treasurer for the Florida Association of Education Specialists, a State organization for veteran certifying officials, with a membership of about 350. Mr. Pischner lives in Miami with his wife and three children.



Dwayne Proctor, Ph.D.

Dwayne Proctor, Ph.D. directs Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's (RWJF) Eliminating Health Disparities Portfolio. The Portfolio is a Foundation-wide initiative that galvanizes strategic resources for eliminating health disparities by advancing important changes to systems related to employment, income, housing, education, safety, access to quality healthcare and the environment.

Dr. Proctor came to RWJF in 2002 as a senior communications and program officer. His early work at RWJF focused on reducing adolescent and child health risks and involved several prevention initiatives, including the Nurse-Family Partnership, Free to Grow, Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol-Free, Injury-free Kids, the Afterschool Alliance, Partnership for a Drug-free America and the National Campaign to Prevent Teenage Pregnancy. In 2006, he was promoted to lead the Foundation's largest programmatic initiative – reversing the childhood obesity epidemic by 2015. In that capacity he advanced the Foundation's interests and leveraged resources by forging strong relationships with funders, government agencies, corporations and other key stakeholders. He also led a multidisciplinary team of program officers, evaluators and communications specialists that developed and implemented strategies for changing policies, school and community environments and industry practices to increase access to healthy foods and opportunities for safe play and exercise. More recently, he collaborated with others to devise a strategy for eliminating health disparities and was asked to lead the initiative for RWJF.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Dr. Proctor served as assistant professor at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, teaching health communications and health marketing to reach multicultural populations. As a Fulbright Fellow in Senegal, West Africa, he employed marketing, social science and epidemiological approaches to assess the effectiveness of HIV/AIDS public service announcements in raising awareness of AIDS as a national health problem.

Dr. Proctor serves as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the nation's oldest civil rights and social justice organization. He received his doctoral, master's and bachelor's degrees in marketing and communication science from the University of Connecticut.

LaVerne E. Ragster, Ph.D.

LaVerne Ragster, Ph.D., is a retired Professor of Marine Biology and President Emerita of the University of the Virgin Islands. She has conducted research and training in the areas of algal physiology and natural resource management, presented and published in the areas of plant physiology, natural resource management and training, and obtained training and practical experience in institutional and leadership development over a 34-year span.

At the present time, Dr. Ragster serves the University of the Virgin Islands through an assignment with the UVI Caribbean Exploratory (NIMHD) Research Center, focusing her scholarly efforts on climate change adaptation in the Caribbean, especially in the area of public health.

Dr. Ragster's service experience includes participation on the National Environmental Policy Commission of the Congressional Black Caucus Brain Trust on Environmental Justice; commissions and programs of the American Council on Education and the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC), and membership on the National Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee and the National Integrated Ocean Observing System Advisory Committee. She has worked in the Eastern Caribbean with the United Nations Environmental Program, Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, and the Caribbean Conservation Association on projects that helped to establish protected areas on the land and sea in a number of island states in the Caribbean. She has served locally on boards of Island Resources Foundation, VI Waste Management Authority, WTJX Public Television system, and the Rotary Club of St. Thomas II. Dr. Ragster has been recognized and honored by Virgin Islands organizations, (U.S.) national organizations, higher education institutions and the President of the U.S. for her teaching, work in conservation, leadership and community service.

Dr. Ragster's educational background includes completion of a number of leadership development certificates. She holds a B.S. in Biology and Chemistry (University of Miami) in 1973, a M.S. in Biology (San Diego State University, algal physiology concentration) in 1975, and a Ph.D. in Biology (University of California, San Diego, plant biochemistry concentration) in 1980.

Gloria C. Ramsey, J.D., RN, FAAN

A registered nurse and attorney, Gloria Ramsey, J.D., is recognized nationally and internationally for her leadership in the areas of end-of-life care, health disparities and working with vulnerable populations, particularly African Americans and persons with disabilities. Her tireless efforts have brought the voice of nursing to the health care practice community and to the education of interdisciplinary providers.

