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The Ninth National Conference on Health Disparities and The National Environmental Justice Conference & Training Program

A National Dialogue for Building Healthy Communities

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Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader

March 9, 2016

Dear Friends:

It is a privilege to extend greetings to those joined here for the Ninth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities and 2016 National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program

How wonderful to bring together so many friends and leaders to address the important relationship between environmental justice and the health of our communities. Your work to ensure all Americans have access to quality healthcare regardless of their economic status and race is truly critical and greatly appreciated. I especially commend the steadfast leadership of my colleague, Assistant Democratic Leader James E. Clyburn, in fostering a productive dialogue around public health, sustainable practices, and the economic development of our nation.

Thank you again for your tireless efforts in raising awareness on this vital issue and in improving the lives of so many across America. My best wishes for a successful and memorable conference.

best regards,


NANCY PELOSI
Democratic Leader



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JAMES E. CLYBURN
SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
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March 9, 2016

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 9th Annual National Conference on Health Disparities & 2016 National Environmental Justice Training Program in Washington, D.C. I am pleased this event is being held in the Nation's Capitol where policy is formulated to address and combat the significant health disparities and environmental issues which adversely affect our society in so many ways. During your time at this conference, you will witness much of the exciting work which is taking place here to address these issues and I trust that you will learn much from these efforts.

The theme for this year's conference "A National Dialogue for Building Healthy Communities" reflects the understanding that communication, cooperation and partnerships are key elements in the elimination of health disparities and in the creation of sustainable communities. This conference brings together some of the brightest minds working in the fields of health disparities and environmental justice and, I look forward to hearing from them regarding the challenges that we face and the creation of sustainable solutions.

Best wishes for a successful conference and I hope that you will take advantage of all of the amenities that exist here in the Nation's Capitol during your stay here.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

James E. Clyburn
Assistant Democratic Leader

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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

A special welcome to all the speakers and attendees of the Ninth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities & 2016 National Environmental Justice Training Program. The Congressional Black Caucus recognizes the strong relationship between environmental justice and economic development. We are excited about this year's theme, "A National Dialogue for Building Healthy Communities," which directly addresses issues surrounding health disparities and shines a light on efforts to build and sustain healthy communities.

Unfortunately, some of society's most disenfranchised face severe and detrimental consequences which affect their health and general well-being. We recognize that major contributors to health disparities are related to quality of housing, public safety, accessibility of services, poverty, and educational attainment. Environmental justice should be a right of all people and not a privilege for a few. All people, especially society's most vulnerable, are in need of change and advocates who will fight for their basic rights and opportunity to live a healthy and productive life.

It is our hope that the information given and received at your conference will be a catalyst for positive change and healthier communities. Your passion coupled with your strong efforts are greatly admired and appreciated. We wish you all the best as you tackle these serious issues in our society.

Very truly yours,

G. K. Butterfield
Chairman
The Congressional Black Caucus



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CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS
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March 9, 2016

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC), I would like to welcome you to the 9th Annual Conference on Health Disparities & 2016 National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program. Your participation in this conference, "A National Dialogue for Building Healthy Communities," and the work you do are critical to helping eliminate health disparities and obtaining environmental justice for all Americans.

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus joins you in the fight for health equity. The CHC has a strong record of working with the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus on health issues affecting minority communities. In the Latino community, we know that 31% of Latinos live within 30 miles of a power plant. Latinos are 165% more likely to live in counties with unhealthy levels of particulate matter pollution. These consequences are evident in the high rates of asthma among Latinos, with over 3.6 million Latinos suffering from the disease.

We extend our best wishes and hope this conference is a successful one. Thank you again for your work in eliminating health disparities and know that the Congressional Hispanic Caucus is your ally in this effort.

All the best,

Linda T. Sánchez
Member of Congress
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March 9, 2016

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 9th Annual National Conference on Health Disparities & 2016 National Environmental Justice Training Program in Washington, D.C. I would like to thank my colleague, Congressman James E. Clyburn, for his continued leadership in this area and thank the Conference organizers and sponsors for all of your hard work to make this event a reality.

Unfortunately, I could not be there in person to welcome you and discuss the disproportionate health and environmental disparities facing minority and low-income communities. As a co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional HIV/AIDS Caucus and Congressional Asian and Pacific American Caucus's Healthcare Task Force, I am truly committed to eliminating the health disparities that persist in our nation. For years, I have been working to address the environmental injustices and health impacts of climate change. As Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in 2010, I was proud to work with my colleagues to organize a Historic EPA-CBC Environmental Justice Tour, which highlighted environmental justice challenges faced by Americans around the country.

I am so glad that this conference will bring together our brightest researchers, activists and policymakers. As we work in Congress to address these challenges, your insight and input are more important than ever. Together, you will discuss social determinants, address climate change, organize for environmental justice, and improve community-based public health. Your voices are critical to this fight and to ensuring that our nation's policies to address these challenges help move our communities forward.

While much work remains to address the lasting health disparities and environmental injustices that plague our communities; this conference is another important part of this ongoing discussion. Thank you all for your contributions over the next four days and I wish you a successful conference.

Sincerely,

Barbara Lee
Member of Congress

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March 9, 2016

Dear Attendees,

On behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust, I would like to welcome The Ninth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities and the National Environmental Justice Conference & Training Program to Washington, D.C.

For nearly 10 years, the National Conference on Health Disparities has done tremendous work in advancing the conversation on the social determinants of health through engaging and enlightening conferences held all across the country. This year's conference, a joint effort with the National Environmental Justice Conference & Training Program, as well as your theme of "A National Dialogue for Building Healthy Communities," is particularly timely and relevant as it occurs against the backdrop of the ongoing water crisis in Flint, MI that has spurred a national conversation on the responsibility of government officials in addressing environmental conditions contributing to adverse health outcomes in their communities.

The upcoming four-day program promises to be as interesting and informative as in years past, continuing the crucial discussion on the role of social determinants – with a focus on environmental factors – in impacting the health of individuals as well as communities. I'm looking forward to moderating the Congressional Roundtable, where my colleagues in the Congressional Tri-Caucus will take part in a discussion on the intersection of the efforts to address health disparities with the fight to achieve environmental justice for all. It is a discussion we hope will lead to a solid plan of action for creating healthy communities nationwide.

The Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust is committed to creating legislative and policy solutions to reduce health disparities and promote good health outcomes in multicultural communities. We support The Ninth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities and the National Environmental Justice Conference & Training Program because you share this commitment and your efforts this week will go a long way in advancing the CBC Health Braintrust's overall goal of achieving health equity in a generation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robin L. Kelly, Chair
Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust



Welcome

*National Environmental Justice Conference &
Training Program and Ninth Annual
National Conference on Health Disparities*

March 9, 2016

As Mayor of the District of Columbia, it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to the participants of the 2016 National Environmental Justice Conference & Training Program and the Ninth Annual Conference on Health Disparities.

I commend your efforts for this year's conference, "A National Dialogue for Building Healthy Communities," which brings together community members, academia, the private sector, and includes state and local officials, as well as federal government representatives, to discuss the connection between health disparities and environmental justice (EJ).

I am also delighted that you have chosen Washington, DC, for the joining of these two important conferences. The nation's capital is a wonderful place to visit, and I invite you to enjoy the diversity and amenities our city has to offer.

I join the residents of the District of Columbia in wishing you a productive and enjoyable event.

Muriel Bowser
Mayor, District of Columbia





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January 28, 2016

Friends,

It is my great pleasure to join in welcoming you to the Ninth Annual Conference on Health Disparities. This year's conference is being combined with the National Environmental Justice Conference & Training Program to present "A National Dialogue for Building Healthy Communities." It was an honor and privilege for the Medical University to co-sponsor the first eight conferences and we are excited to partner with others to sponsor the 2016 Conference.

The National Conference has grown and matured over its eight years and refined its focus on the social determinants of health, the role of translational research in the development of public policy to address health disparities, the identification of successful community-based programs and the role of personal responsibility in preventing or reducing health disparities.

Like its eight predecessors, the 2016 Conference offers participants the opportunity 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 four rewarding days of participation. Thank you for coming and sharing your expertise and excitement with us.

Have a great conference!

David J. Cole, MD, FACS
President
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Paul A. Tufano
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Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the AmeriHealth Caritas Family of Companies (AmeriHealth Caritas), I would like to welcome you to Washington, D.C., and the Ninth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities and the National Environmental Justice Conference & Training Program. The joining of these two conferences demonstrates the relationship between the environment and population health, a relationship that has a direct impact on our ability to effectively build healthy communities.

We are proud to sponsor this conference, which plays a critical role in focusing our national dialogue on environmental factors as they relate to health status, especially for our most vulnerable and underserved populations.

AmeriHealth Caritas has a long history of working in underserved communities, both rural and urban. For more than 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 in health equity remains a top priority for our organization.

This national discussion, led by visionaries, executives and grassroots advocates exhibits a necessary collaboration between the public and private sectors. Together we can encourage actions that will enhance the infrastructure necessary to improve access to health care and, subsequently, the lives of our citizens.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Tufano
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
AmeriHealth Caritas

March 9, 2016

Dear NCHD+NEJC Participants,

On behalf of Kaiser Permanente, welcome to the Ninth Annual Conference on Health Disparities and the National Environmental Justice Conference & Training Program. We are honored to be a sponsor of an event that promises to be both thought-provoking and informative. This year's theme, A National Dialogue for Building Healthy Communities, reflects Kaiser Permanente's commitment to working in partnership to create total health for our members and the communities we serve.

Reducing and eliminating health disparities is a high priority at Kaiser Permanente. We believe that our evidence-based, team approach in an integrated setting offers an effective model for addressing high-quality, equitable health care in our country. In addition, we seek to improve the health of the communities we serve by focusing on upstream social and economic determinants of health beyond the walls of our medical offices and hospitals.

There are many fine institutions and individuals dedicated to reducing health disparities at this valuable conference and we encourage attendees to learn from them all.

We are proud to participate with such a dedicated and diverse group who are willing to champion the cause of inclusive care that is respectful of and sensitive to the unique values, ideals, and traditions of individuals.

Thank you for attending and best wishes for a productive and informative conference experience.

Sincerely,



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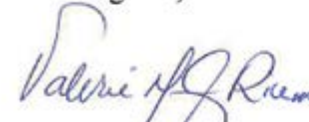
Dear Attendees,

Your presence at the Ninth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities and The National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program 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. You are among colleagues and friends who have committed much of their professional lives to this cause. I challenge you 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 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.
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March 9, 2016

Dear Attendees:

It is my great pleasure to join in welcoming you to the 2016 National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program and the 9th Annual Conference on Health Disparities. It is an honor and privilege for our conferences to run simultaneously so we may address the interconnection between health disparities and environmental justice.

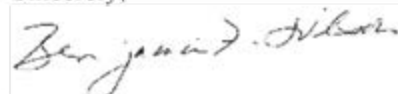
Even in the healthiest communities, age-old disparities persist and exact a toll on the quality of life and economic resources. This conference will focus on policies and programs to reduce health disparities, particularly among the poor and people of color. It will address the social determinants of 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 previous conferences, this year's Joint 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, workshops and training programs 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 four days of rewarding and challenging participation. Thank you for coming and for sharing your expertise and ideas with us.

Have a great conference!

Sincerely,



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Daniel W. Rahn, M.D.
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March 9, 2016

As chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), it is my pleasure to bring you greetings on behalf of our institution.

UAMS is Arkansas' only comprehensive academic health sciences center, and, as such, its role is to provide leadership in building healthy communities across our state. Our university is also Arkansas' largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, a main campus in Little Rock, a regional campus in Fayetteville and regional centers across the state.

UAMS educates the majority of physicians, pharmacists and other health care professionals in Arkansas. Under the leadership of Provost Stephanie Gardner, Pharm.D., Ed.D., and the deans of our five colleges and graduate school, we have implemented programs to help ensure that UAMS is educating and training tomorrow's health professionals to meet the ever changing health needs and to develop interprofessional and community-based educational experiences.


With support from community partners like the Black Caucus of the Arkansas Legislature and Delta Dental, we have been able to expand preventative, medical and dental services at our student-led 12th Street Health and Wellness Center. We have also expanded dental services available on our Little Rock campus and recently received legislative approval to study the feasibility of adding the state's first dental college.

We have added a Center for Pacific Islander Health in Fayetteville, where UAMS' northwest Arkansas campus is based. That center focuses on research, community programs, training, and policy. It is a reflection of the growing Pacific Islander population in the southern United States and builds upon the existing community health and research work UAMS has done and continues to do with Pacific Islanders in northwest Arkansas.

As a poor, rural state, UAMS faces challenges in addressing health disparities including lack of access to care. We are working hard to address that through our Center for Distance Health and also by adding new degree programs including Physician Assistant and Doctorate of Nursing Practice and a doctorate of Physical Therapy.

