



Building Sustainable Healthy Communities: Creating Data-Powered Alliances 2017 NMQF National Leadership Summit and Spring Health Braintrust

PRESENTER BIOSKETCHES (in alpha order)

Phyllis Arthur, MBA

(CME Session 2, Monday, April 24 at 11:15 AM - Plaza Ballroom)

Phyllis Arthur is Managing Director for Infectious Diseases and Diagnostics Policy at the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO). In this role Ms. Arthur is responsible for working with member companies in vaccines, antimicrobial resistance, molecular diagnostics and biodefense on policy, legislative and regulatory issues.

Ms Arthur joined BIO in July 2009 as the Director of Healthcare Regulatory Affairs. Prior to joining BIO, she worked in numerous marketing and sales positions for Merck & Co Inc in their Vaccine Division. Over her 16 year career in vaccines Ms Arthur launched several exciting new vaccines in the United States and internationally, including the first HPV vaccine GARDASIL. During her years in Marketing she worked closely with clinical and academic thought leaders in infectious diseases, oncology and public health. In addition, Ms Arthur also led a large vaccine sales organization of over 75 representatives and managers covering 14 states.

Before graduate school, Ms Arthur worked as a research assistant for two economists at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC. There she conducted economic analyses related to savings and investment policies for the OECD countries.

Ms Arthur received her B.A. in 1987 in Economics and International Politics from Goucher College and her M.B.A. in 1991 from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

Judith Baker, DPH, MHSA

(Adult Sickle Cell Satellite Meeting, Panel 4, Tuesday, April 25 at 11:15 AM - Plaza Ballroom)

Judith Baker, DPH, MHSA, Public Health Director, Center for Inherited Blood Disorders and UCLA Dr. Baker's research examines organizational influences on quality, cost, and outcomes, with a focus on medically complex genetic conditions. Her expertise is in rare blood disorder healthcare delivery system transformation, integrating policy, access to care, clinical capacity building, registries, innovation adoption and dissemination, cross sector partnerships, and evaluation. Dr. Baker serves as Policy Director for HRSA's eight State Pacific Sickle Cell Regional Collaborative. She initiated the new adult Sickle Cell Clinic in Los Angeles, healthcare workforce development collaborations, and a Government Partners Committee with HHS Regions 9 and 10. Dr. Baker provides strategic direction for the CDC and HRSA supported Western States Regional Hemophilia Network's 14 specialty centers serving California, Hawaii, Nevada and the US Pacific Islands. She Chairs the Patient Satisfaction Survey for the US Hemophilia Treatment Center Network. Dr. Baker advises state and federal agencies including the FDA, CDC, NIH and HRSA. She is Adjunct Assistant Professor in UCLA's Division of Pediatric Hematology Oncology, and obtained her Doctorate of Public Health from UCLA.

Sonja L. Banks, MPA, MBA

(Adult Sickle Cell Satellite Meeting, Panel 2, Tuesday, April 25 at 9:00 AM – Plaza Ballroom)

Sonja L. Banks is the President and Chief Operating Officer for the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc. She is primarily responsible for the administrative activities of the organization which serves over fifty-five sickle cell community based organizations throughout the United States. Ms. Banks is an accomplished management professional with over 17 years of executive level experience and an established background in nonprofit leadership and operations. Prior to her current position, Ms. Banks served at St. Vincent's Health System in Birmingham, Alabama. While at St. Vincent's Health System, she served as Director of Community Services, Outreach and Adult Indigent Services. Her previous professional experience also includes leadership roles within the United Negro College Fund, United Way of Central Alabama and City of Birmingham. Ms. Banks' academic credentials include a Bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama and a Master's Degree in Public Administration and Business. In addition, she is presently pursuing her doctorate of education in Organization Leadership & Nonprofit Management. She has and continues to serve on a number of boards and has been recognized with such honors as "Outstanding Service", Ebony's 30 Leaders under 30, Coca Cola Women Who Care Award and Birmingham Who's Who to name a few. Ms. Banks enjoys writing, performing arts, public speaking and working with youth. "I am delighted for the opportunity to deliver my professional knowledge and experiences to the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America and build upon its decades of meaningful work and success. My immediate focus will be to vigorously advance and further develop the strategic direction of SCDA while remaining keenly focused on patient care, service delivery, education, research, funding and core legislative goals."

O. N. Ray Bignall II, MD

(Spring Health Braintrust, Panel 2, Tuesday, April 25 at 1:15 PM – Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Dr. Ray Bignall is a board certified pediatrician, clinical fellow in pediatric nephrology, and a National Institutes of Health post-doctoral research fellow at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr. Bignall received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Howard University, a Doctor of Medicine degree from Meharry Medical College, and a Certificate in Health Policy from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy at Meharry. He completed his pediatric residency training at Cincinnati Children's.

A passionate advocate for child health, he served as a John E Lewy Foundation Advocacy Scholar of the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology, and is a recipient of the American Academy of Pediatrics Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Research Award. He is also involved in a variety of community child health advocacy efforts, including the Every Child Succeeds early childhood intervention program, and the Cincinnati First Ladies' Health Initiative. Dr. Ray's research focuses on social determinants of health and health disparities in pediatric kidney disease and transplantation.

He is married to Dr Whitney Raglin Bignall, a post-doctoral research fellow at Cincinnati Children's. Outside of medicine, Dr. Ray enjoys youth ministry and outreach, playing the violin, and flying as a licensed private pilot.

Pamela Bradt, MD, MPH

(CME Session 3, Monday, April 24 at 1:30 PM – Plaza Ballroom and Policy and Advocacy Session 5, Monday, April 24 at 4:15 PM – Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Pamela Bradt, MD, MPH has served in senior scientific leadership positions in industry, academia, and clinical practice. She has special expertise in evidence strategy planning, health economics and clinical outcomes, pharmacoepidemiology, and evidence-based decision making for products and devices. Dr. Bradt has a 25-year broad based research experience using a variety of study designs, has served as faculty at a number of national and international workshops on evidence-based medicine, and was the first industry physician invited to speak at the World Health Organization on public health research strategies for high risk obstetric and pediatric patients. Prior to joining industry she provided intensive care to premature and high-risk infants, served as medical director for a large high-risk follow-up program and was faculty at the Center for Evidence Based Medicine at the University of Texas in Houston.

Patricia Flatley Brennan, RN, PhD

(Monday Opening Plenary at 8:30AM – Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Patricia Flatley Brennan, RN, PhD, is the Director of the National Library of Medicine (NLM). The NLM is the world's largest biomedical library and the producer of digital information services used by scientists, health professionals and members of the public worldwide. She assumed the directorship in August 2016.

In January 2017, with the transition of the trans-NIH data science initiatives to NLM, as recommended by the NLM Working Group Report to the NIH Director, Dr. Brennan also assumed the role of NIH Interim Associate Director for Data Science (ADDS).

Dr. Brennan came to NIH from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she was the Lillian L. Moehlman Bascom Professor at the School of Nursing and College of Engineering. She also led the Living Environments Laboratory at the Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery, which develops new ways for effective visualization of high dimensional data.

Dr. Brennan is a pioneer in the development of information systems for patients. She developed ComputerLink, an electronic network designed to reduce isolation and improve self-care among home care patients. She directed HeartCare, a web-based information and communication service that helps home-dwelling cardiac patients recover faster, and with fewer symptoms. She also directed Project HealthDesign, an initiative designed to stimulate the next generation of personal health records. Dr. Brennan has also conducted external evaluations of health information technology architectures and worked to repurpose engineering methods for health care.

She received a master of science in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania and a PhD in industrial engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Following seven years of clinical practice in critical care nursing and psychiatric nursing, Dr. Brennan held several academic positions at Marquette University, Milwaukee; Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland; and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

A past president of the American Medical Informatics Association, Dr. Brennan was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences (now the National Academy of Medicine) in 2001. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, the American College of Medical Informatics, and the New York Academy of Medicine.