Dr. Ramsey has been engaged in interdisciplinary research and scholarship to examine reasons why African Americans do and do not complete advance directives. As a result of her expertise in this area, she was invited to work with investigators from Duke University Center for End of Life Care to develop and implement the didactic content for APPEAL (A Progressive Palliative Care Educational Curriculum for the Care of African-Americans at Life's End), a project funded by the Robert Wood Johnson and Aetna Foundations. She recently was asked to review and revise the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health EPECTM-O (Education in Palliative and End-of-Life Care for Oncology) curricula on cultural considerations when caring for African Americans. She was selected from a national competition to participate in the End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) for Veterans program offered by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and the City of Hope to improve end-of-life care for veterans.

Dr. Ramsey has provided leadership to national projects focusing on end-of-life care and has held professional service appointments with the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics Taskforce; American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, Nurse Affinity Group; American Public Health Association Forum on Bioethics; the Hastings Center; the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Pfizer Pharmaceuticals Fellowship in Health Disparities Academic Advisory Board; and Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics in Research and Healthcare Black Bioethicist Taskforce.

Dr. Ramsey is admitted to the United States Supreme Court; appointed to the State of Maryland Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life; appointed Commissioner American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging; member board of directors for the National Association for Social Work Foundation, and served as member of Board of Directors for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. She was elected as a Distinguished Practitioner of the National Academies of Practice, and selected for Fellowship in the American Academy of Nursing and is currently Co-Chair of the



Academy's Diversity and Inclusivity Committee. She holds a joint appointment in the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) schools of Nursing and Medicine - Department of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics - and is director Community Research Engagement for the university's Center for Health Disparities. She is the author of several scholarly publications and an invited speaker at national and international conferences.

Deborah J. Richardson

Deborah J. Richardson is the Executive Vice President of Development of the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, which opened its 42,000 square foot, \$80 million facility, June 2014 in downtown Atlanta, GA. She was formerly Chief Program Officer at Women's Funding Network in San Francisco, CA; CEO of The Atlanta Women's Foundation; Director of Program Development for Fulton County (GA) Juvenile Court; founding Executive Director of the Juvenile Justice Fund (now Youth Spark) and Managing Director of the National Black Arts Festival.

Ms. Richardson has been honored by many organizations for her community service. Most recently, she received the "Lives of Commitment Award" from Auburn Theological Seminary and "The Pathbreaker Award" from Shared Hope International. She is a nationally recognized leader on social justice for women and girls and ending child sex trafficking. She has designed leading programs for girls victimized by sexual trafficking, spearheaded local and national advocacy campaigns and testified before Congress.

Ms. Richardson has a Masters of Arts in Leadership from St. Mary's College of California and is currently working on a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Social Change from Union Institute & University.

Britt Rios-Ellis, M.S., Ph.D.

Britt Rios-Ellis, M.S., Ph.D., is the founding Dean of the College of Health Sciences and Human Services at California State University Monterey Bay, a position she assumed in 2014.

Previously, Dr. Rios-Ellis served for 20 years as a professor at California State University Long Beach (CSULB). She is the founding director of the National Council of La Raza (NCLR)/CSULB Center for Latino Community Health, Evaluation, and Leadership Training and the newly inaugurated *Centro Salud* es *Cultura*, located in downtown Long Beach, CA. Since founding the Center in 2005, Dr. Rios-Ellis has spearheaded over 50 million dollars in funded student- and community-strengthening research projects and has been the Co-Principal Investigator (PI) on two grants from the United States Department of Education to transform CSULB into a Hispanic Serving Institution. Under her leadership, the Center has created grant programs focusing on Latino populations in the community and university, employing *promotores* (community health workers/ student health workers) and student peer mentors. The NCLR/CSULB Center for Latino Community Health, Evaluation, and Leadership Training also serves as evaluator for all promotores-based projects for the Institute of Hispanic Health at NCLR, and provides culturally-relevant and contextually-driven qualitative and quantitative expertise in community-based research design and evaluation to regional and national organizations focusing on Latino health and educational issues.