Reducing — or dare we dream — eradicating health disparities is imperative to achieving and sustaining optimum health. That's a goal that we strive for daily as part of our mission of health care and health improvement. UAMS is proud to be a part of this conference and we thank you for your partnership as we work together to improve health and health care.

Sincerely,



Daniel W. Rahn, M.D.
Chancellor



Office of the President

Greetings,

Welcome to the Ninth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities and the National Environmental Justice Conference & Training Program. It is an honor for Allen University to serve as one of the sponsors and we welcome your participation.

As a strong proponent of equity in public health and environmental justice, and recognizing the need for translational research from the various resources in the field, we are proud to be a participant. This conference is a prime opportunity, to expand the reach and extend the discourse on health disparities over time and throughout the world.

The sponsors are thankful for our experts who are here to inform and to address this divide. We also appreciate the time and dedication they provide to our novice researchers, who will continue the push for health equity, justice, and innovation into the future.

We know you will enjoy the conference and the wealth of knowledge being provided. There is an impressive agenda of diverse presentations and presenters, and we thank you for your presence.

Sincerely,

Lady June Cole, Ph.D.
President



LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



**Dr. David E. Rivers, Chair,
National Conference
on Health Disparities**

As Chairman of its Planning Committee, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Ninth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities.

After eight years as separate entities and much discussion on ways to enhance their individual and collective impact, the Ninth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities and the National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program join forces to present “A National Dialogue for Building Healthy Communities,” March 9-12, 2016, in Washington, DC.

As the National Conference on Health Disparities grew and matured from 2007 through 2014, it sharpened focus on the role of social determinants, including Environmental Justice, in individual and community health. The message is clear: “Social determinants,” such as Environmental Justice, poverty, educational attainment, housing quality, public safety and environmental quality, are major contributors to health disparities.

For many of us, this harkened back to the turn of the millennium, when the Congressional Black Caucus and its Environmental Justice Braintrust, along with U.S. Congressman James E. Clyburn, encouraged and supported formation of the National Environmental Policy Commission (NEPC).

After two years of activities designed to hear, consider and report on elements of a comprehensive national environmental policy, the NEPC presented its Final Report to the Congressional Black Caucus in September of 2003. The report included “Issues & Recommendations” in areas that still ring true 12 years later: i.e., Health Impacts & Disparities, Environmental Impacts, Community Involvement, Enforcement Concerns, Labor Issues, Tribal Issues, International Issues & Issues Involving U.S. Territories and Federal Facilities – all while recognizing the role of Environmental Justice as a vital precursor to and facilitator of healthy communities.

These recommendations suggested a new vision of community health that includes the relationship between environment, human health, Environmental Justice and economic development in truly healthy communities. Or, as Congressman Clyburn wrote in the NEPC Report: “We must recognize the unique relationship between the quality of our environment, the health of our citizens and the economic well-being of our nation. We must find ways to reconcile decreasing resources with increasing

demand. Moreover, we must do these things with equal regard for all citizens, regardless of race and economic status.”

This raises important questions. How far have we come since 2003? Where have we succeeded? Where have we come up short? What’s the logical next step in the process?

The upcoming four-day program features numerous speakers, including a Keynote Address by Congressman Clyburn; nine moderated, issues-driven discussions; a Congressional Roundtable, and a Student Research Forum. Most appropriately, the first panel will lay the groundwork for subsequent discussions by reconvening five members of the original National Environmental Policy Commission for a discussion of the relationship between Environmental Justice and public health in healthy communities.

Eight subsequent panels will focus on such topics as the social determinants of health, climate change, the role of translational research in the development of public policy to address health disparities, identification of successful community-based programs, improving race relations in America, the role of personal responsibility and prevention in reducing health disparities, human trafficking, and the role of the public and private sectors in reducing health disparities and Environmental Injustice.

These topics build on those presented to National Conference on Health Disparities attendees in such diverse locations as Charleston, SC; the U.S. Virgin Islands; Atlanta, GA; Philadelphia, PA; Little Rock, AR; and Long Beach, CA, from 2007 through 2014. Those programs uncovered a much

larger story: that social determinants are major contributors to health disparities. Some suggest that the reverse is also true: that health disparities contribute to poverty, creating a hard-to-break cycle of determinants and disparities.

These findings point to the potential benefits of rededicating a significant portion of America’s healthcare resources to programs that emphasize education, prevention and personal responsibility – each person’s willingness and capacity to make informed decisions that reduce the likelihood of disease development.

With the enactment and implementation of the Affordable Care Act, millions of previously uninsured Americans now have healthcare coverage. These are exciting times in our nation, as we see new opportunities for a shift from a traditional “sick care” model of health care to a more forward-thinking and prevention-based “well care” model. We believe that a timely partnership between two ongoing conferences can build on that momentum in a way that capitalizes on increased national awareness of Environmental Justice as a building block for healthy communities.

We look forward to three days of dialogue, exchanging ideas of innovative strategies and programs, to help in our collective efforts of building and sustaining healthy communities.

Sincerely,
Dr. David E. Rivers
Chairman, National Conference on Health Disparities
Associate Professor and Public Information and Community Outreach Director, Medical University of South Carolina



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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AGENDA AT A GLANCE

UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE STUDENT
RESEARCH FORUM: WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 9, 2016

Location: Independence Ballroom
7:30 am Continental Breakfast and Registration
8:30 am Welcome and Overview
8:55 - 9:10 am BREAK
9:10 - 9:50 am Oral Presentations
9:50 - 10:05 am BREAK
10:05 am - 12:05 pm Poster Presentation
12:05 - 12:20 pm BREAK
12:20 - 1:30 pm Keynote Speaker/Lunch
1:30 - 2:30 pm Roundtable Discussions
2:30 - 3:00 pm Closing/Evaluations and Announcements
4:00 - 5:30 pm Student Welcome Reception/Networking

DAY ONE: THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016

8:00 am Hosts & Sponsor Remarks
8:45 - 9:15 am
Opening Remarks & Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Keynote Speaker
9:15 - 9:45 am Overview of Health Disparities
9:45 - 10:00 am BREAK
10:00 - 11:45 am **PANEL ONE**
The connection between Public Health and Environmental Justice – a discussion by members of The National Environmental Policy Commission
11:45 am - 12:15 pm BREAK
12:15 - 1:30 pm LUNCHEON
1:45 - 3:00 pm **PANEL TWO**
A focus on social determinants and their role in reducing health disparities and building and sustaining healthy communities, including a discussion of environmental exposures
3:00 - 3:30 pm Introduction and Keynote Speaker
Keynote Speaker
3:30 - 3:45 pm BREAK

3:45 - 5:15 pm **CONGRESSIONAL ROUNDTABLE**
Roundtable Discussion with Congressional Tri-Caucus members on addressing Environmental Justice and health disparities issues
7:00 pm NETWORKING RECEPTION

DAY TWO: FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2016

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The role of the public and private sectors in reducing health disparities and environmental injustice
12:30 pm Closing Remarks

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The Ninth Annual Conference on Health Disparities and The National Environmental Justice Conference & Training Program

A National Dialogue for Building Healthy Communities

Marriott Marquis Washington, DC, March 9-12, 2016

UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016

Location: Independence Ballroom

7:30 am.....	Continental Breakfast and Registration
8:30 am.....	Welcome and Overview
8:55 – 9:10 am	BREAK
9:10– 9:50 am.....	Oral Presentations
	Undergraduate Student TBD
	Graduate Student TBD
9:50 - 10:05 am	BREAK
10:05 am - 12:05 pm.....	Poster Presentation
12:05 - 12:20 pm	BREAK
12:20 - 1:30 pm.....	Keynote Speaker/Lunch

Title: Successes and Failures in Clinical Research

Dr. Nneka L. Ifejika, *Director of Neurorehabilitation, University of Texas Stroke Team*
Associate Professor, Department of Neurology, McGovern Medical School at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, TX

1:30-2:30 pm.....	Roundtable Discussions
2:30-3:00 pm.....	Closing/Evaluations and Announcements
4:00 – 5:30 pm.....	Student Welcome Reception/Networking

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DAY ONE: THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016

8:00 am

Conference Facilitator
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Opening Remarks

Moderator
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Mr. Miguel Garcia, *President, National Urban Fellows, New York, NY*

8:45 -9:15 am

Opening Remarks & Introduction of Keynote Speaker
The Honorable Donna M. Christensen, *Former Delegate, U.S. Congress, U.S. Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, USVI*

Keynote Speaker
The Honorable James E. Clyburn, *Assistant Democratic Leader, U.S. House of Representatives, South Carolina-Sixth District*

AGENDA continued

9:15 - 9:45 am
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

9:45 - 10:00 amBREAK

10:00 - 11:45 am

PANEL ONE

The connection between Public Health and Environmental Justice – a discussion by members of The National Environmental Policy Commission

Moderator

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

Panelists

Mr. Robert Harris, Former Vice President, Environmental Affairs, Pacific Gas & Electric Company, San Francisco, CA

Mr. Richard Moore, Esquire, Coordinator, Los Jardines (The Gardens) Institute; Co-Chair, Environmental Justice and Health Alliance for Chemical Policy Reform, Albuquerque, NM

Dr. Sue Briggum, Vice President, Public Affairs, Waste Management, Washington, DC

Dr. Mildred McClain, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Harambee House/Citizens for Environmental Justice, Savannah, GA

Mr. Tim Fields, Senior Vice President, MDB Inc., Washington, DC

11:45 am - 12:15 pmBREAK

12:15 - 1:30 pmLUNCHEON

Introduction of Speaker

Dr. Marvella E. Ford, Professor, Department of Public Health Sciences, Associate Director, Cancer Disparities, Hollings Cancer Center, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

Keynote Speaker

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

1:45 - 3:00 pm

PANEL TWO

A focus on social determinants and their role in reducing health disparities and building and sustaining healthy communities, including a discussion of environmental exposures

VIDEO INTRO

Moderator

Dr. David E. Rivers, Associate Professor and Public Information and Community Outreach Director, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

Panelists

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

Dr. Dwayne C. Proctor, Senior Adviser to the President; Director of Achieving Health Equity Portfolio, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Princeton, NJ

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

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

Dr. Samuel Ross, Chief Executive Officer, Bon Secours Baltimore Health System, Maryland Health Enterprise Zones, Baltimore, MD

3:00 - 3:30 pm

Introduction and Keynote Speaker

Winner of the Undergraduate and Graduate Student Research Forum

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Michael H. Kanter, Regional Medical Director of Quality & Clinical Analysis, Southern California Permanente Medical Group and National Executive for Quality & Care Delivery Excellence in the Permanente Federation, Pasadena, CA

3:30 - 3:45 pmBREAK

3:45 - 5:15 pm

CONGRESSIONAL ROUNDTABLE

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Moderator

The Honorable Robin Kelly, U.S. Congress, 2nd District, Illinois; Chair, Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Health Braintrust, Washington, DC

AGENDA continued

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NETWORKING RECEPTION

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- Dr. David E. Rivers**, Associate Professor and Public Information and Community Outreach Director; Advisory Board Chairman, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC
- Mr. Robert D. Blair, Jr.**, Chief Administrative Officer, Riverside Service Area, Southern California Permanente Medical Group, Riverside, CA
- Ms. Karen Dale**, Market President, AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia, Washington, DC
- Ms. Melinda Downing**, Environmental Justice Program Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC

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Student Research Forum Highlights and Award Presentations

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9:00 - 10:45 am
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Climate Change: A Global Reality – Impacts on human health and the environment

VIDEO INTRO

Moderator

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

- Panelists
- Dr. Mark A. Mitchell**, Co-Chair, National Medical Association Commission on Environmental Health; Founder and Senior Policy Advisor, Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice, Hartford, CT
- Ms. Juli Trtanj**, One Health and Integrated Climate and Weather Extremes Research Lead, Climate Program Office, Oceans and Human Health Initiative/National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Washington, DC
- Mr. Jack Moyer**, Carolinas/Tennessee Water Security and Preparedness Market Sector Leader, AECOM, Morrisville, NC
- Mr. Milton Bluehouse, Jr., Esquire**, Owner, Tribal Consultation Resources, LLC, Albuquerque, NM

10:45 - 11:00 am.....BREAK

11:00 am - 12:15 pm
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The role of translational research in the development of public policy to address health disparities

- Moderator
- Dr. Stephanie Gardner**, Provost and Chief Academic Officer, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR
- Panelists
- Dr. Roberta Troy**, Founding Director of the Health Disparities Institute for Research and Education, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL
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- Mr. Glenn Ellis**, Strategies for Well-Being, LLC, Philadelphia, PA

12:15 - 12:45 pm.....BREAK

12:45 - 2:00 pm.....LUNCHEON

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Mr. Mustafa S. Ali, Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Environmental Justice, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC

Keynote Speaker

Ms. Gina McCarthy, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC

2:30 - 3:45 pm
PANEL FIVE
Identification of successful community-based programs for building and sustaining healthy communities