Kenneth Bridges, MD

(Adult Sickle Cell Satellite Meeting, Panel 5, Tuesday, April 25 at 1:30 PM – Plaza Ballroom)

Dr. Kenneth R. Bridges is the Vice President of Medical Affairs at Global Blood Therapeutics. Dr. Bridges received the MD degree from Harvard Medical School, and subsequently trained in internal medicine and hematology in Boston, at Massachusetts General and Brigham and Women's Hospitals, respectively. Following medical subspecialty training, Dr. Bridges worked on the biology of cellular iron metabolism for three years at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Bridges returned to Harvard as a member of the Hematology Division at Brigham and Women's Hospital where he achieved the faculty rank of Associate Professor of Medicine. In parallel with his laboratory investigation of iron metabolism, Dr. Bridges maintained active clinical work and established the Joint Center for Sickle Cell and Thalassemic Disorders at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital, emphasizing bench-to-patient translational research. Dr. Bridges published over 70 peer-reviewed articles during his academic career, as well as number book chapters. He also co-authored with Dr. Howard Pearson of Yale University a textbook on red cell disorders and anemia. Dr. Bridges left academia to work in biotechnology, initially with Hoffman La Roche followed by 3 years at Amgen where he worked on Aranesp and participated in the launch of Nplate. Dr. Bridges moved to Onyx Pharmaceuticals where he oversaw several trials involving Kyprolis (carfilzomib) for the treatment of multiple myeloma. Following the Amgen acquisition of Onyx, Dr. Bridges moved to Global Blood Therapeutics in the role of Vice President, Medical Affairs working the new treatment for sickle cell disease, GBT440.

Anita Brikman

(MODERATOR: Policy and Advocacy Session 4, Monday, April 24 at 3:00 PM – Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Anita Brikman joined CHPA in 2016 and is responsible for leading the association's communications and public affairs functions, as well as leading the CHPA Educational Foundation. She is a member of the senior management team and responsible for establishing and directing the organization's communications strategies and goals. Anita leads all external and internal association communications and public affairs campaigns. In addition, she directs the CHPA Educational Foundation, including working with its board of directors to establish priorities, achieve financial independence and growth, and ensure successful execution of the foundation's consumer education campaigns.

Prior to joining CHPA, Anita served as Senior Vice President, Communications and Outreach, at the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) where she led communications and marketing for the association and its affiliates, including the National Hospice Foundation.

For more than two decades prior to her association work, Brikman worked as a news anchor and health reporter in the major television markets of Philadelphia, Pa., (WPVI 6ABC) and Washington, D.C., (WUSA 9), where she served as chief medical correspondent directing coverage on a wide range of healthcare issues.

Education: B.S., Mass Communications, Miami University, Oxford, Oh., Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Mary E. Brown

(Adult Sickle Cell Satellite Meeting, Panel 2, Tuesday, April 25 at 9:00 AM – Plaza Ballroom)

Mary E. Brown is the President and CEO of the Sickle Cell Disease Foundation of California. Mary has over thirty years' experience, training and expertise in working with the sickle cell disease community. She has an extensive background in working on State-level projects, managing State level contracts and currently manage two HRSA sub awards, however, she has successfully administered a HRSA Grant for 11 years. The organization's focus is always person/patient-centered and are capable of conducting needs assessments, patient surveys, and evaluations. In 2008, Mary led her team through a 90 day turnaround with a project funded by the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) "The Adult Sickle Cell Quality of Life Measurement System Project." Not only did they meet the intended goal of 100 participants they exceeded their goal by 11 more. Mary has developed and continues to develop strong ties with community health care providers, state agencies, and others. Her most important relationship is that with individuals and families

with sickle cell disease. The organization has a current data base of 1,043 persons and families and Mary knows many of them. She feels strongly about the need for collaborations with academic and medical institutions and the research community to support the sickle cell disease agenda. Mary successfully leads a team of professional staff with a high level of integrity to ensure they meet the goals, objectives and deliverables of any grant or contract.

Jonca Bull, MD

(MODERATOR: Spring Health Braintrust, Panel 1, Tuesday, April 25 at 10:00 AM - Ritz Carlton Ballroom and Adult Sickle Cell Satellite Meeting, Panel 5, Tuesday, April 25 at 1:30 PM - Plaza Ballroom)

Since 2012, Dr. Jonca Bull has served as the assistant commissioner for minority health in the Office of the Commissioner. In this capacity, Dr. Bull provides strategic leadership, coordination, and oversight for FDA's initiatives in addressing the reduction of racial and ethnic health disparities, working across FDA product centers, HHS, and with external stakeholders.

These efforts include FDA policy, research programs, clinical trial participation and outreach efforts to protect and advance the health of diverse populations.

Dr. Bull has also been instrumental in coordinating FDA's response to the FDA Safety and Innovation Act of 2012 addressing demographic inclusion in clinical trials and outreach to underserved communities.

Dr. Bull received her medical degree from Duke University and postgraduate training at George Washington University. She continues to serve as an assistant professor at George Washington University Medical Center.

W. Ray Bullman, MAM

(Policy and Advocacy Session 4, Monday, April 24 at 3:00 PM - Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Mr. Bullman joined the staff of the National Council on Patient Information and Education (NCPIE) in 1985 as Associate Executive Director. He has served as Executive Vice President since January 1995. NCPIE, organized in 1982, is a non-profit coalition of diverse member organizations working together to promote the wise use of medicines through trusted communication for better health.

Addressing Medication Adherence Improvement

Over the past two decades, under Mr. Bullman's guidance, NCPIE has released a series of comprehensive reports with priority recommendations for action on medication adherence. The most recent, *Accelerating Progress in Prescription Medicine Adherence: The Adherence Action Agenda (2013)* brings together multiple stakeholders to collaboratively address adherence improvement among consumers suffering from multiple chronic conditions.

Advancing Safe Use of OTC Medicines / Informed Self-Care

Under Mr. Bullman's guidance, in collaboration with the FDA and the American Pharmacists Association, (APhA), NCPIE launched *Be MedWise*, a national, research-based educational campaign to promote a better understanding that over-the-counter (OTC) drug products are serious medicines and must be taken with care. In 2015, NCPIE conducted comprehensive consumer and healthcare provider survey research which is informing the development of the soon-to-be-released action plan, *"Empowering Americans to Take Greater Responsibility for their Health: A Roadmap for Building a National Self-care Movement in the U.S."*

Promoting Safe Use of Acetaminophen

NCPIE has convened multiple stakeholders' forums on OTC safe use, including, *Taking OTC Literacy beyond the Classroom, (2014)*, *Advancing our Understanding of the Safe Use of Acetaminophen (2015).*" Additionally,

NCPIE has developed a series of public education web-based modules promoting safe and appropriate use of acetaminophen-containing products targeting older adults, parents of teens and young adults of college age; and participates actively as a member of the Acetaminophen Awareness Coalition to promote the Know Your Dose educational campaign. Most recently, NCPIE partnered with the Boy Scouts of America to develop and launch the SCOUTSTRONG Be MedWise program, enabling the nation's 2.7 million Boy Scouts to earn a patch for learning about the safe and appropriate use of OTC medicines.

Prior to joining NCPIE, Mr. Bullman, served as a Program Development Specialist with the National High Blood Pressure Education Program, NHBPEP, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, NIH. In this capacity, Mr. Bullman helped provide technology and innovation transfer on high blood pressure awareness, treatment and control from the national program to key stakeholder organizations in southeastern and mid-western states, including departments of public health, voluntary health organizations and academic centers.