Dr. Rios-Ellis has served as the principal investigator or co-principal investigator on several federally funded initiatives, including the USDA-funded project Transdisciplinary Graduate Education and Training to Prevent Latino Childhood Obesity, Sanos y Fuertes/Healthy and Strong, which aims to enhance graduate student preparedness to envision, design, implement and evaluate health-related, community-based participatory research. She also serves as the Co-PI on the Hispanic Health

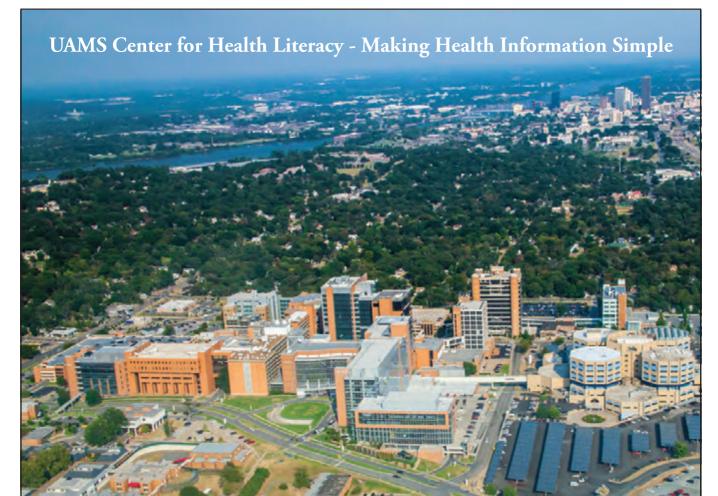
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Opportunities Learning Alliance (HHOLA) funded by the National Institutes of Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), which was formed to ameliorate the lack of Latino scholars in the biomedical fields. Dr. Rios-Ellis managed the student core for the Research Infrastructure in Minority Institutions (RIMI) project, funded by NIMHD. She and two other colleagues were recently the only California University to be awarded the NIMHD BUILD Planning Grant, which creates a pipeline to the doctorate for underrepresented minorities in biomedical and behavioral research. The BUILD initiative, entitled AHORA (Alliance for Health Opportunities Research Advancement), employs the Latino Student Cultural Capital Model, which Dr. Rios-Ellis has fused into programming to undergird all Hispanic Serving Institution-related efforts fueling the success of underrepresented minority students at CSULB.

Dr. Rios-Ellis has authored numerous peer-reviewed manuscripts on contextually and culturally relevant strategies for Latino-focused HIV/AIDS prevention, maternal child health, obesity prevention and enhancement of educational opportunities for Latinos. Her numerous honors include awards for teaching excellence and community service, Woman of the Year from the National Hispanic Business Women's Association and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Sol Award from the Los Angeles County Office of AIDS Policy and Programs for her work on Latinos and HIV/AIDS prevention. She is a commissioned member of the Centers for Disease Control/Health Resources and Services Administration's National Advisory Committee on HIV/STD Prevention and Treatment (CHAC) and served on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Women's Health Advisory Commission. She was elected to serve on the President's Advisory Commission for HIV/AIDS/CHAC Disclosure Work Group to develop policy recommendations to create an environment wherein the HIV positive can disclose their status free of discrimination. This past summer, she served as a delegate for the U.S. State Department's People to People Initiative in Beijing and for the NIH Office of AIDS Research Hispanic Advisory Group at the International AIDS Conference in Melbourne, Australia. Currently she is collaborating with the Fundación Haciendas del Mundo Maya in conducting health-related needs assessments of remote Maya communities in the Yucatan with a focus on obesity and diabetes. She has appeared on regional and national Spanish and English-language television and radio for *Telemundo*, Univision, CNN and ABC World News Tonight.

Dr. Rios-Ellis has played leading roles in health equity-related conference and symposium planning. She serves on the planning committee for the National Conference on Health Disparities (NCHD), is the Co-Scientific Director for the 2014 International Symposium on Minority Health and Health Disparities, and has worked with her team to create the highly successful Latino Health Equity Conference. She has served as a consultant for Mothers to Mothers in Cape Town, South Africa, the Health Resources Services Administration, the Pan American Health Organization, NCLR, YMCA, Merck Pharmaceuticals, Lilly and Company, the U.S. Department of State, and the NIH Office of AIDS Research, and other national and international organizations.