- Moderator
- Ms. Lathran Woodard**, CEO, South Carolina Primary Health Care Association, Columbia, SC
- Panelists
- Ms. Karen Dale**, Market President, AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia, Washington, DC
- Dr. Nneka L. Ifejika**, Director of Neurorehabilitation, University of Texas Stroke Team; Associate Professor, Department of Neurology, McGovern Medical School at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth), Houston, TX
- The Honorable Harold Mitchell, Jr.**, South Carolina State Representative; ReGenesis Project, Spartanburg, SC

AGENDA continued

3:45 - 5:30 pm

PANEL SIX

Improving Race Relations in America:The Path Forward

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

The Honorable Gregory G. Mullen, Chief of Police, Charleston Police Department, Charleston, SC

Dr.William Boone, Chair and Professor, Political Science Department, Clark Atlanta University,Atlanta, GA

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Dr.Allen W. Parrott, Presiding Elder of the Kingstree District in the 7th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, Ladson, SC

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8:15 am

Conference Facilitator

Ms. Carolyn Sawyer

Opening Remarks

8:30 - 9:45 am

PANEL SEVEN

Prevention and personal responsibility as major themes in reducing health disparities

Moderator

Dr. Sabra C. Slaughter, Senior Advisor to the President for Diversity and Community Relations, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

Panelists

Dr. Cheryl Anne Boyce, Associate Director, Division of Epidemiology and Prevention Research; National Institute on Drug Abuse; National Institutes of Health, DHHS, Bethesda, MD

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9:45 - 11:00 am

PANEL EIGHT

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

Moderator

Ms. Lisa Williams, Founder & CEO Circle of Friends & The Living Water Programs,Atlanta, GA

VIDEO

Panelists

Ms. Monica Modi Khant, Program Director, GAIN,Atlanta, GA

The Honorable Judge Herman Dawson, Circuit Court, Prince George's County, MD

Dr. Sharon Cooper, CEO of Developmental & Forensic Pediatrics, PA, Fayetteville, NC

The Honorable Daniel R. Crumby, Assistant United States Attorney,Augusta, GA

11:00 - 11:15 am.....BREAK

11:15 am - 12:30 pm

PANEL NINE

The role of the public and private sectors in reducing health disparities and environmental injustice

Moderator

Mr. David B. Matthews, Principal Consultant, DB Matthews Consulting, LLC, Brookeville, MD

Panelists

Dr. Jalonne L.White-Newsome, Senior Program Officer, Kresge Foundation, Troy, Michigan

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Mr. Derrick Watchman, Chief Executive Officer, Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise, Church Rock, NM

Mr. Joel Freedman, President, Paladin Healthcare Capital, LLC, El Segundo, CA

12:30 pm

Closing Remarks



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Mustafa Santiago Ali has been a National Speaker, Trainer and Facilitator on Social Justice and Environmental Justice issues for the past 17 years. During that time, Mr. Ali has worked with communities on both the domestic and international front to secure environmental, health and economic justice. He currently serves as a Senior Advisor to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy on Environmental Justice. He is also the Designated Federal Official for the Workgroup on Nationally Consistent EJ Screening Approaches of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC), a federal advisory committee to the U.S. EPA. Mr. Ali served as a Brookings Institute Congressional Fellow in the Office of Congressman John Conyers in FY 2007-08. His portfolio as a Legislative Assistant focused on Foreign Policy in Africa and South America, Homeland Security, Health Care, Appropriations and Environmental Justice. He is a former instructor at West Virginia University and Stanford University in Washington. He is a guest lecturer at universities and colleges, including George Washington University, Georgetown University, Albany Law School and Howard University Law School.

Milton Bluehouse, Jr., Esquire

Milton Bluehouse, Jr., is a Navajo tribal member from Ganado, AZ. Mr. Bluehouse specializes in government relations between tribal, federal and state governments, with focus areas on the environment, natural resources and cultural/sacred sites. Mr. Bluehouse graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Madison Law School with a specialization in Federal Indian Law, and the University of Arizona with degrees in Political Science, History and studies in Indian Law and Judaic Studies. From 1991 to 1995, Mr. Bluehouse served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

William H. Boone, Ph.D.

Dr. William H. Boone, Ph.D., is Associate Professor of Political Science at Clark Atlanta University. Professor Boone has served as Associate Provost, Dean of Graduate Studies, and chair of the Department of Political Science at Clark Atlanta University. He has served as a Faculty Fellow with the United States Office of Personnel Management; Adjunct Fellow with the Southern Education Foundation; faculty member of the Africana Women's Center and Lecturer at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Dr. Boone is a graduate of Morgan State University and received his doctorate degree in political science from Atlanta University. From 1986 to 1989, he was producer of the TV series, Black Perspectives; and from 1996 to 2011, he served as producer, writer and host of the television program Politically Speaking. He has served as the president of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists.

Dr. Boone has authored and co-authored publications in the areas of black politics, party politics, Southern politics, and the social, political and economic impact of governmental actions on rural communities. He has consulted on local, state and national political campaigns. He is an active member of various professional organizations and community organizations, among which are the National Conference of Black Political Scientists and the American Political Science Association. He is a board member of Stand-Up (labor-affiliated organization) and the Joseph E. Lowery Institute for Justice and Human Rights.

Dr. Boone has served as a member of various University committees: University Wide Tenure and Promotion Committee, University Grievance Committee, Academic Council, University Senate and Faculty Representative to the Clark Atlanta University Board of Trustees. He is the recipient of awards in the areas of teaching and scholarship, including Teacher of the Year, Outstanding Faculty Award and Award for Dedicated Scholarship.

Cheryl Anne Boyce, Ph.D.

Cheryl Anne Boyce, Ph.D. is an Associate Director of the Division of Epidemiology, Services, and Prevention Research at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). At NIDA she previously served as Chief of the Behavioral and Brain Development Branch. Before joining NIDA, she served over a decade at NIMH as a program chief and director of research training within pediatric and developmental divisions. Dr. Boyce began her federal career as a Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)/American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Executive Branch Policy Fellow to guide interagency efforts on young children's mental health, in Head Start and in child welfare. As a recognized expert in child maltreatment and trauma, she testified before Congress and led a special expert consultation to South Africa in collaboration with the U.S. Department of State. Her scientific expertise includes: early child neurodevelopment, substance abuse, psychopathology, trauma and violence, child maltreatment, pediatric clinical and translational research, and minority health and health disparities. Her doctoral studies in clinical psychology were completed at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and she is a licensed psychologist in the State of Maryland and the District Columbia. Dr. Boyce is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association (APA) and received the APA Meritorious Research Service Citation and Society for Clinical Psychology's Lifetime Award for Distinguished Contribution to Diversity in Clinical Psychology. She has been recognized for exceptional service from the Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy and NIH Office of the Director. In addition to her numerous scientific publications in developmental research, she co-edited the second edition and popular eBook for new investigators on grants written by federal program staff and research investigators entitled, "How to write a successful research grant application: A guide for social and behavioral scientists (2nd edition)" (Pequegnat, Stover, & Boyce, 2011).

Sue Briggum, Ph.D., J.D.

Dr. Sue Briggum is Vice President of Public Affairs for Waste Management. She heads the company's Washington, DC, Office and Public Policy Group and manages the company's sustainability reporting.

Dr. Briggum served on two U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Superfund Advisory Committees: its Title VI of the Civil Rights Act Advisory Committee; and its Compliance Assistance Advisory Committee. She served on the U.S. EPA's National Environmental Justice Advisory Council from 1994 to 2012. She co-chaired both terms of the National Environmental Policy Commission, convened by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. She served as a member of U.S. EPA's Science Advisory Board Environmental Justice Screening Methodologies Technical Panel, and is currently a member of the Maryland Climate Change Commission. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the annual National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program, sponsored by U.S. EPA, the Departments of Energy and transportation, and other agencies.

Dr. Briggum received her B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh; Ph.D. in English Literature from the University of Wisconsin-Madison; and J.D. from Harvard University.

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Kathy Ko Chin

Kathy Ko Chin is president and chief executive officer of the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF), a national health justice organization which influences policy, mobilizes communities and strengthens programs and organizations to improve the health of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders. She has worked in senior management positions in community-based and philanthropic organizations throughout her 30-year career.

Most recently, Kathy was the program director for the Community Clinics Initiative (CCI), a joint project of Tides and The California Endowment, which supports the infrastructure development of community clinics and health centers in California through grant-making, learning and knowledge sharing, and data and research. The \$130 million, 10-year program has funded over 90% of all the community clinics and their associations across California.

All of this work evidences her long-standing professional commitment to non-profit community organizations for more than 30 years. This work has been conducted in various forms including as staff, as a consultant, and in a governance role to non-profits and foundations in areas such as program development, strategic planning and positioning, and capital facilities development. Kathy has also worked in a number of health care settings and community clinics across the country, including San Francisco General Hospital, University of California San Francisco Institute for Health Policy Studies, Planned Parenthood SF, South Cove Community Health Center in Boston, and with the longest tenure as the Associate Director of Asian Health Services.

Kathy is a graduate of the Harvard School of Public Health, as well as of Stanford University, with additional coursework at the London School of Economics and Fudan University in Shanghai.

Beyond her professional experience, Kathy has chaired and/or served on the board of directors of Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation, Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce, Asian Women's Shelter, and St. Paul's Episcopal School, where her children have attended. She volunteers with the Lao Lu Mien Culture Association, helping to build the first-of-its-kind national Lu Mien Cultural Center in East Oakland.

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 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. Most recently, in 2015, she was the recipient of the Terrance Keenan award for Grantmakers in Health. She is president of the board of the Trust for America's Health.

Sharon Cooper, M.D., FAAP

Sharon Cooper, M.D., is the CEO of Developmental & Forensic Pediatric, PA, a consulting firm that provides medical care, research, training and expert witness experience in child maltreatment cases, as well as medical care for children with disabilities. She works regularly with numerous national and international investigative agencies on Internet Crimes against Children cases. She recently served as Executive Producer of Not Just Pictures, a documentary about the victim impact of the production and distribution of child sexual abuse images on the web and social media sites.

Dr. Cooper spent 21 years in the Armed Forces, retiring as a colonel. She continues to work in both civilian and military arenas, concentrating on child abuse and developmental pediatrics. She holds faculty positions at the University Of North Carolina Chapel Hill School Of Medicine, and the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD. She is an instructor at the Army Medical Education Department Center & School in Ft. Sam Houston, TX, where she provides multidisciplinary training in all forms of child maltreatment to health care providers, members of law enforcement, attorneys, judges, therapists, chaplains and social workers.

For the past several years, Dr. Cooper has served as a consultant to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, where she teaches about the victim aspects of Internet crimes against children and sexual exploitation through prostitution of children and youths. Recently, she joined the training team for the International Center for Missing & Exploited Children to provide similar information in international venues. Dr. Cooper has lectured both nationally and internationally in well over 300 conferences for the U.S. Department of Justice, the FBI, the NC District Attorney's Association, Attorney General's conferences across the U.S., the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Interpol, among many others. She has published chapters in texts, and is the lead author of the first comprehensive textbook on the medical, legal and social science aspects of child sexual exploitation and Internet crimes against children.

Dr. Cooper has provided congressional testimonies regarding compliant victimization of youths who are exploited through Internet technology. She is also a member of an international Expert Working Group on Children and Young Persons with Abusive and Violent Experiences Connected to Cyberspace, hosted by the Council of the Baltic Sea States and the Swedish Children's Welfare Foundation.

Dr. Cooper is a Board Member of several organizations, and is a member of several professional groups, including The American Academy of Pediatrics, The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, The International Association of Forensic Nurses, and the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

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 114th Congress, the third-ranking Democrat in the House, James E. Clyburn is the leadership liaison to the Appropriations Committee, one of the Democratic Caucus' primary liaisons to the White House and Chair of the recently formed House Democrats' Democratic Outreach & Engagement Task Force.

His humble beginnings in Sumter, SC, as the eldest son of an activist fundamentalist minister and an independent civic-minded beautician, grounded him 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.



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When 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, Congressman Clyburn was elevated by his colleagues to House Majority Whip.

As a national leader, he has worked to respond to the needs of America's diverse communities. He has 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, and 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 percent of Recovery Act funding to communities 20 percent under the poverty level for the past 30 years. 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.

Karen Dale, R.N., M.S.N.

Karen M. Dale is the Market President for AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia, one of the largest Medicaid Managed Care Organizations in Washington, DC. She leads initiatives that strategically position the organization as a market leader with innovative solutions for the critical challenges faced by its members.

Ms. Dale is a highly skilled, visionary leader who has dedicated her entire career to helping others and ensuring equal health opportunities for populations at risk. Having held multiple positions of leadership during the past two decades, she has worked with a broad group of stakeholders to address policies, and other key factors that impact the production of health. She considers it a privilege to utilize her expertise in program development, significant knowledge of health care finance and delivery systems to make a difference in the lives of so many.