Mr. Bullman received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, College Park, MD, and a Masters in Non-Profit Association Management (M.A.M.) from George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Helen Burstin, MD, MPH

(CME Session 4, Monday, April 24 at 3:00 PM - Plaza Ballroom)

Helen Burstin, MD, MPH, FACP is the Chief Scientific Officer of The National Quality Forum, a not-for-profit membership organization that works to catalyze healthcare improvement through quality measurement and reporting. Dr. Burstin is responsible for advancing the science of quality measurement and improvement. She provides scientific oversight for the evaluation, endorsement and selection of quality measures and the transition to electronic performance measurement.^[1]

Prior to joining NQF in 2007, Dr. Burstin was the Director of the Center for Primary Care, Prevention, and Clinical Partnerships at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). In her role, she oversaw the development of an extensive research portfolio at the intersection of health information technology and quality of care. Her center also supported the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and research on primary care and prevention. She led the development of the first National Healthcare Disparities Report. Prior to joining AHRQ in 2000, Dr. Burstin was an Assistant Professor at Harvard Medical School and the Director of Quality Measurement at Brigham and Women's Hospital. In her role, she developed a hospital-wide electronic Quality Measurement Reporting System. She also served as the Chair of the Medical Staff Executive Committee on Quality Assurance and Risk Management.^[1]

Dr. Burstin is a graduate of the State University of New York at Upstate College of Medicine and the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Burstin completed a residency in primary care internal medicine at Boston City Hospital. After residency, she completed fellowship training in General Internal Medicine and Health Services Research at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. Dr. Burstin is the author of more than 80 articles and book chapters on quality, patient safety, and disparities. She is the Chair of the Quality Measures Workgroup of the federal HHS Health IT Policy Committee. She is a Senior Professorial Lecturer in the Department of Health Policy at George Washington University School of Public Health. Dr. Burstin is a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at George Washington University where she serves as a preceptor in internal medicine. She was recently awarded the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Voluntary Attending Award from the George Washington School of Medicine.

Frank Clark, MD, FAPA

(MODERATOR: CME Session 3, Monday, April 24 at 1:30 PM – Plaza Ballroom)

Dr. Frank Clark is the Chair of the AMA Minority Affairs Section. Dr. Clark is a psychiatrist and assistant professor at Virginia Tech School of Medicine and Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is also vice-chair of the department of psychiatry at Carillion New River Valley Medical Center/Saint Albans Hospital.

Lisa A. Cooper, MD, MPH

(Spring Health Braintrust, Panel 1, Tuesday, April 25 at 10:00 AM – Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Lisa Cooper is a Liberian-born internal medicine physician, public health researcher, and educator at Johns Hopkins University where she is the James F. Fries professor of medicine. She directs the Johns Hopkins Center to Eliminate Cardiovascular Disparities, where she and her multidisciplinary team work with a broad group of stakeholders from healthcare and the community to implement rigorous clinical trials, identifying effective, patient-centered and community-engaged solutions to alleviate disparities in care and outcomes of cardiovascular disease. Her research focuses on the effectiveness of interventions enhancing patient shared decision-making and self-management skills, physician communication skills, and organizational competence in addressing the needs of socially at-risk populations. She is a recipient of the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship and an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine. She serves on the Advisory Committee to the Director of the NIH and the Disparities Standing Committee of the National Quality Forum. Lisa received her Bachelor's degree from Emory College, her medical degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and her Master's degree in Public Health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Randall G. Curtis, MBA, PMP

(Adult Sickle Cell Satellite Meeting, Panel 4, Tuesday, April 25 at 11:15 AM – Plaza Ballroom)

Randall G. Curtis, MBA, PMP is the President of the Board of Directors at the Hemophilia Council of California. Mr. Curtis has a bachelor of science in genetics and an MBA in computer information systems. Throughout his 33 year career with the State of California in Public Health and Industrial Relations, he has always worked on data collection systems for hemophilia in his spare time. Now that he is retired, he is working in the following capacities: Past President, Hemophilia Council of California – statewide advocacy for bleeding disorders, Hemophilia Utilization Group Studies (HUGS) – burden of illness studies in bleeding disorders, Patient Reported Outcomes, Burdens and Experiences (PROBE) – data collection and hemophilia advocacy training for developing countries, American Thrombosis & Hemostasis Network: Privacy, Security and Data Access Committee, National Hemophilia Foundation: Annual Meeting Planning Committee, Center for Inherited Bleeding Disorders: Board of Directors, National Panel on Practice Guidelines for Hemophilia Management, National Hemophilia Program Coordinating Center (NHPCC) Advisory Committee, Pacific Sickle Cell Regional Collaborative Policy Working Group.

Daniel E. Dawes, JD

(MODERATOR: Spring Health Braintrust, Panel 2, Tuesday, April 25 at 1:15 PM – Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Daniel E. Dawes, J.D. is an attorney, administrator and author who has led numerous efforts to address health policy issues impacting diverse populations in urban and rural communities both domestically and globally. He currently leads Morehouse School of Medicine's government relations, health policy and external affairs initiatives and serves as General Counsel and Senior Adviser to the Satcher Health Leadership Institute in Atlanta, Georgia. His extensive legal, policy, administration, education, research and government experiences and focus on health reform, health equity, and health system transformation has made him widely sought after by governmental and non-governmental entities. His work bridges research, healthcare, population health and public health, and takes an interdisciplinary and community-engaged approach to develop effective and innovative solutions in order to tackle healthcare, behavioral health and public health issues. He is the author of the groundbreaking and best-selling health policy book, *150 Years of ObamaCare*, published by Johns Hopkins University Press.

Robert B. Doherty

(CME Session 4, Monday, April 24 at 3:00 PM – Plaza Ballroom)

Mr. Doherty is Senior Vice President of Governmental Affairs and Public Policy for the American College of Physicians (ACP), the largest physician specialty society and second largest medical organization in the United States. ACP represents 143,000 internal medicine physicians and medical student members. Mr. Doherty has more than 38 years of health policy experience and is an accomplished presenter at health conferences. From 1979 to 1998, Mr. Doherty worked in the governmental affairs department of the American Society of Internal Medicine, and with the merger of ASIM and ACP in June, 1998, joined the ACP as Senior Vice President for Governmental Affairs and Public Policy. He has senior staff management responsibilities for ACP's Division of Governmental Affairs and Public Policy, located in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Doherty has authored or co-authored many policy-related papers for the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, ACP's flagship peer-reviewed journal, including *The Demise of the Affordable Care Act? Not So Fast*, 17 January 2017, *Assessing the Patient Care Implications of "Concierge" and Other Direct Patient Contracting Practices: A Policy Position Paper From the American College of Physicians* 15 December 2015, *Goodbye, Sustainable Growth Rate – Hello, Merit-Based Incentive Payment System* 21 July 2015, *Reducing Firearm-Related Injuries and Deaths in the United States: Executive Summary of a Policy Position Paper From the American College of Physicians* 17 June 2014, *Principles Supporting Dynamic Clinical Care Teams: An American College of Physicians Position Paper* 5 November 2013, *The Road to Health Reform: What Can Physicians Expect Over the Next 4 Years?* 23 January 2013, *The Supreme Court and the Affordable Care Act: Milestone or Detour on the Road to Universal Coverage?* 16 October 2012, *Universal Health Coverage in the United States: Is it Slip Slidin' Away?* 18 January 2011, *The Certitudes and Uncertainties of Health Care Reform*, 8 April 2010, *Achieving a High Performance Health Care System with Universal Access: What the United States Can Learn from Other Countries*, published 1 January 2008, and *Assessing the New Medicare Prescription Drug Law* 9 September 2004.

Mr. Doherty writes and hosts *The ACP Advocate Blog with Bob Doherty*, <http://blogs.acponline.org/advocacy>, the winner of the 2009 Best Health Policy/Ethics Blog in an award program sponsored by Epocrates. The award announcement described his blog as "one of the more influential professional association blogs." In 2010, Fierce Healthcare listed his blog as "one of the ten healthcare bloggers we're thankful for." He writes a monthly "Washington Perspectives" column in *The ACP Internist*. He uses *Twitter* to keep readers informed about health policy issues; his musings can be found by signing up to "follow" his twitter account, @BobDohertyACP, <https://twitter.com/>. He also is a guest blogger for the Philadelphia Inquirers' *Health Cents* blog, <http://www.philly.com/philly/blogs/health-cents/>. He co-wrote the chapter on the history of ACP public policy and advocacy for *Serving Our Patients and the Profession: A Centennial History of the American College of Physicians, 1915-2015*.