Dr. Rios-Ellis holds Bachelors of Arts degrees in Spanish and Political Science, a Master's of Science in Health and Fitness Management, a certificate in Women's Studies, and a Doctorate in Community Health from the University of Oregon. She has completed the Institute for Management and Leadership in Education at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education. In 2013, Dr. Rios-Ellis was awarded the highest honor at CSULB: Outstanding Professor.



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David E. Rivers, DHL

David E. Rivers, DHL, is an Associate Professor and Director of the Public Information and Community Outreach initiative at the Medical University of South Carolina. He has served the University in a number of capacities since January 1995.

During the past 35 years, Dr. Rivers has held senior-level positions in the City of Atlanta government, the Atlanta Regional Commission, Georgia State University, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Energy and the District of Columbia Government.

Dr. Rivers received his Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Affairs from Georgia State University and his Master of Arts degree in Political Science/Public Administration from Georgia State University, where he has completed course work for the Ph.D. in Political Science. He is a graduate of the National Urban Fellows Program in Public Administration from Yale University. He is a graduate of the Riley Institute Diversity Leadership Program at Furman University and received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Allen University. In addition, he served three years in the United States Army.

Dr. Rivers serves as Chairman of the James E. Clyburn Research and Scholarship Foundation. He is also President of the Jonathan Green Foundation. He is a member of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, American Water Works Association, Water Environment Federation, and the 100 Black Men of Charleston, SC. Dr. Rivers is a Board Member of the Center for Latino Community Health Advisory Board in Long Beach, CA; South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston, SC; National Urban Fellows in New York, NY; Sea Island Comprehensive Health Care Corporation Board on Johns Island, SC; Allen University Board of Trustees in Columbia, SC; the Alliance for Digital Equality in Atlanta, GA; the Congressional Black Caucus Institute's 21st Century Council Executive Committee; Rural Mission, Inc.; Advisory Board Member of Charleston First Reliance Bank; the Art Form and Theater Concepts, Inc.; the Trident Urban League; the National Caucus and Center for Black Aged, Inc.; the Charleston Enterprise Community Health Center; and the National Brownfields Association of South Carolina – Executive Committee. He has also served as a Board Member of the Community Foundation and the Charleston Regional Development Alliance. He was elected citywide to serve as a Commissioner of Public Works for the City of Charleston in 2003 and was re-elected in September of 2009 unopposed. He serves as CPW Vice Chairman.

Nolan Rollins

Nolan Rollins is a highly respected Urban League executive and leader, and the seventh President and CEO of the Los Angeles Urban League in its over 90 years of existence. He is a successful product and student of the Urban League Movement who "lives and breathes the League seven days a week."

Mr. Rollins began his professional tenure with the Urban League over 10 years ago as the Executive Vice President and COO of the Greater Baltimore Urban League, where he oversaw all programmatic and operational functions of the agency while managing 25 staff members. In this capacity, he developed, directed and implemented all economic and community development strategies, which allowed/positioned the agency to monitor over \$3 billion in community development projects in Baltimore to ensure local, minority and small business participation. He also designed and implemented employment and housing strategies to help stabilize local communities. Mr. Rollins simultaneously served as the President of the National Urban League Young Professionals (NULYP), with 67 chapters nationwide and over 8,000 members and was the NULYP representative on the National Urban Leagues' Board of Trustees, serving on the Affiliate Services, Programs and Strategic Planning committees.

Mr. Rollins is viewed as a strong transformational visionary leader and builder. As the President/CEO of the Urban League of Greater New Orleans (ULGNO), he turned around the affiliate during a time when the city was recovering from the devastating turmoil of Hurricane Katrina. He has established a track record of stabilizing institutions through creating innovative and impactful direct service programs while streamlining operations to focus and align with the National Urban League's core mission. Through the efforts of Mr. Rollins and his team, the New Orleans affiliate has become financially sustainable and strategically leveraged to secure diverse streams of funding and partnerships as the go-to social services organization in the city. While following in the footsteps of one of the Urban League's true giants, Clarence Barney (who ran (ULGNO for over 30 years) was a challenge, he also inherited the devastation and disillusionment of Katrina. On top of all of this, he was an outsider, with no roots in New Orleans. Five years later, he was recognized as one of the top leaders in the New Orleans community.