Ms. Dale has guided the execution of unique approaches to managing the complex needs of persons with multiple health risks. These efforts include the use of telemedicine to aid in the management of chronic diseases, peer-to-peer outreach using community health workers, and the roll-out of a multifaceted member engagement approach. In addition, her philosophy that all persons deserve access to the right care, without barriers, starting where they are, has led to several collaborative relationships with providers, community partners, philanthropists and businesses to develop evidence-based, population health strategies.

Ms. Dale holds a Master of Science Degree in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing from The Catholic University, Washington, DC, and 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, and as Board Member for both Volunteers of America National Services and the Volunteers of America National Board. She also serves on the District of Columbia State Innovation Model Advisory Committee.

The Honorable Herman C. Dawson

Judge Herman C. Dawson was born and raised in Selma, AL, where he participated in the Civil Rights marches as a child. He attended Alabama State University, where he majored in political science. Judge Dawson graduated from the Howard University School of Law in 1980.

In his professional capacity, Judge Dawson has served as a member of the Prince George's Bar's Board of Directors, and as President and Vice-President of the J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association. After serving as a Senior Associate County Attorney for Prince George's from 1984 through 1990, Judge Dawson opened a general practice law firm in Prince George's County.

Judge Dawson was appointed to the Bench on the Circuit Court for Prince George's County in 1998 by Gov. Parris N. Glendening. He now serves as the Juvenile Coordinating Judge and Juvenile Drug Court Judge for the Prince George's County Circuit Court. According to members of the legal community, "Judge Dawson's reputation as a respected and caring jurist is echoed throughout Prince George's County." According to one community member, "Judge Dawson's history of community involvement is a legend and his civic-mindedness complements his impeccable record as a fair, prepared and even-tempered jurist."

In 1992, Judge Dawson founded and is the President of The Rising S.T.A.R.S. Youth Scholarship Foundation. The organization was established exclusively for educational charitable purposes. The mission of the foundation is to actively participate in the lives of Prince George's County youth, who have come in contact with the juvenile justice system.

Melinda Downing

Melinda Downing currently serves as the U.S. Department of Energy's Environmental Justice Program Manager. She carries out her duties in the Office of Legacy Management (LM).

Prior to transferring to LM, Ms. Downing carried out her duties in the Office of Intergovernmental and Public Accountability within the Office of Environmental Management at the Department of Energy Headquarters in Washington, DC. During this tenure, she served as the Director of the Office of Environmental Management's Center for Environmental Management Information, which is a clearinghouse for Environmental Management information. Ms. Downing also represents the Department as a member of the Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice (also known as the EJ IWG). Ms. Downing has managed and conducted Public Participation and Environmental Justice and tribal training at Department of Energy Headquarters and Field offices across the nation.

Ms. Downing began her assignment in the Office of Environmental Management, which was called the Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management at that time, within the U.S. Department of Energy in October 1989, as the Assistant Secretary of Environmental Management's Program Review Coordinator and Executive Assistant. Prior to joining the Office of Environmental Management, she was on the staff of the Secretary of Energy's Office serving as the Administrative Specialist for the Secretary's Chief of Staff.

Ms. Downing has 40 years of Federal Service in various agencies. She has served on many committees, was Employee of the Year in 1990, and served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Energy Child Care Development Center. She has received numerous Awards of Excellence for her work in Public Participation; efforts to provide small towns with computers, technology training and technical assistance; Certificate of Award

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from the U.S. House of Representatives and Congressional Black Caucus for outstanding support of the National Environmental Policy Commission; National Conference of Black Mayors Award; The National Campaign for Tolerance Honor for leading the way toward a more just America; Black Youth Leadership Development Institute Appreciation; Excerpts from students of the United Negro College Fund Special Programs Corporation/U.S. Department of Energy Mentorship for Environmental Scholars.

Christopher Drumm

Christopher Drumm is Senior Vice President for Government and External Affairs of AmeriHealth Caritas. In this capacity, he is responsible for the organization's interactions with Federal, state and local officials; legislative bodies; and other public entities. Mr. Drumm develops and implements strategies and programs that advance the business interests of and foster positive and effective relationships with all interested stakeholders.

A lifelong Philadelphian, Mr. Drumm has over two decades of experience in government and external relations. He has served as a legislative aide to Philadelphia City Council, as a legislative aide to a Member of the United States House of Representatives, as Assistant to the Chairman of the Delaware River Port Authority, and as Vice President for Government Affairs at Saint Joseph's University. He also has worked as a campaign manager for several candidates for public office.

Mr. Drumm holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from LaSalle University and a Master of Governmental Administration from the University of Pennsylvania, where he received the designation of Fels Scholar in recognition of academic excellence. He lives in the Fox Chase section of Philadelphia with his wife, Maureen, and four daughters. He coaches youth sports and is an active member of both his community and church, Saint Hilary's Roman Catholic.

Glenn Ellis, Sr., CHCE

A Birmingham, AL, native, Glenn Ellis, Sr., is an internationally respected health educator and complementary medicine consultant. Following his Pre-Med studies at the University of Pennsylvania, he is currently completing graduate MPH studies, with plans to pursue a Doctorate in Bioethics.

In 2006, his book, *Which Doctor?*, was received with wide acclaim. His latest book, *Information is the Best Medicine*, was released in January of 2012. He is working on his third book, scheduled for release in 2015, on 100 years of Blacks and Medicine in Philadelphia.

Mr. Ellis is a contributor to Real Health Magazine, Heart and Soul Magazine, The Black AIDS Institute Newsletter, as well as The National Medical Association's, Healthy Living magazine. In addition to his columns which appear weekly in The Philadelphia Tribune, he remains a regular radio guest and commentator on KJLH (Los Angeles), in Philadelphia on WURD-AM, where he hosts a weekly program, and WDAS-AM/FM, where he provides weekly commentary.

Mr. Ellis has made scientific presentations in Belgium, Germany, Cuba, Spain, South Africa, Ukraine and The Netherlands. He currently serves as President of Strategies for Well-Being, LLC, a health education and consulting company headquartered in Philadelphia.

Timothy Fields, Jr.

Timothy Fields, Jr., is Senior Vice President at MDB, Inc. As an expert in Superfund, Brownfields, Emergency Response, Worker Training, and Environmental Justice, he provides technical and analytical support to public and private sector clients.

Mr. Fields has 40 years of experience addressing complex site assessment, cleanup, reuse, and waste management issues. He worked at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for 30 years, serving four years as Assistant Administrator for the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER). He provided national direction and oversight of the nation's environmental site assessment, cleanup, reuse, and waste management programs, including Superfund toxic waste sites, Brownfields, Hazardous and Solid Waste Management, Underground Storage Tanks, Emergency Management, Technology Innovation, and Federal Facilities Site Remediation programs.

Mr. Fields is an expert mediator/facilitator, and also serves as an expert on environmental cleanup and waste management matters. At MDB, Inc., he leads its Environmental Justice practice, and works for a variety of clients. He has facilitated an industry-community-government EJ dialogue for 14 years in Spartanburg, SC. He has provided national EJ program mission support to EPA; the Department of Health and Human Services; the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and the Department of Energy, as well as private sector clients.

Mr. Fields has testified as a public health and environmental protection witness at more than 50 Congressional hearings. He has been interviewed by a number of national news organizations regarding environmental cleanup and waste management issues. He has been awarded four Presidential Rank Awards for outstanding Federal executive service. Mr. Fields has a B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering from Virginia Tech, and an M.S. degree in Operations Research from George Washington University.

Marvella Ford, Ph.D.

Marvella Ford, Ph.D., is a tenured Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), where she is the Associate Director of Cancer Disparities at the National Cancer Institute-designated Hollings Cancer Center. She completed her undergraduate training at Cornell University. She completed her graduate and postdoctoral fellowship training at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Ford is a behavioral scientist with expertise in conducting cancer disparities-focused research. Previously, she was a project leader on a Department of Defense (DoD) grant titled "Southeastern Virtual Institute for Health Equity and Wellness" (SEVIEW, led by Dr. Sabra Slaughter and Dr. David Rivers). The goal of her SEVIEW project was to improve cancer screening, cancer knowledge, and perceptions of cancer clinical trials among residents of the I-95 Corridor of South Carolina. These goals were realized during the project.

Currently, Dr. Ford is the principal investigator (PI), in collaboration with Dr. Judith Salley from South Carolina State University, of an NIH-funded center grant titled "South Carolina Cancer Disparities Research Center" (SC CaDRe). The goal of the SC CaDRe is to expand cancer disparities research in South Carolina while cultivating a diverse network of cancer researchers. The grant provides funding to train underrepresented students and junior faculty in cancer research methods.

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Additionally, Dr. Ford is a Multiple PI, with Dr. Chanita Hughes-Halbert, of a recent NIH-funded Minority Based Community Oncology Research Program to increase the participation of diverse participants in cancer research. Dr. Ford is also a Multiple PI, with Dr. Nestor Esnaola, of a national NIH-funded grant titled "Improving Resection Rates among African Americans with NSCLC." The purpose of the study is to evaluate a strategy to improve rates of receipt of surgery among African Americans with early-stage lung cancer. Study sites range from Delaware to Louisiana.

Since 2009, Dr. Ford has led a DoD-funded summer undergraduate research training program in collaboration with Claflin University, South Carolina State University, and Voorhees College. Most program participants are accepted into graduate or professional schools.

Dr. Ford is the author of more than 75 published scientific articles, several of which include undergraduates from HBCUs as co-authors. She has also published nine book chapters, and she is the co-author of an annotated bibliography on black American fathers.

Shirley Franklin

Former Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin is Chairman of the Board and CEO of Purpose Built Communities, and the Barbara Jordan Visiting Professor in Ethics and Political Values in the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin.

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 is term limited in Atlanta.) During her eight years, the city experienced unprecedented growth and the mayoralty afforded her 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 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, her community service spans nearly 40 years in Atlanta and includes her active participation in the arts, homelessness and higher education. After she left office in 2010, Mayor Franklin was appointed to the William and Camille Cosby Endowed Chair at Spelman College and served until June 2011.

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 serves on the board of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's 2013 Commission to Build a Healthier America. She also serves on the Board of Directors of Mueller Water Products, Delta Air Lines and The Volcker Alliance.

Ms. Franklin 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 Competitiveness*, 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.

Joel Freedman

Joel Freedman currently serves as President of Paladin Healthcare, which manages several community hospitals, including Howard University Hospital in Washington DC. He also serves as President and co-founder of Avanti Hospitals LLC, which acquired, turned around, and continues to own and operate four highly successful community hospitals in South and East Los Angeles, which are among the most underserved and health-challenged communities in the U.S.

Mr. Freedman is a founding member of the Healthcare Policy Advisory Council for Harvard Medical School, which is deeply involved in the transformation of the healthcare system at both a federal and state level. He is also a member of the Board of the Leonard D. Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics at the University of Southern California, which seeks to measurably improve value in health through evidence-based policy solutions, research excellence, transformative education and private and public sector engagement.

Mr. Freedman also serves on the Boards of Children's Bureau, one of the largest investors in child abuse prevention in the U.S.; and the Foundation for AltaMed Health Services, the largest independent Federally Qualified Community Health Center operator in the country, serving more than 140,000 community members through 43 clinics in underserved communities throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

Jennifer C. Friday, Ph.D.

Jennifer 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 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 SE-VIEW 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. She was a member of the congressionally appointed National Environmental Policy Commission. 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 masters and doctoral degrees in psychology from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

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Stephanie Gardner, Ph.D.

Stephanie Gardner, Ph.D., 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 1991, she joined the faculty of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Pharmacy. 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. In July 2015, she was named Provost and Chief Academic Officer for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Campus.

Dr. Gardner 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. In 2013, Dr. Gardner served as a Fellow of the American Council of Education. She also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education and served as President from 2014-15. Dr. Gardner was recently appointed to the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute Board of Directors.

Nadine Gracia, M.D., MSCE

Dr. J. Nadine Gracia 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, environmental health, disaster preparedness and response, global health, 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, working on 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 School of Medicine 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 The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, conducting research on community risk factors for violence.

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 is a recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including The Griot's 100 History Makers in the Making, Washington's Powerful Women by BET, the 1804 List of Haitian-American Changemakers in the United States, and the Emerging Trailblazer Award by the National Medical Association's Council on Concerns of Women Physicians. Dr. Gracia is a National President Emeritus of the Student National Medical Association and a past Postgraduate Physician Trustee of the National Medical Association.

Robert L. Harris, J.D.

Robert L. Harris, J.D., is a retired Vice President of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). A native of Arkadelphia, AR, where he attended segregated schools, he migrated to Oakland, CA, in 1960 and graduated from Oakland Technical High School in 1961. A 1963 graduate of Merritt College and a 1965 graduate of San Francisco State University, he was inducted into S.F. State University's Hall of Fame in 2007. In 1972, he received his Juris Doctor degree from the University Of California School Of Law at Berkeley (Boalt Hall). At Boalt Hall, he was an associate editor of the California Law Review.