Mr. Doherty serves on the Board of Trustees of URAC, www.urac.org, a leading health care accreditation. He is a past-chair of the Policy Steering Committee for the e-Health Initiative (eHI).

Mr. Doherty's earlier work experience includes a stint as a program analyst with the then-Department of Health, Education and Welfare; as a vendor at the late, great Shea Stadium selling hot dogs and beer to rabid Mets fans; and as a bartender at Doherty's Bar, a neighborhood watering hole in Woodside, Queens, NY, that was owned and operated from the 1940s through the late 1970s by Mr. Doherty's Ireland-born father. He is a magna cum laude graduate of The American University in Washington, DC with a degree in political science.

Patricia Mae Doykos, PhD

(CME Session 1, Monday, April 24 at 10:00 AM – Plaza Ballroom)

Patricia Mae Doykos is director of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation whose mission is to promote health equity and improve the health outcomes of populations disproportionately affected by serious diseases and conditions.

Patricia works on strategy, evaluation, communications and organizational development for the Foundation overall and currently leads two national grant programs, Specialty Care for Vulnerable Populations® and Together on Diabetes®: Communities Uniting to Meet America's Diabetes Challenge. She has also developed and led U.S. and international grant making and public-private partnership programs for global HIV/AIDS, women's health, cancer and serious mental illness. Currently, she chairs the Board of the Center for Health Equity at Dartmouth-Geisel Medical School and serves on the board of Grantmakers in Health, and the Cancer Moonshot Diverse Communities Working Group.

Patricia holds a BA from Dartmouth College in Government and a MA from the University of Virginia and PhD from New York University in German with a focus on cultural studies.

Frances Ferguson, MD, MPH, FACP, CCD

(Policy and Advocacy Session 1, Monday, April 24 at 10:00 AM – Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Dr. Frances Ferguson is a Board Certified Internal Medicine physician with Albany Area Primary Health Care (AAPHC) in Albany, Georgia. AAPHC is a large multi-specialty FQHC serving six counties in Georgia with 24 total sites including school-based health centers. She received her BS degree from Howard University in 1984, her MD degree in 1989 from Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C., and a Master of Public Health degree from Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in 2003 with a focus on Preventive Health. Dr. Ferguson completed residency training in Internal Medicine in 1992 and has practiced clinical medicine in multiple settings including hospital, out-patient and nursing homes. In addition, between 2005 and 2009, she took a hiatus from clinical medicine and served as Program Director in the Office of Minority Health Research Coordination in the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) in the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland. As the Program Director for the Office of Minority Health Research Coordination, she had the primary responsibility for initiating, directing, and coordinating programs aimed at training underrepresented minority scientists in the mission areas of the NIDDK.

Dr. Ferguson currently serves many roles within her organization and the Albany medical community. She is Chair of the Department of Medicine at Phoebe Putney Hospital where she serves on several committees including the Medical Executive Committee (MEC), Patient Safety, and Ethics committees. She is Medical Director for Dawson Medical Health and Rehabilitation Center, and is a Fellow and active member of the American College of Physicians.

Sandra Adamson Fryhofer, MD, MACP, FRCP

(CME Session 2, Monday, April 24 at 11:15 AM - Plaza Ballroom)

Sandra Adamson Fryhofer, MD, MACP, FRCP is a board certified doctor of internal medicine and Adjunct Associate Professor of Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Fryhofer was the 2000-2001 President of the American College of Physicians (ACP), the nation's largest medical specialty society. She was only the second woman to be elected President and was the youngest president, male or female, in the college's 85-year history. During her tenure on the ACP Board of Regents, she chaired the Committee on Women's Health and was an active member of the Education Committee. She was national spokesperson for the Doctors for Adults Public Education Campaign. For more than a decade (2001-2015), she was a member of the ACP Adult Immunization Advisory Committee and has also participated in ACP Connect Quality Improvement initiatives. She is liaison representative to the CDC's ACIP, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and serves on ACIP Working Groups for HPV Vaccine, Influenza Vaccine, Shingles Vaccine, Cholera Vaccine, Pneumococcal Vaccine, and the Adult Schedule.

Dr. Fryhofer is a member of the ACP Delegation to the American Medical Association. She elected and served two terms, and was chair of the AMA Council on Science and Public Health (2007-2015). She represented this council at the Commission to End Disparities, the National Vaccine Advisory Committee, the National Influenza Summit, and the 2011 National Immunization Conference.

She was the Medical Consultant for CNN Headline News from 2001 to 2005 and also wrote a weekly column on the CNN Headline News Website called Vital Signs. Since 2008, her video blog and podcast series Medicine Matters has been featured on WebMD's Medscape. She now writes a regular column for WebMD's Medscape focusing on prevention: Staying Well with Sandra Fryhofer MD.

Dr. Fryhofer has a Bachelor's degree (with high honors) in Chemical Engineering (BChE) from Georgia Institute of Technology. She received her medical degree and internal medicine training from Emory University School of Medicine, where she is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha honor society. Her clinical expertise has been recognized both nationally and internationally with titles of Master of the American College of Physicians (MACP) and Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (FRCP).

Dr. Fryhofer is married and has boy/ girl twins. Both children are athletes. Her favorite hobby is dancing. She was also the winner of the Dancing Stars of Atlanta, 2012, Judges Choice. Her "votes" raised more than \$130,000 for the Alzheimer's Association , Georgia Chapter.

Marcela Gaitán, MPH, MA

(Policy and Advocacy Session 4, Monday, April 24 at 3:00 PM - Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Marcela Gaitán, M.P.H., M.A., is Senior Director for External Relations at The National Alliance for Hispanic Health (The Alliance) in Washington, D.C. Ms. Gaitán serves as Project Director for a portfolio of initiatives at the Alliance including the Alliance/Merck Ciencia (Science) Hispanic Scholars Program, a partnership to improve Hispanic student access to higher education and degrees in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM); and Let's Talk About Lupus/Hablemos del lupus, an initiative designed to increase Hispanic community awareness and knowledge about lupus, connect individuals to services in their community, and advance health care practitioners' knowledge on diagnosis and treatment to improve outcomes for those with lupus. Ms. Gaitán also served as Project Director of Proyecto Informar FDA Hispanic Outreach Initiative to improve access for Hispanic consumers to FDA information and health messages, and enhance FDA outreach efforts in risk and emergency communications about the appropriate use of FDA-regulated products; Proyecto Ciencia® National Hispanic Outreach Initiative, an NIAID/NCMHHD funded program that promoted the dissemination of information on innovative research opportunities for Hispanic scientists and students at

multiple career levels and fostered new interest in health sciences and research careers; an AoA/RTI funded Alzheimer's outreach initiative that aimed to identify community models of service that successfully implemented culturally proficient programs for Hispanic/Latino elders with Alzheimer's; and, the National Hispanic Leadership Network for Tobacco Control (The Network), a tobacco control program funded by the CDC that aimed to establish a national Hispanic leadership movement for tobacco control grounded in community-based priorities and needs.

The Alliance is the premier science-based and community-driven organization that focuses on improving the health and well-being of Hispanics and works with others to secure health for all. Community-based members provide services to more than 15 million Hispanic consumers throughout the U.S. every year and national organization members provide services to more than 100 million annually. As Senior Director for External Relations, Ms. Gaitán advises the Alliance on national health and human services policy and leads efforts to create leadership networks to improve the health and well-being of Hispanic communities. Focused on its health mission, the Alliance refuses funding from tobacco and alcohol companies.

Before joining The Alliance, Ms. Gaitán was an Associate Consultant with the International Health Training Program at the Pan-American Health Organization (WHO/PAHO). Ms. Gaitán received her Bachelor's Degree from Amherst College, in Amherst, MA; a Master's Degree in Latin American Studies from The American University in Washington, DC, and a Master's Degree in Public Health from George Washington University also in Washington, DC.