Mr. Rollins was a key advisor to the Mayor. In 2010, the mayor selected him to serve as Co-Chair of the search committee for a new Police Chief in New Orleans. The Mayor also appointed him to the Airport Board, where he served as the nation's youngest Chairman. During his tenure as Chairman, he was responsible for turning around the airport's internal operations, the over \$300 million Super Bowl renovations, and conducting the due diligence necessary for the Mayor's decision to build a new airport, through his chairmanship of the board's construction committee.

Mr. Rollins is a smart, professional leader. He is a creative strategist, progressive thinker and relationship builder. His humble demeanor, relationship skills, business acumen and political savvy have established him as a trusted leader who has been successful with raising money, launching new programs, enhancing board participation and stewardship, and heightening the level of political influence and economic impact ULGNO has in the City of New Orleans and throughout the State of Louisiana. He has repositioned ULGNO as an "agency of choice," a vehicle for private, public and government sectors to provide small business programs (Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business Initiative, monitoring over \$2.5 billion in public sector development projects); job training/workforce development (staffed the redeveloped Hyatt Hotel); crime prevention (operated the City of New Orleans' Cease Fire program); and education resources and services (developed the State of Louisiana's first Parent Information Center, to help parents navigate the reforms in public education). Mr. Rollins has led growth efforts for the affiliate, diversifying and increasing funding from \$1 million to over \$7 million annually. Additionally, he has applied social entrepreneurial efforts to gain support for programs, utilized New Market Tax Credit for construction projects, and marketed job and workforce development programs under various fee for performance contracts and partnerships.

During his tenure as the head of the New Orleans affiliate, Mr. Rollins has been a strong and vocal advocate for underserved communities and disadvantaged individuals. He has aggressively fought for a seat at the table and to be a voice for the voiceless in New Orleans. He is strategic and diplomatic in his approach to community development and sees his role as a key collaborator who is willing and able to work with various groups and organizations to improve the lives and opportunities of his constituents. He is characterized as the embodiment of the work that the Urban League does. He is a thoughtful partner, and always at the forefront of influencing and making policy. He has had such an impact that "some issues don't even move forward until the Urban League has been invited to the table."

Mr. Rollins holds a B.S. in Public Administration from Virginia State University, a Masters in Legal, Ethical and Historical Studies from the University of Baltimore, and a J.D. from the Florida Coastal School of Law.



The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard

The first Mexican-American woman elected to Congress, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard is a political pioneer. The first Latina appointed to the House Appropriations Committee, the congresswoman serves on two subcommittees: Homeland Security, which oversees federal funding for immigration processing, border and port security, and emergency preparedness, and the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Subcommittee, which oversees federal funding for public schools, workforce training, and health care initiatives. She is also a Senior Democratic Whip.

A national leader on public health, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard co-founded the bipartisan Congressional Study Group on Public Health. The first woman to chair the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC), the congresswoman currently serves as the chairwoman of the CHC's Health Care Task Force. As Task Force Chair she has championed efforts to pass health care reform, with a focus on improving the quality and affordability of health services, prioritizing prevention and reducing the escalating costs of health care.

The congresswoman is the sponsor of several measures to improve the health and wellbeing of women and children. In 2008, the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act was signed into law to train doctors and nurses in newborn screening and educate parents about follow-up care. Congresswoman Roybal-Allard has also introduced the Maximizing Optimal Maternity Services for the 21st Century Act to prioritize maternity care by establishing an Interagency Coordinating Committee charged with promoting proven medical practices for healthy mothers and babies.