Shortly after graduating from law school, Mr. Harris joined the legal staff of PG&E. In 1985, he became the first and only lawyer in PG&E's history to argue and win a case for it in the United States Supreme Court. After completing the Advanced Management Program (AMP 103) of the Harvard Business School (1988), he became Division Manager of one of PG&E's major operating Divisions, where he had responsibility for over 500 employees and led the efforts to restore energy in the aftermath of the 1991 Oakland firestorm. Subsequently, he was selected as Executive Assistant to the PG&E President and thereafter, in 1994, elected Vice President of Community & Local Governmental Relations. In 1998, he was elected Vice President of Environmental Affairs.

As a community leader, Mr. Harris has distinguished himself in numerous endeavors and is the recipient of countless awards from across the nation. A former president of the Charles Houston Bar Association of the San Francisco Bay Area and a member of its Hall of Fame, he served in 1979-1980 as President of the National Bar Association (NBA), the first ever from the West Coast. As President of the NBA, he convened the first National Conference on Black on Black Crime in 1980. One of the founders of the California Association of Black Lawyers (CABL) in 1977, he presided at its first meeting, and has received its highest honor (the Loren Miller Award) and its Life Time Achievement Award. In 2013, he was inducted into the NBA Hall of Fame.

Long active in Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, he served as the fraternity's Grand Polemarch (national president) from 1991 to 1995. He is also a past Sire Archon (president) of Alpha Gamma Boulé (Oakland) of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and served as Grand Sire Archon (National President) of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (the Boulé) 2008-2010. He is the recipient of a number of prestigious Awards, including the Willie L. Brown, Jr., Leadership Award of the A. Philip Randolph Institute; the Lifetime Achievement Awards of the Charles Houston Bar Association; the Gertrude E. Rush Award of the NBA (2011), the Roy C. Nichol Lifetime Achievement Award of the Downs Community Development Corporation and the Lifetime Achievement Award of the 100 Black Men of the Bay Area.

As a civil rights activist, Mr. Harris has received the NAACP's highest legal honor, the "William Robert Ming Award" (1986). He is a recipient of the NBA's highest honor, the "C. Francis Stradford Award" (1982) and the American Bar Association's highest Pro Bono Service Award (1986). Because of his commitment to civic affairs, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity bestowed upon him its highest honor, the "Laurel Wreath," in 2005. On two separate occasions, he served as Co-Chair of the San Francisco Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, and was its first Black Co-Chair.

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Active in countless organizations, he is past chair of the United Negro College Fund's Bay Area Advisory Board and has received its highest honor, the "Frederick D. Patterson Award." Active in energy matters, he is a former General Counsel of the American Association of Blacks in Energy, a former board member of the U.S. EPA's National Environmental Justice Advisory Council, the Congressional Black Caucus' National Energy Policy Commission, the California EPA Advisory Committee on Environmental Justice, and is a former member of the Board of Directors of the California League of Conservation Voters. A former member of the Board of Trustees of the Alta Bates Medical Center (Berkeley, CA), he is Past Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the African American Experience Fund of the National Park Foundation (emeritus Board Member), and is the current Chair of Congresswoman Barbara Lee's Finance Committee. On six (6) different occasions (1980, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995 and 2009) he was selected by Ebony Magazine as one of the "100 Most Influential Blacks in America."

Nneka L. Ifejika, M.D., MPH

Raised in Washington, DC, Nneka Ifejika, M.D., 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.

Dr. Ifejika is an award-winning mentor, speaker, author and reviewer in the fields of Neurology and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and the first Neurorehabilitation physician to be fully integrated in a JCAHO accredited comprehensive stroke center.

She has excelled in both specialties. Dr. Ifejika is a graduate of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R) Leadership program; she advocates for the rights of the disabled as part of the Health Policy and Legislation Committee, and mentors others as a member of the Medical Education Committee. She is a Fellow of the American Heart Association (AHA), serving on the editorial board of Stroke, the flagship AHA journal, and the AHA Stroke Council.

In 2010, Dr. Ifejika 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 as first author in peer reviewed journals and received the AAPM&R's Best Neurological Research Award.

Dr. Ifejika is an advocate for patient safety. With the assistance of her Neurorehabilitation team at Memorial Hermann Hospital – Texas Medical Center, she developed Rehab MATRIX, a nursing assignment algorithm which has significantly reduced falls, improved the quality of care and decreased nursing fatigue amongst staff members on her TJC affiliated inpatient rehabilitation unit. She is in the process of having Rehab MATRIX copyrighted and implemented across the Memorial Hermann Health System, setting a gold standard for systematic rehabilitation nursing practice.

Swipe out Stroke (SOS) is her current project, focusing on the use of SmartPhone-based mobile applications to improve stroke prevention in high-risk minority stroke survivors and their caregivers who share similar genetic or environmental risk factors. Through Swipe out Stroke, Dr. Ifejika saw the opportunity to reach beyond the hospital setting to the community, in an effort to sustain multi-level, generational changes in the incidence of cerebrovascular disease. Since receiving a career development award for SOS in June 2014, she has two manuscripts in press as first author, and several under review.

For her innovative and forward facing work, Dr. Ifejika was one of ten young faculty selected to participate in the fourth cohort of the NHLBI sponsored Program to Increase Diversity in Cardiovascular Health Related Research (PRIDE). She has received both a Congressional Commendation for her work from Congressman Alexander N. Green (Texas, 9th District) and has served as an Advisor on Healthcare Reform at a roundtable discussion with Secretary Burwell of the Department of Health and Human Services in 2015. Her example as an outstanding physician has paved the way for others to start a career in academic medicine.

Maia McCuiston Jackson, M.D., FAAP

Maia McCuiston Jackson, M.D., attended Spelman College in Atlanta, GA, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. She received her medical doctorate from Wayne State University in Detroit, MI, and completed a residency in Pediatrics at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Dr. Jackson has been with the Mid Atlantic Permanente Medical Group for seven years. She is a practicing pediatrician, speaking both English and Spanish, and currently serves as the Physician Director of Multicultural Services Kaiser Permanente Mid Atlantic States. She currently serves as regional representative to Kaiser Permanente's National Breastfeeding subgroup, is a certified trainer for Kaiser Permanente's Diversity in Health series and serves as the Pediatric representative on the regions' Transgender Care Quality Committee.

Dr. Jackson was appointed to the Commonwealth of Virginia's Advisory Council on Health Disparity and Health Equity in January of 2015, and was named one of the "Top 40 under 40" by the National Medical Association in 2014, a "Top Doc Rising Star" by the Washington Post in 2014 and "Top Doctor" for the past three years by Northern Virginia Magazine. She was recognized with the Spelman College Alumnae Award in 2015 for her efforts in the support of the colleges Health Careers Program Students. Dr. Jackson is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and a member of the National Medical Association and Artemis Medical Society.

Ingrid Saunders Jones

Ingrid Saunders Jones is the Chair of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW), an organization focused on health, financial literacy and education of children and families. NCNW is a 501(c)3 organization comprised of a network of 38 national African American women's organizations and nearly 240 local community and campus-based sections. Together, these organizations have a combined outreach to nearly four million women.

Ms. Jones is a well-respected global leader who joined The Coca-Cola Company in 1982 and held roles of increasing responsibility focusing on the company's corporate giving and community outreach. During her three-decade Coca-Cola career, Ms. Jones led the transformation of the company's philanthropic outreach, growing a U.S.-focused program into a global initiative touching millions of lives each year. Under her leadership as Senior Vice President of Global Community Connections and Chair of The Coca-Cola Foundation, The Coca-Cola Foundation awarded over \$500 million to community organizations. These organizations included the United Negro College Fund, Hispanic Scholarship Fund, Catalyst — the Critical Difference for Women Program at Ohio State University, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, the World Wildlife Fund, Girls Scouts of the United States of America and The Coca-Cola First Generation Scholarship Program, to name a few.

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Prior to joining The Coca-Cola Company, Ms. Jones had a variety of work experiences. She taught in public schools in Detroit, MI, and Atlanta, GA, early in her career; and later went on to serve as the Executive Director of Detroit Wayne County Child Care Coordinating Council. In 1977, she became a fellow in the Atlanta Fellows Program and was assigned to the Atlanta City Council. After her fellowship year, she moved on to serve as the Legislative Analyst in the Office of the President of the Atlanta City Council. Two years later, she joined the Mayor's office as Executive Assistant to The Honorable Maynard H. Jackson, Jr.

Ms. Jones' commitment to community development extends beyond the doors of The Coca-Cola Company's headquarters. She currently serves on several national and local boards, including the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, The Carter Center, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, the Woodruff Arts Center, and Clark Atlanta University. She is a member of the Comcast NBC/Universal Diversity Council, the Rotary Club of Atlanta, the Society of International Business Fellows, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and the Links.

Recognition of her contributions include the 2013 National President's Award from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; the 2012 Triumph Award for Community Engagement from the National Action Network; the 2012 Legacy Award from 100 Black Men of America; the 2011 Jackie Robinson, Robbie Humanitarian Award; the 2010 Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America; the 2010 Corporate Responsibility Award from ESSENCE Magazine; the 2008 Executive Leadership Council's Achievement Award; the President's Award from Morehouse College; YWCA's Woman of Achievement; the Ohio State University Foundation's John B. Gerlach Development Award, and the Georgia State University, School of Business, Hall of Fame.

A native of Detroit, MI, Ms. Jones earned a bachelor's degree in education from Michigan State University and a master's degree in education from Eastern Michigan University. Her Alma Mater, Michigan State University honored her with an honorary Doctorate of Humanities. She also has honorary degrees from Spelman College, Knoxville College, Morris Brown College, the Atlanta College of Art and the Morehouse School of Medicine.

Jeannette P. Jordan

Jeannette F. Jordan is an author and national public speaker on nutrition and health-related topics. She is a Registered Dietitian, Certified Diabetes Educator, and a Former Spokesperson for the American Dietetic Association. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1980 and a Master's in Nutritional Science Degree in 1990 from South Carolina State University.

Ms. Jordan is an Ordained Minister and is the Senior Pastor of the Church House of Ministries World Wide, Ladson, SC. She is the former host and producer of "You and Your Health" and "Controlling Diabetes with Jeannette" television shows which aired on local cable television. She has done several infomercials with Patty LaBelle on diabetes. She has served as a consultant for the following agencies: The Medical University of South Carolina on projects aimed at decreasing health disparities in African Americans, where she did teaching DVDs to educate the public on healthy lifestyles, Black Entertainment Television (BET), The University of South Carolina, Clemson University, South Carolina State University, Better Homes and Gardens Diabetic Living Magazine, and Head Start programs.

Ms. Jordan's heartfelt passion is to educate the public to take charge of their health by developing a healthy lifestyle. She carries out this passion through the use of television, radio, print media, books, seminars and other health-related programs. She has authored or co-authored several books: "Health Meditations," "The Good Health Cookbook," "Be Good to Yourself," "Weight Management Guide" and "Dash for Good Health Southern Style."

Dr. Michael H. Kanter, M.D.

Michael H. Kanter, M.D., is the Regional Medical Director of Quality & Clinical Analysis for the Southern California Permanente Medical Group. Dr. Kanter is also the National Executive for Quality & Care Delivery Excellence in the Permanente Federation and Chair of the National Permanente Quality Council. He oversees the following areas within Kaiser Permanente's Southern California region: quality, clinical analysis and clinical practice guidelines, utilization of drugs, medical imaging and laboratory services, health education, patient safety, physician education, research and evaluation, innovation, residency programs and physician education, purchaser engagement and marketing, as well as measurement of access and service.

Dr. Kanter has authored more than 55 articles published in peer review journals, including the New England Journal of Medicine and the Journal of the American Medical Association, and authored chapters in five books.

Dr. Kanter is a frequently invited speaker for the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), National Patient Safety Foundation and other major organizations on a variety of topics, including the Proactive Office Encounter, Complete Care, ambulatory patient safety and the Patient Safety Net, how to improve the patient care experience, language concordance, and health disparities. He has participated in the Institute of Medicine Committee on Diagnostic Errors and the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) Systems Engineering for healthcare report on accelerating improvement through systems engineering. He is the chair of the Practice Improvement Committee of the Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine, and a member of the Standards Committee of NCQA. He has received the John C Maxwell Leadership Award.

The Honorable Robin Kelly, Ph.D.

Congresswoman Robin Kelly is honored to represent the citizens of Illinois' 2nd Congressional District. Since her election in 2013, she has worked to expand economic opportunity and promote public safety, sponsoring numerous bills to generate job growth and end gun violence.

As a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Ms. Kelly serves on key committees, including the Foreign Affairs Committee and its Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade. She also serves on the Oversight and Government Reform Committee, the main investigative body of the House, which oversees federal government operations and works to reduce waste, fraud and abuse. She serves as ranking member on the Subcommittee on Information Technology and serves on the Subcommittee on National Security, working to protect our nation's cyber security and defend our borders.