Laura Lee Hall, PhD

(MODERATOR: Policy and Advocacy Session 1, Monday, April 24 at 10:00 AM - Ritz Carlton Ballroom and CME Session 2, Monday, April 24 at 11:15 AM - Plaza Ballroom)

Laura Lee Hall, PhD, Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President: Dr. Hall brings 20 years of executive experience leading health advocacy, research, education, and quality improvement efforts. Dr. Laura Lee Hall is helping to launch SHC, LLC as its COO and SVP Prior to joining SHC, Dr. Hall founded and lead the Center for Quality and Office of Grants at the American College of Physicians (ACP), creating a network of more than 2000 primary care physicians in 19 states engaged in quality improvement (QI) activities along with the largest federally qualified registry for Medicare reporting. The Center for Quality initiatives in chronic pain and safe opioid use, as well as adult immunization and diabetes were supported by more than \$12 million from the federal government, pharmaceutical industry, and foundations with demonstrated improvements in patient outcomes.

Prior to joining ACP 2011, Dr. Hall led Strategic Educational Initiatives at the American College of Cardiology (ACC), linking educational and performance improvement programming with the ACC clinical registries. Among her accomplishments at the ACC was the development and launch of the credo - Coalition to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities in CV Outcomes; award-winning in situ simulation programs aimed at reducing door-to-balloon time especially in the treatment of STEMI with a hospital transfer; and atrial fibrillation QI initiatives that resulted in increased evidence-based stroke prevention efforts.

Dr. Hall had previously served as the deputy director of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), leading advocacy, communications, and research activities. In this capacity, Dr. Hall led the first successful national advocacy effort to reduce insurance discrimination against mental illness treatment. In addition, she authored major reports on state policies for the treatment of children and youth with mental illness, research advances concerning schizophrenia treatment, a nationwide comparison of health insurance coverage for mental illnesses, and a comparison of vocational rehabilitation programs nationwide. Dr. Hall led the efforts to train patients and care-giving family members to participate on IRBs, promoting important and safe research on severe mental illnesses. And she wrote the patient- and family-member guide to schizophrenia treatment, published with the Schizophrenia PORT (Patient Outcomes Research Team) at the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University (JHU).

Dr. Hall began her post-graduate career as a senior scientific analyst at the U.S. Congress' Office of Technology Assessment, leading the development of reports on advances in neurosciences relevant to mental illness and the application of the Americans with Disabilities Act employment provisions to mental illness. The former led to a congressional hearing and increased funding for the National Institute of Mental Health and the latter to the regulations developed by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Dr. Hall graduated summa cum laude from St. Francis University in Pennsylvania in 1983 and received her Ph.D. in neuroscience from the Naval Medical School, U.S.U.H.S. in 1988. Her post-doctoral work was conducted at the National Institutes of Health and Bloomberg School of Public Health at JHU. She currently serves as an adjunct professor at JHU and has authored dozens of journal articles, reports, book chapters, and presentations. She was the editor of a text book on genetics and mental illness and has appeared on Good Morning America to discuss the impact of discrimination on people with mental illness and their families. Dr. Hall is the proud mother of Henry and Isabella Pazaryna, and wife of the Rev. Dr. John Randolph Price, whom she resides with in Anne Arundel county Maryland.

LaMar Hasbrouck, MD, MPH

(Health Braintrust, Panel 2, Tuesday, April 25 at 1:15 PM - Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

A recognized leader in public health, Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck is one of only a few public health leaders in the country that have led at every level of the governmental public health enterprise: local, state, federal, and global. His career accomplishments include serving as the only county official in New York State to simultaneously lead both the public health and mental health departments. He spent eleven years with the CDC, served as country director for CDC's office in Guyana, South America, and was actively engaged in two of the largest global health initiatives in history: polio eradication and the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

Previously, Dr. Hasbrouck was the Executive Director for the National Association of County and City Health Officials in Washington, DC, the nation's only association representing nearly 3,000 local health departments across the United States responsible for protecting the health and improving the lives of 220 million Americans. Prior to that he was the "Top Doc" for Illinois where he managed the public health agency and supported nearly 100 local health departments that worked to protect the health and improve the lives of the state's 13 million residents. Among Hasbrouck's achievements as the state's health director included implementing the Affordable Care Act, achieving national accreditation, co-chairing the Ebola Task Force, and developing statewide blueprints for health workforce expansion and population health-healthcare integration.

He is the author of "G Street Lion: Stalking a Dream," a memoir that chronicles his personal story and how he fought long odds, naysayers, and his own self-doubts to become a dream catcher.

Christopher Holliday, PhD, MPH

(CME Session 1, Monday, April 24 at 10:00 AM - Plaza Ballroom)

As the Director of Clinical-Community Linkages (formerly Director of Population Health) at the AMA, Dr. Holliday leads a multi-disciplinary team in efforts to develop and implement national, clinical and public health strategies for improving health outcomes and reducing costs for high-impact chronic medical conditions, such as CVD and type 2 diabetes. He works with physicians and care teams, practices and health systems, and the communities they serve to devise multi-level, evidence-based interventions that promote clinical-community linkages to improve health outcomes. He is a passionate advocate for public policy, systems and environmental change strategies that impact the social determinants of health, reduces disease burden and promotes healthy lifestyles and health equity.

A community psychologist by training, Dr. Holliday served as the director of the National Center of Excellence on the Social Determinants of Mental Health at the Adler School of Professional Psychology, where he led research on the influence of social conditions on population-level mental health. Previously, he served as the Chief Executive Officer of Communities Joined in Action (CJA), a national organization of more than 200 health care access and care-coordination coalitions in 44 states. In addition, he has served in various leadership roles in local, state and national public health, including director of the Center for Community Health Transformation and director of Community Health and Preventive Services at the DeKalb Board of Health in metro Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Holliday received his Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, and PhD degrees in psychology from Northwestern and Georgia State Universities, and his Master of Public Health degree from Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health.

Mary M. Hulihan, MPH

(Adult Sickle Cell Satellite Meeting, Panel 1, Tuesday, April 25 at 8:15 AM - Plaza Ballroom)

Mary Hulihan is a Health Scientist in the Epidemiology and Surveillance Branch of the Division of Blood Disorders, National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Currently, she is the project officer for the cooperative agreement, *Characterizing the Complications Associated with Therapeutic Blood Transfusions for Hemoglobinopathies* and the Principal Investigator for the newly funded *SCDC: Sickle Cell Data Collection*, which provides support to the states of California and Georgia to design, develop, and implement the first population-based sickle cell disease longitudinal data system that will collect demographic, clinical, and health care utilization information over an extended time period. Mary received a BA in Biology from Emory University, an MPH in Epidemiology from The George Washington University, and a DrPH from the University of Georgia.

Edward Donnell Ivy, MD, MPH

(Adult Sickle Cell Satellite Meeting, Panel 3, Tuesday, April 25 at 10:00 AM - Plaza Ballroom)

Edward Donnell Ivy, MD, MPH, is a Medical Officer in the Genetic Services Branch (GSB), Division of Services for Children with Special Health Needs (DSCSHN), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Dr. Ivy is the Program Director for the Hemoglobinopathies Program within GSB, which consist of the Sickle Cell Disease Treatment Demonstration Program, the Sickle Cell Disease Newborn Screening Program and the Thalassemia Program.

Dr. Ivy completed medical school at the East Carolina University School of Medicine and received a Masters in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prior to accepting the position at HRSA, Dr. Ivy spent four years working in the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) of the National Institutes of Health. While at NHLBI, he worked on the NHLBI Sickle Cell Disease Clinical Practice Recommendations and on various Community Health Worker programs including with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Dr. Ivy's passion for his work stems from the fact that he has sickle cell disease, hemoglobin SS, and knows first-hand the struggles of living with the disease. This, along with other major obstacles in his life, including poverty and having a mother with a mental illness, gives him a unique perspective of living with a chronic condition in a hostile environment. For this reason, he is eager to help create national programs that address the needs of individuals with complex disease with the best knowledge available.