Dedicated to protecting children and teenagers across the country, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard has introduced the Children's Act for Responsible Employment (CARE) to address abusive and exploitive child labor practices in agriculture. She also authored the STOP (Sober Truth on Preventing) Underage Drinking Act and the Security and Financial Empowerment (SAFE) Act, which were signed into law in 2006 and 2008 respectively. The STOP Act creates an interagency coordinating committee to address underage drinking; a parent focused media campaign; federal research on underage drinking prevention; and community grants to fight underage drinking. The SAFE Act promotes financial stability and personal security for survivors of domestic violence by establishing emergency leave and employment nondiscrimination provisions.

Most notably, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard is an original co-author of the DREAM Act to ensure undocumented students can get on a path to citizenship, attend college in the United States and qualify for in-state tuition. The DREAM Act is part of the Congresswoman's larger "Immigration Fairness Agenda"—a package of measures intended to safeguard the rights and dignity of individuals and families impacted by our broken immigration system. Congresswoman Roybal-Allard is committed to working with her colleagues in Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform legislation this year.

The congresswoman is the eldest daughter of the late Honorable Edward R. Roybal and Lucille Beserra Roybal. She is married to Edward T. Allard, Ill. Together, they have four children and seven grandchildren.

Sabra C. Slaughter, Ph.D.

Sabra C. Slaughter, Ph.D., is Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine in the College of Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina. Dr. Slaughter also serves as principal investigator for the Southeastern Virtual Institute for Health Equity and Wellness (SEVIEW), a cooperative agreement between the Medical University of South Carolina and the U.S. Department of Defense to develop educational and outreach programs and conduct community-based research on health disparities. He is also a senior advisor to the President of the Medical University of South Carolina, which is ideal for engaging individuals across institutional, political, business and civic spheres. His professional and research interests focus on improving the quality and accessibility of health care, eliminating health disparities and achieving population parity in the health professions workforce in South Carolina and beyond.

Dr. Slaughter received his doctorate and master's degrees from the University of Michigan. He received his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Gregory A. Talavera, M.D.

Gregory A. Talavera, M.D., is a bilingual, bicultural physician with over 30 years of community-based clinical and public health experience. He currently serves as a Professor in the Graduate School of Public Health at San Diego State University in San Diego, CA, and is Co-Director of the Institute for Community and Behavioral Health. He has dedicated his clinical practice, research and advocacy to reducing disparities in the Latino Community.

During the early part of his career, Dr.Talavera practiced medicine in the Spanish-speaking, underserved communities of San Diego's border region. As a family practitioner, he came to understand the culture-specific beliefs that serve as barriers to high-quality chronic disease health care. Over the last 28 years, he has designed and managed research programs involving cardiovascular disease prevention, breast and cervical cancer screening promotion, behavioral interventions for diabetes care, recruitment of minorities into long-term clinical trials and smoking cessation. All of these service and research programs have been culturally- and linguistically- appropriate for indigent, low-literacy Spanish-speaking Latinos.

Dr. Talavera is currently the PI for a series of chronic disease clinical trials evaluating the efficacy of the chronic care model on adherence to recommended treatment plan among Spanish-speaking Latinos in a community health center. He has authored and co-authored publications in the areas of health promotion, disease prevention, and behavioral epidemiology. He has lectured on chronic disease programs in Mexico, Colombia and Chile. He is a member of the National Hispanic Medical Association and the California Latino Medical Association.

Dr. Talavera obtained his BA from the University of California, San Diego, his M.D. from the University of Utah and his MPH and Preventive Medicine residency training from the SDSU/UCSD joint program.



Roberta M. Troy, Ph.D.

Roberta M.Troy, Ph.D., currently serves as the Founding Director of the Tuskegee University Health Disparities Institute for Research and Education (HDIRE). Prior to her appointment, Dr.Troy served in other administrative positions: interim provost at Tuskegee and director of the SACS-required Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). Her other leadership positions include assistant provost for undergraduate studies, head and associate professor of the Department of Biology at Tuskegee, chair of the Faculty Senate, executive secretary to the Faculty Senate and member of the SACS Accreditation Leadership team.