Representative Kelly is a member of seven House Caucuses, including the Congressional Black Caucus, the Women's Caucus and the General Aviation Caucus. She currently chairs the CBC's Healthcare Braintrust, which works to address health disparities and improve health outcomes for all Americans. A particular area of focus for the Congresswoman as Health Braintrust Chair is dental care, as she strives to increase oral health care opportunities for children, senior citizens and residents of underserved communities.

Having served at every level of government, Kelly brings extensive legislative and leadership experience to the 2nd District. She began her government service as community relations director in the Village of Matteson. She was later elected to the Illinois House of Representatives and sponsored bills supporting economic development, increasing the minimum wage and protecting consumers from fraud. She also led the fight for landmark legislation to protect

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victims of domestic violence and improve public safety. She continued her public career by serving as chief of staff of the Illinois State Treasurer's Office. In this role, she pursued a progressive agenda rooted in promoting small business job creation, improving efficiencies and advancing financial literacy in underserved areas. Prior to her election to Congress, Representative Kelly was chief administrative officer of Cook County, the second largest county in the United States.

Ms. Kelly serves on a number of boards, including the Northern Illinois University Political Science Advisory Board, Rich Township Food Pantry, and the Board of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, a bipartisan, nonprofit research and advocacy think-tank that works to promote social and economic justice. She is also a Bradley University Trustee and in 2009 was inducted into Bradley's Centurion Society for honored alumni. She is also an active member of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.

A New York native, Kelly moved to Illinois after high school to attend Bradley University in Peoria, IL, where she earned her B.A. in psychology and an M.A. in counseling. She later received a Ph.D. in political science from Northern Illinois University. She lives in Matteson with her husband, Dr. Nathaniel Horn, and has two adult children, Kelly and Ryan.

Renata Serricchio Leite, D.D.S.

Renata Serricchio Leite, D.D.S., is an assistant professor at the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine (CDM) at the Medical University of South Carolina, where she also is clinical director for the newly created Division of Population Oral Health. The only community-based participatory researcher (CBPR) in the Dental School, Dr. Leite has training as a basic scientist and periodontist. Her research agenda shifted from clinical applications to health disparities using CBPR when she observed the impact of periodontal disease on Gullah populations with diabetes. The oral health inequities she observed from 2007 to 2010 as a junior investigator in the MUSC College of Dental Medicine's Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) served as a catalyst for re-evaluating her professional purpose.

Dr. Leite has developed an intervention research program to ameliorate oral health disparities experienced by residents of the barrier sea island communities of South Carolina. Since 2009, she has served as an investigator on five NIH grants, including one for which she was the PI, and used CBPR to address unmet oral health needs in Hollywood, SC.

Her research has resulted in numerous scholarly presentations and publications. However, the greatest evidence of her success may be in the transformation that has occurred within the Hollywood, SC, community. During the 2014 legislative session, the Town of Hollywood's mayor and other community leaders were successful in obtaining funds from the S.C. General Assembly to equip a dental clinic for uninsured and underserved members of their community.

David B. Matthews

David B. Matthews currently serves as the Director of the Division of New Reactor Licensing in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Office of New Reactors (NRO).

Mr. Matthews supports the NRC mission to protect public health, safety and the environment, by leading and managing the licensing programs applicable to new nuclear reactors. Mr. Matthews' organization is the principal organization in the NRC responsible for project management of application reviews pertaining to: design certifications, early site permits, and combined licenses. His organization develops and maintains the necessary regulatory infrastructure to support new reactor licensing, including activities in support of rulemakings, guidance development, interactions with stakeholders, and large scale project management tools for schedule and resource planning and tracking.

In past assignments, Mr. Matthews has developed and overseen the reactor security, emergency preparedness, and radiation protection inspection and licensing programs. In his immediately prior position, as the Director of the Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, Mr. Matthews was responsible for the overall policy, planning, and direction for a wide spectrum of NRC programs that included plant license renewals, next-generation reactor licensing, non-power reactor licensees, and all environmental issues related to the licensing and operation of power and non-power reactors. Mr. Matthews initiated the agency's efforts to introduce regulatory reforms that included several far-reaching initiatives designed to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of NRC safety oversight by introducing risk-informed regulatory approaches. Mr. Matthews directed a significant portion of the NRC's implementation of the Direct Assistance Program for Russia and the Ukraine in support of the Lisbon Initiative. He was instrumental in managing the development of NRC policies and programs relating to reactor licensee financial qualification and decommissioning funding issues stemming from electric utility deregulation initiatives occurring nationwide. Mr. Matthews played a critical role in implementing the nationwide emergency preparedness program initiated in response to the accident at Three Mile Island. He also served as the agency's principal point of contact with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and coordinated the emergency preparedness licensing reviews conducted by the NRC and FEMA throughout the 1980s.

Gina McCarthy

Gina McCarthy is the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Appointed by President Obama in 2009 as Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of Air and Radiation, Ms. McCarthy has been a leading advocate for common-sense strategies to protect public health and the environment. Previously, she served as the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. During her career, which spans over 30 years, she has worked at both the state and local levels on critical environmental issues and helped coordinate policies on economic growth, energy, transportation and the environment.

Ms. McCarthy received a Bachelor of Arts in Social Anthropology from the University of Massachusetts at Boston and a joint Master of Science in Environmental Health Engineering and Planning and Policy from Tufts University.

When she is not in D.C., McCarthy lives in the Greater Boston area with her husband and dog, just a short bike ride away from their three children, Daniel, Maggie, and Julie.

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Mildred McClain, Ed.D.

Mildred McClain, Ed.D., cofounded and currently serves as the Executive Director of the Harambee House/Citizens For Environmental Justice, a community-based organization whose mission is to build the capacity of communities to solve their problems and to engage in positive growth and development. The organization was created in 1990, is located in Savannah, GA and serves communities at the local, state, regional, national and international levels.

Dr. McClain has been a human rights activist and teacher for over 40 years. She has served on numerous committees, commissions, working groups and boards. She created major partnerships with the Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Centers for Disease Control and many community-based organizations, with the goals of addressing public health and environmental justice issues and concerns. Dr. McClain served as an efficient delegate to the World Conference Against Racism and the World Summit on Sustainable Development, both held in South Africa. Under Dr. McClain's leadership for the past 20 years, the Black Youth Leadership Development Institute has trained over 1500 young people to serve as leaders in their communities.

Dr. McClain is a mother and grandmother. The goal of her work is to develop the capacity of our communities to create lifestyles that promote health, wellness and environmental sustainability, through community gardens, health fairs, testing children for lead poison, and soil testing in contaminated communities.

Rep. Harold Mitchell, Jr.

Representative Harold Mitchell, Jr., is a respected leader with a long record of achievements in affordable housing, environmental justice, community revitalization and public policy.

Mr. Mitchell's work in environmental justice organizing began in 1997, when he started a grassroots movement to clean up and fully remediate the two Superfund sites and four brownfield sites surrounding his family home in South Carolina. As part of this effort, he founded ReGenesis in 1998 and served as the Executive Director of this non-profit organization until 2012. During his tenure, ReGenesis leveraged over \$250 million in revitalization, clean up, housing, job training, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and infrastructure. In 2000, ReGenesis was designated the national model for the Inter-Agency Working Group on Environmental Justice.

From 2000 to 2005, Rep. Mitchell served on the U.S. EPA National Environmental Justice Advisory Council, in Washington DC, where he served on the Executive Committee. In 2002, Rep. Mitchell was selected to be a delegate to the U.N. Conference on Sustainability, which met in Johannesburg, South Africa.

In 2004, Mr. Mitchell spearheaded the cleanup of the Arkwright Mill, a federally designated brownfield. For this project, ReGenesis was awarded an EPA grant with matching funds from Spartanburg County to complete the first DHEC voluntary cleanup agreement in the state. That same year, ReGenesis facilitated a dispute resolution with Rhodia Chemical Company, using a process that became the American Chemistry Council industry model.

In 2005, as part of a Hope 6 Grant of \$20 million, Rep. Mitchell established job training initiatives with the U.S. Department of Labor for residents of public housing and residents of a local homeless shelter, many of whom were veterans. These initiatives included two brick masonry classes, a residential construction trade class, and asbestos abatement classes. Participants who successfully completed the masonry classes worked jobs and earned income laying the foundations for an equitable development project of over 500 housing units. After being certified to

perform asbestos abatement, many program participants got related jobs with a company performing upgrades to the Pentagon in Washington, DC. Other participants in these programs were recruited to work in the Hurricane Katrina cleanup effort.

Currently, Rep. Mitchell serves as the Executive Director of the Upstate Housing Partnership, the only 501(c)(3) not-for-profit developer of quality affordable housing in the Upstate Region of South Carolina. He has served in this capacity since 2013.

Rep. Mitchell has also served as the District 31 Representative in the SC House since 2005. He introduced and passed many noteworthy initiatives. He introduced and passed the first environmental justice law in South Carolina (2007), which used federal funding to replicate the ReGenesis model for environmental remediation with grassroots community involvement in four additional regions statewide. Rep. Mitchell passed tax increment financing for affordable housing (2007), established the SC Local Housing Trust Fund (2007), added low-income housing tax credits for affordable housing (2008), and established the SC Housing Commission, the first effort to address affordable housing statewide in South Carolina (2009). Continuing his work in affordable housing and environmental justice, Rep. Mitchell formed the Equitable Development Committee in the South Carolina House (2011). Rep. Mitchell also introduced and passed legislation to address human trafficking (2010).

Rep. Mitchell has earned a reputation as a man of steadfast commitment to voting rights. In 2011 he was the sole dissenting vote on the House Conference Committee on South Carolina's Voter ID bill. He continued his advocacy by sending written testimony to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder to dispute misleading documents sent by the Republican leadership falsely indicating unanimous support of that Voter ID law.

A respected advocate for racial justice, Rep. Mitchell was elected the Chairman of the SC Legislative Black Caucus for the 2012-14 cycle. While Chairman, he led an effort to organize more than 100,000 citizens who would have been directly impacted by Medicaid expansion in under 45 days. This organizing effort was so successful that the Black Caucus received a commendation letter from the U.S. Secretary for Health and Human Services. He continues to fight for Medicaid expansion in South Carolina.

Mr. Mitchell lives in Spartanburg, SC, with his wife, Wanda, and his three children, David, Elizabeth and Hannah. He is an active member of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. He has been recognized for his advocacy work with numerous honors and awards.

Mark Mitchell M.D., MPH, FACPM

Mark Mitchell, M.D., is the principal of Mitchell Environmental Health Associates, a consulting firm on environmental health and environmental justice issues. He chairs the National Medical Association's Council on Medical Legislation and co-chairs the NMA's Commission on Environmental Health, where he provides environmental health education to physicians and advocates on behalf of NMA. A public health physician trained in environmental health and health policy, Dr. Mitchell has spent over 20 years working in the public health sector, including as Director of the Hartford, CT, Health Department. He has spent the past 15 years working with environmental justice communities to prevent and reduce environmentally related disease, as well as to change policies that are detrimental to environmental health.

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Dr. Mitchell was a Principal Investigator on the first physician survey on climate and health, which indicated that 88% of African American physicians surveyed had patients with health conditions associated with climate change, and that physicians are motivated to act to address this situation. Dr. Mitchell is a public speaker and has authored articles on climate and health. He has trained physicians about the health effects of climate and climate policy.

Dr. Mitchell has served on several U.S. EPA and FDA advisory committees and has received a number of awards for his community and environmental health leadership.

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 to her role as president and dean of Morehouse School of Medicine. These assets make her an invaluable strategist, influencer and community partner.

Dr. Montgomery Rice is the sixth president of Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) and the first woman to lead the free-standing medical institution. In addition to president, she also retains the deanship. Dr. Montgomery Rice is a renowned infertility specialist and researcher, and most recently served as dean and executive vice president of MSM, where she served since 2011. In this role, she led MSM's widespread academic and clinical programs in health sciences and led its strategic planning initiatives for patient care, research and community engagement.

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 also 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. Prior to joining Meharry Medical College, Dr. Montgomery Rice held numerous administrative and faculty appointments at the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

Her dedication to health care 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 on Minority Health and Health Disparities and Office of Research on Women's Health/National Institutes of Health (NIH) advisory councils (2013-); Society for Women's Health Research board (2012-) and the executive committee (2013); March of Dimes board (2012-); Association of American Medical Colleges Council of Deans Administrative board (2012-); FDA Advisory Committee for Reproductive Health Drugs (2011-); American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, board examiner (2007-); Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society (2006-); 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 a 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, Philadelphia, PA.

Richard Moore

Richard Moore is the program director for Los Jardines Institute in Albuquerque, NM. Mexico. Los Jardines is a member of the Environmental Justice & Health Alliance for Chemical Policy Reform. Through this alliance, Los Jardines advocates for stronger, safer and just chemical policies.