Julie Kanter, MD

(Adult Sickle Cell Satellite Meeting, Panel 3, Tuesday, April 25 at 10:00 AM – Plaza Ballroom)

Dr. Julie Kanter is a hematologist focusing on the care of children and adults with sickle cell disease. She is an associate professor of Pediatrics at the Medical University of South Carolina and runs the first all-ages, Lifespan Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center. Dr. Kanter works closely with national partners including the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America and American Society of Hematology to improve the lives of individuals living with sickle cell disease. In 2016, Dr. Kanter and her team was awarded one of eight of the NHLBI sickle cell disease implementation grants to form a sickle cell implementation center. Dr. Kanter is also very interested in expanding access to care for patients with sickle cell disease through the statewide program (SC)2. Dr. Kanter has authored and co-authored more than 50 articles, book chapters, and abstracts and hopes to train upcoming physicians and providers in sickle cell disease to expand the workforce for treating affected individuals.

David W. Kaufman, ScD

(Policy and Advocacy Session 4, Monday, April 24 at 3:00 PM – Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

David W. Kaufman, Sc.D. is Professor of Epidemiology at the Boston University School of Public Health and Director of the Slone Epidemiology Center at Boston University (SEC). He obtained his M.S. and Sc.D. in Epidemiology from Harvard School of Public Health. His early career mainly involved studies of drugs and other factors in relation to cancer, heart disease, and various other conditions. In the 1980s, he was co-investigator of the International Agranulocytosis and Aplastic Anemia Study, a pioneering effort in the evaluation of these extremely rare but often drug-induced blood dyscrasias that was conducted in seven countries with several hundred cases enrolled. He directed the largest epidemiological investigation of aplastic anemia conducted to date, with over 500 cases enrolled in Thailand. Dr. Kaufman was PI of an international study of Stevens-Johnson syndrome and toxic epidermal necrolysis conducted in four countries in Europe, and a study of anaphylaxis conducted in Spain, Hungary, India, and Sweden. Other major activities have included an international study of analgesics in relation to upper gastrointestinal bleeding and a study of end stage renal disease in three regions of the U.S. More recently, Dr. Kaufman helped lead the Slone Survey, a U.S. population-based survey of medication use. Since 2010, he has been co-PI for a large scale behavioral surveillance program of acetaminophen users, and he continues to be involved in other postmarketing surveillance activities. He was Assistant Director of the SEC from 1986 to 1997, Associate Director from 1998 to 2016, and Director since 2016. He has been a member of the Boston University Medical Campus Institutional Review Board since 2000, and Chair of one of the panels since 2011.

Congresswoman Robin L. Kelly, PhD (D-IL)

(Health Braintrust Opening Plenary at 9:00AM – Ritz Carlton Ballroom and

Congresswoman Robin Kelly has dedicated her career to public service as an advocate for Illinois families. Since being elected to serve the 2nd Congressional District in 2013, she has worked to expand economic opportunity, community wellness, and public safety across the state, championing numerous initiatives to generate job growth, reduce health disparities, and end gun violence.

Congresswoman Kelly is a Member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee (the main investigative body of the House), and serves as the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Information Technology, where she has focused her efforts on improving cyber-security, strengthening IT-infrastructure, and encouraging new and emerging technologies. Kelly also serves on the Oversight Committee's Subcommittee on National Security which oversees the Departments of State, Defense and Homeland Security, and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

As the lone Illinois representative on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the Congresswoman has laid out a forward-thinking foreign policy vision for the United States and has been an outspoken proponent of diplomacy, international human rights and the need for clear and thoughtful American leadership abroad.

A staunch champion of common sense gun reforms and responsible community policing, Representative Kelly is a Co-Chair of the Congressional Gun Violence Prevention Taskforce, was tapped to sit on the House Task Force on Community-Police Relations, and is the author of The 2014 Kelly Report on Gun Violence in America, the first-ever Congressional analysis of the nation's gun violence epidemic that offers a blueprint for ending the crisis.

Committed to improving the health and wellness of vulnerable communities across the country, the Congresswoman serves as the Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust, and Co-Chairs the Congressional Caucus on Black Women and Girls. She also Co-Chairs the House Democratic Budget Group and Congressional Diversifying Technology Caucus.

Prior to her election to Congress, Kelly was a member of the Illinois House of Representatives, served as Chief Administrative Officer of Cook County (the second largest county in the United States) and was Chief of Staff to Illinois State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias - becoming the first African American woman to serve as Chief of Staff to an elected constitutional statewide officeholder.

The daughter of a small business owner and postal worker, Congresswoman Kelly moved to Illinois after high school to attend Bradley University in Peoria, 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.

Richard Knight, MBA

(Policy and Advocacy Session 4, Monday, April 24 at 3:00 PM - Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Richard Knight is a former hemodialysis patient who received a kidney transplant approximately ten years ago. Mr. Knight has an MBA and is a small business owner who is heavily involved in business and education issues through various professional networks in Maryland and Washington, D.C. He is a graduate of Hampton University and the University of Virginia Darden School of Business. Mr. Knight has a substantial background in public policy and Congressional operations based on both his advocacy work as a kidney transplant patient as well as his professional experience on Capitol Hill where he served in various roles including communications, policy and Legislative Director. Mr. Knight was also the representative for his Member of Congress to the Congressional Black Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives. Richard is currently a Business Strategist, providing patient engagement consulting for healthcare organizations and serving as a patient advocate for businesses seeking patient input and guidance in pursuing better and more affordable care. He is also an adjunct professor at Bowie State University, where he teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in the College of Business.

He is currently Vice President and Chair of the American Association of Kidney Patients (AAKP) Public Policy Committee, a member of the National Kidney Disease Educational Program Health Information Technology Working Group, and a member of the Board of Directors of the MidAtlantic Renal Coalition (MARC).

Mr. Knight served as a member of three Technical Expert Panels (TEP). He was member of a TEPs focusing on Hospital Readmissions, the Fistula First Breakthrough Initiative and recently on Emergency Department Readmissions for Arbor Research Collaborative for Health and the University of Michigan Kidney

Epidemiology and Cost Center. He also served as a founding member of the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Health Information Technology (HIT) Project and a member of the steering committee for the Coalition for Supportive Care of Kidney Patients.

Carl Kollmer, PhD

(Adult Sickle Cell Satellite Meeting, Panel 5, Tuesday, April 25 at 1:30 PM – Plaza Ballroom)

Dr. Kollmer has been involved in clinical research since 1992 and has experience in toxicology as well as Phase I-IV clinical research in a variety of therapeutic areas including CNS (nociceptive pain), endocrine (type I and type II diabetes), interventional & non-interventional cardiology, oncology (solid and non-solid tumors, supportive care), non-malignant hematology (hemophilia, sickle cell disease), and dermatology. Carl is the Asset Team Lead for Sickle Cell Disease. Rivipansel, the E-selectin inhibitor being developed for the treatment of vaso-occlusive crisis (pain crisis) in patients with sickle cell disease. Prior to his current role, Carl was the Medical Asset Lead for Pfizer's global hemophilia franchise, which produces annual revenues of \$1B. Carl was Global Clinical Program Manager for Hematology/Oncology in Wyeth's Global Medical Affairs Department, from 2001 until the Wyeth-Pfizer merger in 2009. From 1999-2001, Carl was a consultant to Wyeth, specializing in clinical affairs, clinical operations, and project management, both in Clinical Development and Global Medical Affairs. Prior to this Carl held positions as Associate Director, Clinical Research at Elan Pharmaceuticals, and Senior Project Manager at Quintiles. Carl earned his master's and doctorate degrees in biological sciences at NC State University. He is based in Collegeville, PA.

Courtney Lang, JD

(MODERATOR: Policy and Advocacy Session 5, Monday, April 24 at 4:15 PM – Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Courtney Lang is an independent health policy and public affairs expert with a primary focus on grassroots and grassroots mobilization. She is the founder and principal of Langco + Partners, a public affairs firm, recognized for mobilizing constituencies to achieve impactful business goals aligned with strategic communications and health policy.