With a primary interest in mentoring students at all levels in the biomedical sciences, Dr. Troy has used her own research to propel students into science and medical careers. Receiving grant funding from NIH, she has been actively engaged in cancer research for the past 10 years, with focus on examining the chemo-preventive and chemotherapeutic effects of natural products on breast and cervical cancer cells in African American women. Additionally, she has studied the mechanisms of invasion and metastasis in cancer progression, investigating the role of specific enzymes involved in the process. Dr. Troy continues her work in cancer research and research training serving as the co-Principal Investigator with Dr. Timothy Turner for a National Cancer Institute (NCI)-funded cancer partnership grant with Morehouse School of Medicine and the University of Alabama at Birmingham Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also oversees the Tuskegee component of the Research Training and Career Development Core and the Cancer Education Core.

Dr.Troy's training in the biological/biomedical sciences began at Tuskegee, where she received both the Bachelor of Science and the Master of Science degrees in biology. She was awarded the Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology from the University of Florida, where she was a McKnight Pre-doctoral Fellow. Subsequently, she continued her training at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, where she was a postdoctoral fellow in molecular virology. She received additional training in molecular biology and neurobiology at the University of Pennsylvania.

In recognition of her teaching, research and service, Dr. Troy has received several awards and honors: the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching, recognition in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)-HBCU Scholar Award, and the Tuskegee University Faculty Performance Award for Service.

Major General (Ret.) Abraham J. Turner

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With over 37 years of hands-on experience with organizing, directing and managing the development, training and maturation of leaders and managers for the U.S. Army and state government, General Turner is uniquely suited to lead AT Consulting Group, LLC. He possesses a stellar record of achieving the highest levels of success while maintaining the commitment of employees to attain very high levels of productivity in the workplace. He is an expert leader, mentor, financial manager, motivational speaker, administrator and communicator. His involvement with non-profit organizations exemplifies his commitment to community outreach. His non-profit affiliations include: Board of Directors Chairman for University Research and Develop Foundation, Washington, DC; Board of Directors Chairman for Save Your Colon, Columbia, SC; Board of Directors Chairman for National Retired Military Golf Classic, Myrtle Beach, SC; Board of Directors Member for Operation Homefront – Carolinas, Charlotte, NC; and Board of Directors Member for Original Six Foundation, Columbia, SC.

General Turner is a South Carolina native and received a Bachelor of Science degree in music from South Carolina State University. While attending the U.S. Army War College, he earned a master's degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg University, PA.

Francesca Vietor

Francesca Vietor is Program Director for Environment, Public Policy, and Civic Engagement at The San Francisco Foundation, focusing on efforts to improve the environmental health of vulnerable communities, build resilience in the face of climate change, and protect the natural environment. She is also a Commissioner on the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, where she leads policymaking for the City and County of San Francisco's water, wastewater and municipal power services.

Previously, Ms. Vietor was Executive Director of the Chez Panisse Foundation, where she advanced nutrition education and food justice issues; President of the Urban Forest Council; President of the Commission on the Environment, and Chair of Mayor Newsom's Environmental Transition Team. She has worked for several non-profits, including Rainforest Action Network and Greenpeace. She serves on the boards of SPUR and Environmental Working Group, and pens a blog for The Huffington Post.

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Gloria A. Wilder, M.D., MPH

Gloria A. Wilder, M.D., MPH, is a nationally recognized pediatrician, public speaker and expert on poverty and social justice. Dr. Gloria (as her patients call her) previously served as the Chair of Mobile Health Programs for the Children's Health Project of DC at Georgetown University and Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC. From 2009-2011, she served as Executive Vice President of Physician Integration and Strategic Alliances of United Medical Center.

In 2005, Dr. Gloria used her business expertise to found CORE HEALTH, a healthcare access solutions company dedicated to assisting underserved communities in improving access and quality of health care. CORE HEALTH includes a clinical division, the Core Health and Wellness Centers, which provide comprehensive primary preventive and alternative health services in beautiful, state-of-the-art medical homes.