From 1993 to 2010, Mr. Moore served as the Executive Director of Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice (Southwest Network), in Albuquerque, NM. He arrived at the Southwest Network after 12 years with the Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP), where he was the lead organizer and primary trainer of SWOP's organizing model.

A widely respected national leader in area of environmental justice, Mr. Moore has served on numerous government and nongovernmental committees and panels, including chair of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC), and member of the National Council of Churches EcoJustice Task Force and the Congressional Black Caucus National Environmental Policy Commission. In 2010, Mr. Moore transitioned from director of SNEEJ to Senior Advisor. Mr. Moore is a recipient of the 2005 Ford Foundation Leadership for a Changing World Award.

Jack Moyer

Jack Moyer is the Carolinas / Tennessee Water Security and Preparedness Market Sector Leader for AECOM in Raleigh, NC. He joined AECOM-predecessor company, URS, in 2005, upon his retirement from the City of Raleigh, where he served as Assistant Public Utilities Director.

Mr. Moyer's expertise is water sector resiliency through vulnerability assessments, emergency response planning, business continuity plans, preparedness exercises and other measures. He is a past Chairperson of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) (national) Emergency Preparedness and Security Committee and multiple state-level committees. He has presented and published many papers on water sector preparedness and has contributed to three books on the subject.

Mr. Moyer holds a BS in community Development and a Masters of Public Administration from Penn State.

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Gregory G. Mullen

Gregory G. Mullen was appointed Chief of Police of the Charleston Police Department on October 2, 2006. He is responsible for the overall operation of the largest municipal law enforcement agency in the State of South Carolina. Chief Mullen, a retired Air Force veteran, began his policing career in 1985 as a police officer with the Virginia Beach Police Department, rising through the ranks to Deputy Chief of Police. His previous assignments included patrol, narcotics, criminal intelligence and resort operations.

Chief Mullen is an experienced leader with a proven record of community involvement, cultivating relationships and using teams to create opportunities and solve problems. He strives to establish strong community relationships throughout the city with the goal of strengthening relationships between the citizens of Charleston and their police department. Chief Mullen leads by example with a strong commitment to lifelong learning, employee growth and development, and accountability.

During his tenure, he has been instrumental in implementing a number of strategic changes throughout the organization that have led to enhancements in the areas of crime reduction, excellence in policing, community support and outreach, and technology advancements. He introduced the COMPSTAT program to the department, which uses GIS technology to map crime and identify problems, to bring team commanders together to discuss the problems, and devise strategies to solve those problems in order to reduce crime and the fear of crime. In addition, to achieve these objectives he led the development of a robust crime analysis capability, organized Citizen Advisory Groups to foster better communication between the police and citizens, and launched a safety and security camera program.

The organizational enhancements have allowed the Department to be adaptive and flexible to changes involving laws, policies, citizen feedback, and technology innovations. This has led the Department to a focused policing strategy, which embraces the value of the community to prevent crime and create a safer community.

He is actively engaged in developing technology capabilities that enhance the state-wide and regional ability to gather, analyze, and share information and intelligence to improve the ability to be proactive and responsive to criminal acts. His efforts contributed to the State Law Enforcement Division selecting a single intelligence system for all law enforcement agencies, the activation of a local intelligence analysis cell, the agreement by local law enforcement leaders to consolidate information sharing through the use of Coplink, and the integration of video systems, automatic license plate readers and other data sources at the Seahawk/Interagency Operations Center in Charleston.

LaQuandra S. Nesbitt, M.D.

LaQuandra S. Nesbitt, M.D., Director of the District of Columbia Department of Health (DOH), is the leading public health expert in Washington, DC. Her focus is on creating a culture of health and wellness in the District; an expanded focus on social determinants of health and health equity; strengthening public-private partnerships; increased connection between public health and clinical medicine; and implementing an outcomes-driven approach to program and policy development.

Dr. Nesbitt received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, her medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine, and a Master of Public Health in Health Care Management and Policy from the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Nesbitt completed an internship in family medicine at the University Hospitals of Cleveland/Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Nesbitt completed her family medicine residency in the University of Maryland's Department of Family Medicine where she served as

chief resident. Dr. Nesbitt completed her fellowship training with the Commonwealth Fund Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy.

Reverend Doctor Allen W. Parrott

Rev. Allen W. Parrott was born in Darlington, SC. Rev. Parrott is a graduate of Mayo High School in Darlington. He graduated from Allen University in Columbia, SC, with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Turner Theological Seminary in Atlanta, GA, and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Erskine Seminary in Due West, SC. His dissertation "Empowering Class Leaders of Morris Brown African Methodist Episcopal Church for Effective Pastoral Visitation," focused on the ministry of class leaders and developing an effective lay leader to be spiritually, theologically and historically grounded.

Rev. Parrott is married to Barbara Ann Canty, a native of Sumter, SC. Mrs. Parrott is employed as the County Director of Williamsburg County Department of Social Services. They are the parents of three children, Kevin Eugene (Erica), Korey Allen (Kelly) and Kimberly Rochelle, and have four grandchildren, Kendall Allen, Jayden Rommelle, Kennedy Lillian and Korey Allen, Jr.

Prior to becoming a Presiding Elder, Rev. Parrott served as pastor of Mt. Zion AME Church, Charleston, SC; Williams Chapel AME Church, Orangeburg, SC, and Morris Brown AME Church, Charleston, SC. He currently serves as Presiding Elder of the Kingstree District in the Palmetto Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, 37 pastors and almost 7,500 members. The Kingstree District established several ministries that positively address and impact the needs of God's people such as: The Angel Tree Ministry, a summer S.T.E.M. camp, an annual leadership conference that focuses on health disparities and for the last two years has included environmental justice and the devastating impact of injustice on minority communities.

For the last 33 years Rev. Parrott has served as Director of the Seventh Episcopal District Leadership Congress, and Director and Chairperson of Christian Education for the African Methodist Churches in South Carolina (500 churches and 175,00 members). Through his leadership, ministries have been presented that focus on Health Education and Prevention, Emergency Management Preparedness and Environmental Justice. He has been involved in health ministry and the role of the church in addressing health needs of the people. His involvement in health has led to the publication of AME Health Cookbook, AME Health Meditation Guide, Health-e-AME website and The AMEC Strategic Health Plan in collaboration with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Rev. Parrott has appeared on BET News, South Carolina Educational TV and National Public Radio in support of health education and prevention.

Rev. Parrott's ministry has taken him to preach and teach in Lusaka and Livingston, Cape Town and Johannesburg; Botswana and Harare, Africa; Port-au-Prince, Haiti; South America, Bermuda and throughout the United States. He has taken books and medical supplies to Africa and Haiti also.

Rev. Parrott has developed workshops and has written several publications focusing on lay ministry and the class leader in Methodism. Among them are Class Leaders Training Workshop and Training Manual, Empowering Laity for Effective Ministry and Service and Empowering Class Leaders for Effective Ministry.

Rev. Parrott served on the Orangeburg, SC, City Council. He was one of the first African Americans to serve on Orangeburg City Council since Reconstruction. He is a member of the Palmetto Annual Conference and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He is the recipient of numerous awards for community, civic and church leadership.

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Dwayne Proctor, Ph.D.

Dwayne Proctor, Ph.D., is the Senior Adviser to the President and Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Achieving Health Equity portfolio. Dr. Proctor believes that the Foundation's vision for building a Culture of Health presents a unique opportunity to achieve health equity by advancing and promoting innovative systems changes related to the social determinants of health.

Dr. Proctor came to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in 2002 as a senior communications and program officer, providing strategic guidance and resources for several child health and risk-prevention initiatives. In 2005, he was tapped to lead RWJF's national strategies to reverse the rise in childhood obesity rates. In 2014, as multiple municipalities and states were reporting signs of progress in reversing the childhood obesity epidemic, Dr. Proctor was reassigned to direct RWJF's work to achieve health equity.

Dr. Proctor received his academic credentials from the University of Connecticut. He is the former chairman of the board of directors for the Association of Black Foundation Executives and currently is the chairman of the board of trustees of the NAACP Foundation.

LaVerne 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 is the current chair of the board of the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute and serves on the boards of the Rotary Club of St. Thomas and the U.S. Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority. 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 33-year span.

During the first 10 years of her career, Dr. Ragster served as a part of the teaching faculty at the (College first, then in 1986) University of the Virgin Islands, where she was promoted from Assistant Professor to Professor of Marine Biology. She also held numerous administrative positions in the University, including Senior Vice President and Provost, and President (2002-2009). Dr. Ragster helped link UVI to other higher education institutions in the region when she served as Sub-Secretary General for the Association of Caribbean Universities and Research Institutes (UNICA) and as the Coordinator of the Consortium of Caribbean Universities for Natural Resource Management. She helped to link UVI to the rest of the world through her service as chair of the board of the University Consortium for Small Island Developing States.

Dr. Ragster works with a number of non-governmental organizations (ngos) and regional organizations, including the Caribbean Studies Association (past president), Caribbean Conservation Association (past vice president), Island Resources Foundation (board member), The Nature Conservancy (former board member), the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (USVI Representative), and Clean Islands International (board member). She is a member of the recently formed U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing Systems Advisory Committee, which builds on her national experience of participation in 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. 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 always been pleased to be a part of teams that trained professionals and communities to better address resource management on islands. 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 continues to serve the University of the Virgin Islands through an assignment with the UVI Caribbean Exploratory (NIMHD) Research Center and is focusing her scholarly efforts on climate change adaptation in the Caribbean, especially in the area of public health. In addition, she is the co-chair of the USVI Rotary North Practice Peace Initiative.

LaVerne Ragster was born and raised in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Her educational career included completion of a number of leadership development certificates in recent years and 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.

She is married to her life partner, Lloyd Gardner, and they have two sons.

Britt Rios-Ellis, Ph.D.

In 2014, Britt Rios-Ellis, Ph.D., was appointed as the founding Dean of the College of Health Sciences and Human Services at California State University Monterey Bay.

For the previous 20 years, Dr. Rios-Ellis served as a professor at California State University Long Beach (CSULB) and as 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 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 that are based in both the community and university employing the use of 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 (community health worker) 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 U.S. Department of Agriculture-funded project "Transdisciplinary Graduate Education and Training to Prevent Latino Childhood Obesity, Sanos y Fuertes/Healthy and Strong," which enhances 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 Opportunities Learning Alliance (HHOLA) funded by the National Institutes of Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), which was formed to address 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

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California University-based applicants to be awarded the BUILD Planning Grant from NIMHD, 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 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 several leading roles in health equity-related conference and symposium planning. She serves on the planning committee for the National Health Disparities Conference, 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. She 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.

David Rivers, DHL

David E. Rivers, DHL, serves as Chairman of the National Conference on Health Disparities. Dr. Rivers is an Associate Professor and Director of the Public Information and Community Outreach at the Medical University of South Carolina. He has served the University in a number of capacities since January 1995.

During the past thirty-five years, he 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 also 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.

Dr. Rivers serves as Board Chairman of the National Urban Fellows in New York, NY. He also serves as Chairman of the James E. Clyburn Research and Scholarship Foundation. He is also President of the Jonathan Green Foundation. Dr. Rivers is Vice Chairman of the Sea Island Comprehensive Health Care Corporation. 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 South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston, SC; Allen University Board of Trustees in Columbia, SC; the Congressional Black Caucus Institute's 21st Century Council Executive Committee; Advisory Board Member of Charleston First Reliance Bank; the Trident Urban League; and the National Caucus and Center for Black Aged, Inc. He has also served as a Board Member of the Community Foundation and the Charleston Regional Development Alliance. In addition, 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 and 2015 unopposed, where he serves as Vice Chairman.

Samuel Ross, M.D.

Samuel Ross, M.D., is the Chief Executive Officer of Bon Secours Baltimore Health System and Executive Vice President at Bon Secours Health System, Inc., which owns the Baltimore Health System along with health care facilities in Kentucky, New York, South Carolina, Virginia and Florida. Along with managing an 88-bed acute care hospital in the heart of West Baltimore, Dr. Ross is responsible for a vast network of community outreach divisions that focus on housing, education, job skills, behavioral health, substance abuse and rehabilitation. He is a tireless and passionate advocate for eliminating health disparities and improving access to care in his community.

Coupled with his responsibilities at the Baltimore Health System, Dr. Ross is the "Market Leader" for Bon Secours Kentucky. He is also the Supply Chain Leader for Bon Secours Health System, Inc. He is a member of the Maryland Hospital Association Executive Committee, where he serves as Vice-Chair, and currently chairs the Women/Minority Business Initiative for the Maryland Hospital Association (MHA).