Courtney is an accomplished advocate for mental health, women's health and the integration of behavioral health into primary care. She has directed coalitions and legislative partnerships in support of federal and state-wide priorities, providing guidance to clients on the implementation and sustainability of key provisions within the Affordable Care Act. With a portfolio of work nationally and locally, Courtney has consulted with and supported advocacy groups, hospitals and associations on reputation, messaging, enterprise-wide issues and crisis management. She co-led the award winning Depression is Real campaign from 2007-11, which provided messaging and coalition support on the biological basis of depression. Courtney provides technical assistance and trainings on program implementation, sustainability, and measures of effectiveness to organizations through stakeholder activation and digital storytelling on population health measures – specifically, how to impact community behavior change.

Previously, Courtney served as the Senior Director of Alliance Development for Pfizer Inc., (and Wyeth Pharmaceuticals), where she successfully built sustainable private-public sector partnerships and determined the focus for national advocacy and alliance development activities. Additional industry service includes her tenure at Eli Lilly & Company as the US Public Affairs Liaison based in Washington, DC. She was recognized nationally for her efforts in growing the companies minority health outreach and interface with communities of color.

Courtney currently serves as a Mission and Population Health Committee Member for Holy Cross Health. She is Adjunct Professor of Media Law for Pepperdine University, returning to her alma mater in the university's Washington DC Program. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Pepperdine and a Juris Doctor degree from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. She studied Comparative Health Law

and Policy at St. Anne's College, Oxford University in the United Kingdom. She is a native of Washington, DC and has resided in Los Angeles, CA and Cleveland, OH.

Dan Leonard

(MODERATOR: CME Session 4, Monday, April 24 at 3:00 PM – Plaza Ballroom)

Mr. Dan Leonard serves as the President of National Pharmaceutical Council. Prior to NPC, Mr. Leonard served as an Executive Vice President of advocacy and professional services for America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), the trade association representing companies providing health insurance coverage. Previously, Mr. Leonard served as AHIP's head of public affairs and communications. He is a veteran communications and media strategist with more than 20 years of experience in strategic communications, legislative management, politics and broadcast journalism. He served as Senior Vice President at the Washington public relations firms Chlopak, Leonard, Schechter and Associates and Edelman Public Relations. Mr. Leonard has significant experience in politics and government. In August 1996, Mr. Leonard served as convention press secretary and spokesman to Republican Vice-Presidential Nominee Jack Kemp. In 1994, he served as Communications Director of the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC), where he was responsible for developing messages, strategies and advertising for Republican candidates and managing the broadcast, print and press units of the committee. Before joining the NRCC, Mr. Leonard served three years as chief of staff to Rep. Susan Molinari (R-N.Y.). Early in his career, Mr. Leonard worked as a broadcast journalist. He was a political reporter for WMUR-TV in Manchester, N.H., where he covered the presidential candidates in the 1988 New Hampshire primary. He also was a reporter and anchor for WNNE-TV in Vermont, an associate producer at WTAE-TV in Pittsburgh, and a public relations publicist for WCVB-TV in Boston. Mr. Leonard serves on several boards and committees, including the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Society and the Health Industry Forum. He received his bachelor's degree in journalism from Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio, and a master's in government from Johns Hopkins University.

Ryan Long

(Adult Sickle Cell Satellite Meeting, Panel 4, Tuesday, April 25 at 11:15 AM – Plaza Ballroom)

Ryan Long, Principal, BGR Government Affairs, came to the firm after serving as the Chief Health Counsel for the Energy and Commerce Committee for more than six years. As Vice President, he plays a key role in BGR's healthcare practice, where he focuses primarily on life science and biotech issues.

Ryan joined the Energy and Commerce Committee as a Professional Staff Member in 2004, working on issues relating to the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and Medicare. Serving as the lead professional staff representative before members of the House, Senate and Administration, he helped develop and manage the policy agenda for the Committee Chairman and members of the Subcommittee on all aspects of healthcare, including the FDA, Medicare, Medicaid, Health IT and public health. Ryan has been widely praised for helping to shepherd in bipartisan fashion the reauthorization of the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007, the Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act, the Food Safety Modernization Act and annual Medicare and Medicaid extender provisions.

Upon Ryan's departure from the Committee, Chairman Fred Upton praised Ryan, saying, "Ryan has been a fixture of the Energy and Commerce team for nearly a decade. He has been a valuable asset, especially during his tenure as the Health Subcommittee Chief Counsel dating back to mid 2006. I greatly appreciated his staying as a member of my team when I became chairman. His contributions over the years are numerous in the ongoing effort to improve the quality of our nation's healthcare system."

Prior to serving on the Committee, Ryan served for five years in the office of Congressman Joe Barton (R-Tex.) as the Congressman's Legislative Assistant for healthcare, later becoming the Congressman's Legislative Director. He developed and implemented all facets of the Congressman's legislative agenda, including healthcare, energy and taxes as well as defense, agriculture and trade priorities. Additionally, he helped the Congressman create the bipartisan, bicameral Congressional Privacy Caucus, which focused on such topics as financial privacy and Internet privacy.

Ryan began his career on the Hill working for Congressman Charlie Norwood of Georgia from 1998 to 1999. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina and his JD from Catholic University.

Ted Love, MD

(Monday Opening Plenary at 8:30AM - Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Ted Love, MD is the CEO of Global Blood Therapeutics. Dr. Love has more than 20 years of broad leadership and management experience in the pharmaceutical industry. Dr. Love most recently served as executive vice president, research and development and technical operations at Onyx Pharmaceuticals, where he played an instrumental role in initiating and completing several of Onyx's first Phase 3 clinical trials. Prior to Onyx, Dr. Love served as president, chief executive officer and chairman of Nuvelo, Inc., where he led growth of the company to a market capitalization of \$1 billion, and previously served as senior vice president, development at Theravance, Inc. Earlier in his career, Dr. Love held roles of increasing responsibility in medical affairs and product development at Genentech. As vice president, product development, Dr. Love oversaw the development strategy and execution leading to approvals of Rituxan, Herceptin, Xolair, TNKase, Raptiva and Avastin. Dr. Love has served as a consultant in medicine at Massachusetts's General Hospital in the department of cardiology. Dr. Love currently sits on the board of directors of Amicus Therapeutics and Cascadian Therapeutics (formerly Oncothyreon). Dr. Love holds a B.A. in molecular biology from Haverford College and an M.D. from Yale Medical School. Dr. Love completed his residency in internal medicine and fellowship in cardiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Niva Lubin-Johnson, MD, FACP

(CME Session 3, Monday, April 24 at 1:30 PM - Plaza Ballroom)

Dr. Lubin-Johnson, life-long Chicago Chatham resident is a dedicated physician who has been an advocate of quality health care for all, especially the underserved and underrepresented. Dr. Lubin-Johnson credits her parents, Benjamin and Peggy Lubin, for demonstrating how hard work and community service are necessary for a successful and fulfilled life.

She received her B. S. Degree in Pharmacy from Creighton University and her medical degree from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine where she was distinguished as a member of the last class to finish within a three-year time frame. Dr. Lubin-Johnson completed internal medicine residency at St. Joseph's Hospital, Chicago, and has been in private practice for more than 15 years, (in the neighborhood she grew up and resides). She is currently a senior attending physician at Mercy Hospital and Medical Center, associate attending at Advocate Trinity Hospital, and a clinical instructor at the University of Illinois. Dr. Lubin-Johnson has participated on several boards and committees at both hospitals including the Performance Improvement and Quality Assurance Committee, Executive Medical Board and the Independent Physicians at Mercy Board, at Mercy Hospital and Advocate Trinity Physician Hospital Organization board and the Trinity Medical Staff Peer Review Committee.

Currently Dr. Lubin-Johnson serves on the National Medical Association (NMA) Board as chair of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees. She is a past Speaker of the House of Delegates of the NMA and Past President of the Chicago and Illinois Chapters of the National Medical Association.

Patrick Maloney, PhD

(Policy and Advocacy Session 1, Monday, April 24 at 10:00 AM - Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Patrick Maloney is currently pursuing a PhD in Epidemiology at the Louisiana State University Health Science Center (LSUHSC). He received a BA in Political Science from North Central College and a MPH in Epidemiology from The University of Illinois, Chicago.