Dr. Gloria believes in raising the bar of quality in the provision of care in historically underserved markets by turning advocacy into action. In 2005, she joined the likes of Jimmy Carter and Mother Teresa when she was awarded the National Caring Award for exceptional generosity and commitment to service. In 2004, she was named Physician Humanitarian of the Year by George Washington University. She also was inducted into the prestigious Gold Humanism in Medicine Honor Society. Among her many awards is the Oprah Winfrey Use Your Life Award. A nationally recognized speaker and expert on poverty and economic segregation in healthcare, Dr. Gloria's work has been featured on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, CBS' 48 Hours and NBC's Dateline.

Lisa Williams

Lisa Williams founded Living Water for Girls and Living Water Learning Resource Center as programs of Circle of Friends, a non-profit organization with the mission to rescue, rehabilitate and restore girls and young women survivors of violence and human sex trafficking. This visionary organization provides a safe space for survivors to heal from traumatic life events, pursue educational endeavors and acquire life skills that will allow them to have a healthy self-sufficient future.

While serving as the organization's Executive Director for seven years, Ms. Williams accepted no salary while working 60-hour weeks – the equivalent of 21,000 hours of volunteer effort to rescue and restore the lives of female victims of commercial sex trafficking. With a team of six staff members and 108 volunteers, she raised over \$1.5 million in grassroots efforts to solicit support for what the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has called "one of the most comprehensive rehabilitative programs for child victims of sex trafficking in the Country," Living Water for Girls.

Ms. Williams has helped connect leadership in the Department of Homeland Security Center for Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships (a center of the White House Office of Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships) with faith-based and non-profit organizations in communities. The FBI has sought her expertise. Speaking at more than 100 churches and organizations annually, she has become one of the most recognized voices for children and young women victims of abuse and sex trafficking in America.

Ms. Williams is a Porsche Driving Force Award winner, a Ford Motor Company Unsung Award winner, a L'Oreal Paris Woman of Worth, and the recipient of numerous other awards and honors, including a Proclamation from the City of Atlanta, the Variety Power of Women Honor, and an Essence magazine profile. She has been profiled on CNN and the BBC. In September 2014, she and several young women whose lives she has helped transform were featured in a human trafficking documentary hosted by acclaimed actor and activist, Jada Pinkett Smith.

In 2013, Ms. Williams spoke at the United Nations 57th Commission on the Status of Women on *The Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls*. She also spoke at the White House on the topic Eradicating Modern Day Slavery. She addressed the 43rd Congressional Black Caucus Foundation during its Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. Ms. Williams is a former commissioned officer in the U.S. military, an Auburn Seminary Sojourner Truth Leadership Circle Fellow-Graduate, a Leadership Atlanta alumna, and the author of the best-selling book, Beautiful Layers: *Stories from those who survived the life of prostitution & child sexual exploitation*.

Ms. Williams is the wife to her best friend of 26 years and the mother of biological and adopted children. She lives on a small farm in Georgia and thanks God continuously for "this good life," as she works to pursue a better quality of life for others.

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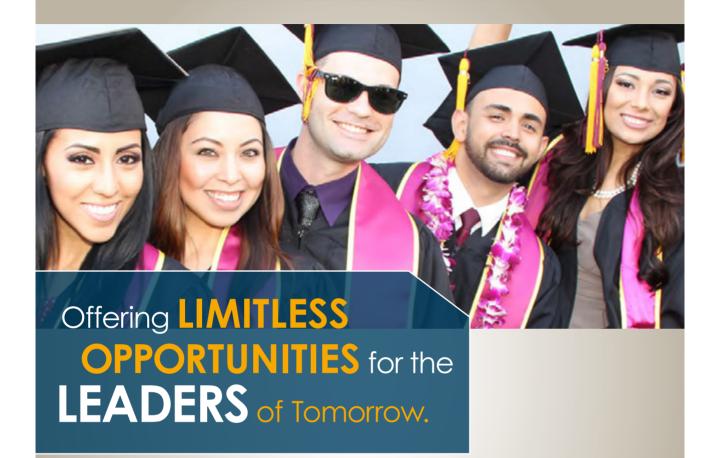
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