Dr. Ross is one of Baltimore's most dynamic health care executives. He is a member of the Board of Directors, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Baltimore branch. Dr. Ross is also a member of the Baltimore Health System

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Board of Directors and the 340 B Health Board of Directors. He was recognized by The Daily Record as one of the Top 20 Most Admired CEOs in Maryland, 2013; National Association of Health Services Executive – Washington Metropolitan Area Chapter Healthcare leader honoree; Greater Baltimore Committee Leadership Program, Finalist for 2013 Sondheim Exemplary Leadership Award; Smart CEO, 2013 Circle of Excellence Awards finalist (Healthcare), and, in the May 2012 issue of Modern Healthcare Magazine as one of the nation's Top 25 Minority Executives in Healthcare. He serves on the Baltimore City Police Commissioner's African –American Advisory Council and co-chairs the Mayor's Heroin Treatment and Prevention Task Force.

Bon Secours and 16 other West Baltimore partners (West Baltimore Primary Care Access Collaborative) were recently awarded one of five Health Enterprise Zone designations in by state of Maryland. Their focus is on reduction of health disparities in low-income populations and population health management through impacts on the social determinants of health.

Prior to his arrival to Baltimore and Bon Secours, Dr. Ross was a member of the staff of Parkland Health & Hospital System in Dallas, TX, where he served in varied positions for over 14 years including: Executive Vice President & Chief Medical Officer of the Medical Staff/House Staff Division.

Dr. Ross and his wife Carolyn have three children.

Olis Simmons

Olis Simmons is the founding President & CEO of Youth UpRising (YU), a celebrated community transformation engine committed to making one of our nation's most disinvested communities healthy and economically robust. She is a noted visionary executive, known for advancing innovative systems change efforts and building comprehensive programs to transform people and place.

Ms. Simmons has more than two decades of senior level experience in the public and nonprofit sectors, where she has conceptualized and managed large-scale initiatives, policy campaigns, collaboratives and multi-year ventures, representing hundreds of millions of dollars in diverse resources. A key innovation is her work to gear public and private dollars towards wealth-building rather than service delivery. This move from spending to investment is designed to stimulate both individual and collective growth while fostering improvements in education, housing, community assets and career opportunities. Her goal of catalyzing change while ensuring the community preserves its cultural nuances and maintains control over its destiny is the new face of community economic development.

Ms. Simmons is also the founder of Castlemont Community Transformation Schools (CCTS), a cradle-to-career continuum designed to regenerate a robust community school environment with the District and hold students as primary drivers of neighborhood revitalization. She currently is launching Castlemont Renaissance, a community transformation hub, charged with raising money and deploying resources to create a vibrant and healthy Castlemont Community in East Oakland, CA.

Over the course of 10 years, Ms. Simmons has cultivated key partnerships within the City of Oakland, Alameda County, Local and National Foundations, print and online media and community members. She develops and manages a \$10 million annual cash and in-kind budget to support youth leadership toward community transformation.

Sabra Slaughter, Ph.D.

Sabra Slaughter, Ph.D., is Senior Advisor to the President for Diversity and Community Relations at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). 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. Early educational and cultural experiences in South Carolina, undergraduate education in California and graduate training in Michigan, and a series of challenging and rewarding roles at health institutions in South Carolina have enriched his professional and personal perspectives. His position as Senior Advisor to the President for Diversity and Community Relations is ideal for engaging individuals across institutional, political, business and civic spheres.

Juli Moore Trtanj, M.E.S.

Juli Trtanj is the One Health Lead for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). She is responsible for developing and implementing Health Strategy across NOAA and with other federal, state, local and international agencies, academic institutions and private sector partners. She leads the integration of extreme weather and climate science in the Climate Program, focusing initially on building the National Integrated Heat Health Information System. She coordinates the NOAA One Health Working Group and Ecological Forecasting Roadmap efforts focusing on health and climate, and is the NOAA Lead for the Memorandum of Understanding between NOAA and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Ms. Trtanj co-chairs the U.S. Global Change Research Program, Climate Change and Human Health Group (CCHHG) and represents NOAA on the OSTP Pandemic Prediction and Forecasting Science and Technology Working Group. She is a Convening Lead Author for the USGCRP Climate and Health Assessment. She represents NOAA on the International Working Group of the U.S. Group on Earth Observations, is the Water-Related Illness Component Lead for the Group on Earth Observations (GEO), and is directly involved with European, South African, the World Health Organization (WHO) and other partners in the development of the Health Early Warning Systems, specifically for heat, cholera and other water-related illnesses.

Ms. Trtanj is an active collaborator in the NSF-funded Research Collaboration Network on Marine Emerging Diseases. She co-chairs the American Meteorological Society Committee on Ecological Forecasting and serves on the AMS Board on Health and the Environment. From 1996 to present, she has developed and directed multidisciplinary and multi-partner programs on Oceans and Human Health and Climate Variability and Human Health. She has contributed to, reviewed or edited sections of several IPCC and U.S. National Climate Assessment reports and authored several book chapters and journal articles. She earned her Master in Environmental Science from Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies in 1994, and her Bachelors in 1986 from the University of California Santa Barbara.

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Alicia Hunter Warner, J.D., MSW

Alicia Hunter Warner, J.D., is a Senior Public Health Analyst with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Division of Community Health (DCH), where she is primarily responsible for policy and partnership development activities.

Ms. Warner has more than 15 years of experience in public health. Prior to joining DCH, she served as a Senior Public Health Analyst and the team lead for policy and partnerships in the CDC Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity (DNPAO), where she spearheaded the CDC Weight of the Nation conference, and resulting agreements which enabled HBO to create the Emmy-nominated The Weight of the Nation obesity documentary. She also developed several tracking systems for issues management, state legislative monitoring and congressional response.

Ms. Warner first joined CDC in 2000 as a fellow in the Office on Smoking and Health, where she assisted the agency in producing materials for the discovery phase of the Department of Justice's lawsuit against the tobacco industry. She was later responsible for CDC's activities under the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, including managing coordination with other federal agencies to identify the scope and prevent the illicit trade of tobacco products, as well as assisting tobacco manufacturers in complying with Federal reporting mandates. From 2004 to 2008, Ms. Warner worked in the policy office of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion where she supported efforts to further incorporate obesity prevention in the agency's prevention portfolio. In 2007, Ms. Warner was assigned to the CDC Kenya Office to support the Kenya Ministry of Health in implementing national requirements for blood donation, HIV testing and counseling. Ms. Warner wrote the implementation standards and trained staff thereon.

Prior to joining CDC, Ms. Warner was a social worker at Duke University Medical Center. Ms. Warner has a joint degree in law and social work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She lives in Atlanta, GA, with her husband Walter, and plays in a ladies golf league with her mother.

Derrick Watchman

Derrick Watchman was named Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise (Navajo Gaming) in January 2013. His role as CEO includes leading day-to-day operations of the multi-million dollar gaming enterprise's four properties in New Mexico and Arizona, as well as ensuring that Navajo Gaming policies and objectives are met. The three main objectives are: strengthening the Navajo Gaming and Hospitality economy, returning additional revenue to the Navajo Nation and providing additional jobs to Navajos.

Mr. Watchman brings more than 30 years of experience in gaming, banking and tribal finance to his position at Navajo Gaming. Most recently he served as Navajo Gaming's Chief Financial Officer and was instrumental in acquiring funding for all of the Navajo Nation's gaming development and construction projects exceeding \$250 million.

Mr. Watchman previously served as Vice President and Senior Relations Manager at JP Morgan Chase Bank's Native American Banking Group, at Wells Fargo Bank handling Native American banking and financing and with Prudential Capital Corporation as a private placement banker. He also served as Director of Indian Affairs at the U.S. Department of Energy, was the Chief Operating Officer and General Manager of the Navajo Nation's Dine Power Authority and Director of the Navajo Tax Commission. He is Board Chairman of the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development and a director for the Native American Bank.

Mr. Watchman holds an MBA from the University of California and a Bachelors degree from the University of Arizona. He leads a strong Navajo Gaming executive team that oversees operations for Twin Arrows Casino Resort, Fire Rock Navajo Casino, Northern Edge Casino and Flowing Water Navajo Casino.

Jalonne L. White-Newsome, Ph.D.

Dr. Jalonne L. White-Newsome is the Director of Federal Policy for WE ACT for Environmental Justice. She received a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Northwestern University, an M.S. in Environmental Engineering from Southern Methodist University, and a Ph.D. in Environmental Health Sciences from the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Her research and advocacy focuses on climate justice by empowering impacted populations through the creation of plans and tools to build sustainable communities.

At WE ACT, Dr. White-Newsome focuses on ensuring that low-income communities of color have a voice in shaping federal environmental policy as the only Environmental Justice Lobbyist working on Capitol Hill. She also is the National Coordinator for the Environmental Justice Leadership Forum on Climate Change, a national coalition of 42 environmental justice organizations, spanning 19 states. Her leadership has contributed significantly to ensuring that the Environmental Protection Agency's recently released Clean Power Plan makes environmental justice a priority.

Dr. White-Newsome is an adjunct professor at The George Washington University and Kettering University, serves as the Co-Chair of the EPA's Federal Advisory Committee on Urban Air Toxics, on the Boards of U.S. Climate Action Network and the Prince William County Wetlands Board, The Women's Council on Energy and The Environment, and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Building on her experiences in private industry, government and academia, she co-founded Empowering a Green Economy and Environment, or EGE2, to help non-profits understand the connection between the environment and health of our communities. When not championing the environment, she enjoys teaching Sunday school at Alfred Street Baptist Church in Old Town Alexandria, VA, and volunteering with Girl Scouts of America.

Madalynne Wilkes-Grundy, M.D.

Madalynne Wilkes-Grundy, M.D., is the SCAL Regional Physician Co-Lead for Culturally Responsive Care (CRC) in Kaiser Permanente's Southern California Permanente Medical Group (SCPMG). Dr. Wilkes-Grundy provides leadership and guidance with respect to CRC and Diversity as it relates to SCPMG's 5,000+ physicians.

Dr. Wilkes-Grundy graduated in 1988 from UC Irvine with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She earned her medical degree in 1992 from the University of Southern California School of Medicine, and completed her postgraduate residency training in Family Medicine at Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles Medical Center.

Attentive to her core values, Dr. Wilkes-Grundy established her practice at the Playa Vista Medical Offices, serving a highly diverse population. She currently practices Family Medicine at the Kaiser Permanente, West Los Angeles Medical Center.

Her participation in committees on local and regional levels reinforces her dedication and contribution to improving patient care and service. She volunteers with community groups and churches to inspire and serve as a role model, providing information and resources on achieving higher education and life balance. Dr. Wilkes-Grundy has served on the Board of Directors for Notre Dame Academy School since 2011, and is a member of the Oliver Goldsmith Scholarship Committee.

Dr. Wilkes-Grundy has been married for 23 years and has two children, a daughter and a son.

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Lisa Williams

In 1999, Lisa Williams founded Circle of Friends, a not-for-profit organization of women helping women, trading in their financially rewarding private-sector careers for one that would allow them to leverage their personal trials and successes to become a champion for others.

In 2007, committed to righting the wrongs that she had been subjected to, Ms. Williams conceived and launched what is today known as Living Water for Girls, a residential and therapeutic safe refuge for American girls who are victims-survivors of violence, street life, and human sex trafficking and exploitation.

In 2013, Ms. Williams established the Living Water Learning Resource Center. She intrinsically understood that it wasn't enough to just rescue girls and young women; if they were to truly reap the benefits of their freedom, they would need continued case management, a safe space to learn, quality education and tools to help them become self-sufficient and mitigate the fear that often lures them back to their dark and dangerous pasts.

Ms. Williams is a Ford Motor Company "Ford Freedom Unsung Award" Winner; a L'Oreal Paris Woman of Worth, and the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including a Proclamation from the City of Atlanta and Variety Power of Women Honor-Hollywood, CA. She has also been profiled on CNN and the BBC.

Ms. Williams is the author of Beautiful Layers: Stories from those who survived the life of prostitution & child sexual exploitation; wife to her best friend of 25 years, and 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.

Lathran J. Woodard

Lathran Johnson Woodard is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the South Carolina Primary Health Care Association (SCPHCA or Association). Ms. Woodard has been with the SCPHCA for more than 28 years. She holds a degree in Business Administration from Southern Wesleyan University.

As the CEO for the SCPHCA, Ms. Woodard works to ensure that federally-funded community health centers that provide vital services to medically underserved communities in the state are strengthened and have the capacity for growth. In addition, she is responsible for the overall operation of the Association, which includes overseeing the State Migrant Health Program funded by the Bureau of Primary Health Care. Ms. Woodard's experience includes community and program development; staff enhancement training; and budget management. Her primary interests are in the area of local systems; the development of integration relating to health care; and youth self-enhancement.

Ms. Woodard is a member of several state and national organizations, which include the National Association of Community Health Centers, the National Association of Female Executives, the National Rural Health Association, the American Society of Association Executives, and the South Carolina Public Health Association. She currently holds the elected position of Secretary for the National Association of Community Health Centers, where she has also served as the Vice-Speaker of the House, and is the former Vice Chair of the Alliance for a Healthier South Carolina, formerly the SC Health Coordinating Council.



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