Mr. Maloney has previously held positions with the Chicago Department of Public Health in the Division of HIV/STIs and with The University of Illinois School of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases. Mr. Maloney is currently working with The Louisiana State University School of Public Health and Health Care Services Division, where he holds a position as an epidemiologist specializing in infectious diseases. His current research primarily involves the study of vaccine-preventable diseases and chronic conditions in an aging persons living with HIV/AIDs population. Additionally, Mr. Maloney is an instructor at LSUHSC, teaching courses in theoretical and applied infectious disease epidemiology.

Edith P. Mitchell, MD, FACP

(CME Session 3, Monday, April 24 at 1:30 PM - Plaza Ballroom)

Edith Peterson Mitchell, MD, is Clinical Professor of Medicine and Medical Oncology and Program Leader in Gastrointestinal Oncology at Thomas Jefferson University. In addition, she holds the positions of Associate Director of Diversity Programs for the Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson and Director of the Kimmel Cancer Center to Eliminate Cancer Disparities. Dr. Mitchell received a B.S. in biochemistry "with distinction" from Tennessee State University and her medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. In 1973, while attending medical school, Dr. Mitchell entered the Air Force and received a commission through the Health Professions Scholarship Program. She entered active duty after completion of her internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Meharry Medical College and a fellowship in Medical Oncology at Georgetown University.

Dr. Mitchell is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a member of the American Medical Association, the National Medical Association, Aerospace Medical Association, Association of Military Surgeons, and the Medical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania. She also belongs to the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group, Radiation Therapy Oncology Group, National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project, and the Philadelphia Society of Medicine.

Dr. Mitchell's research in pancreatic cancer and other GI malignancies involves new drug evaluation and chemotherapy, development of new therapeutic regimens, chemoradiation strategies for combined modality therapy, patient selection criteria, and supportive care for patients with gastrointestinal cancer. Dr. Mitchell travels nationally and internationally teaching and lecturing on the treatment of gastrointestinal malignancies.

Dr. Mitchell has authored and co-authored more than 100 articles, book chapters, and abstracts on cancer treatment, prevention, and cancer control. As a distinguished researcher, she has received 21 Cancer Research and Principal Investigator Awards, and serves on the National Cancer Institute Review Panel and the Cancer Investigations Review Committee.

Kristi Mitchell, MPH

(CME Session 4, Monday, April 24 at 3:00 PM – Plaza Ballroom)

Kristi Mitchell, MPH is currently the Senior Vice President of the Evidence, Translation, and Implementation Practice at Avalere Health LLC leading efforts involving the use of clinical data for strategic decision making across multiple industries, including Life Sciences, health plans, and professional societies. In an effort to navigate the quality enterprise, she oversees the diffusion of best practice in performance measurement development, implementation, and evaluation across multiple industries. These projects include assessing the feasibility of developing new measure types (eg, episode of care, composite, efficiency measures), translation of PRO into performance measures, and those metrics used to support innovative payment and delivery models. In addition, Ms Mitchell leads efforts to implement quality improvement strategies to advance healthcare quality through shared decision making, care coordination, and medication adherence. In an effort to support the innovative collection and use of observational data, Ms Mitchell oversees strategic approaches to launch clinical registries and/or link extant data sources to enhance the value proposition of new products or services.

The robust development, dissemination, and translation of valid, reliable evidence set the foundation for all of the work that Kristi pursues. She has published in the peer review literature that showcases the impact of well-designed, professionally-driven clinical registries and the impact on provider behavior and ultimately patient outcomes. Ms. Mitchell has also served on a number of national stakeholder panels focused on the use of clinical registry data, including most notably AHRQ's Registry of Patient Registries. Ms. Mitchell has served on a number of national stakeholder panels focused on the use of clinical registry data, particularly for measure development and currently sits on the FDA MDEpiNet Interim Advisory Committee, the Pew Trust Future of Medical Device Registry Stakeholder Group, the National Medical Device Registry Task Force and currently sits on the MDEpiNet Executive Operations Committee. Ms. Mitchell also holds a three-year appointment with the NQF CV Measures Standing Committee.

Prior to her work at Avalere, Ms Mitchell worked at the American College of Cardiology, most recently as the Chief Science Officer. In her role as Senior Director, Research and Development, Ms Mitchell provided scientific and technical oversight to the development of the suite of NCDR Registry and Quality Improvement Programs, as well as, provided strategic and technical direction over NCDR cardiovascular outcomes research and evaluation activities. In addition, she led the integration of clinical practice guideline development, performance measurement, dataset development, and educational activities within the College.

Kristi earned an A.B. in Human Biology and Public Policy from Brown University, and her MPH in Public Health Policy Administration from University of Michigan.

Diane Nugent, MD

(Adult Sickle Cell Satellite Meeting, Panel 3, Tuesday, April 25 at 10:00 AM – Plaza Ballroom)

A nationally-recognized expert in pediatric hematology, Dr. Nugent's clinical and research interests include blood disorders, bone marrow failure, bleeding and clotting disorders, and white cell and immune deficiencies. She is involved in a number of clinical trials for rare blood disorders, including a study that looks at the use of Fibrogammin P, a human plasma derived Factor XIII concentrate, in patients with congenital Factor XIII deficiency. Dr. Nugent is also principal investigator for the Region IX MCHB Hemophilia Treatment Program and its associated research.

A prolific author on innovative medicine, Dr. Nugent has coauthored more than 100 journal articles and book chapters and has been featured in journals including Haemophilia, Blood, New England Journal of Medicine, Thrombosis Research and more. She specializes in all aspects of hematology, bone marrow failure, anemias, immune disorders, bleeding and clotting disorders. Specialized procedures include bone marrow biopsy, aspiration and lumbar puncture.

Dedicated to clinical excellence, Dr. Nugent is board certified in both pediatrics and pediatric hematology-oncology. Prior to joining CHOC Children's, Dr. Nugent attended medical school at the University of California, Los Angeles. Her residency and internship training were completed at Denver Affiliated Hospitals in Colorado. Dr. Nugent received her fellowship training at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Seattle and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

A respected physician leader, Dr. Nugent was recognized as Physician of the Year in Orange County and serves as chair of review subcommittees at NHLB1/NIH and HRSA Region IX program projects in the area of hematology. Dr. Nugent speaks fluent Spanish.

Elizabeth O. Ofili, MD, MPH, FACC

(CME Session 3, Monday, April 24 at 1:30 PM – Plaza Ballroom and Policy and Advocacy Session 5, Monday, April 24 at 4:15 PM – Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Dr. Ofili is a Professor of Medicine (Cardiology) and Senior Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research at Morehouse School of Medicine. In this role, Dr. Ofili directs major NIH research awards, supporting discovery science and training across the translational research spectrum from bench to bedside and community, including the Atlanta Clinical and Translational Science Institute and the RCMI Translational Research Network. She is Founder of AccuHealth Technologies, "Empowering Patient-Centered Health and Wellness".

As Senior Co-PI of the Atlanta Clinical and Translational Science Institute (ACTSI), a citywide collaborative CTSA at Emory University, Morehouse School of Medicine and Georgia Institute of Technology, along with partnering health systems and statewide research organizations, Dr. Ofili leads innovative collaborations to advance health equity. Since 2007, ACTSI has engaged over 673 investigators and 134 postdoctoral and pre-doctoral trainees in discovery science, training and community engagement.

Dr. Ofili is the principal investigator of the NIH funded national collaborative for translational research, the RCMI Translational Research Network (RTRN). RTRN includes 18 historically Black, Hispanic, and Minority Serving Institutions across the continental United States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, competitively funded by NIH to lead research innovations that impact health disparities.

As multi PI of the National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN) and Director of the Research Resources and Outreach Core, Dr. Ofili engages the network of NIH funded and other research consortia to recruit and retain diverse scholars and mentor teams for participation in NRMN.

Dr. Ofili is a recipient of over 50 scientific, services and health policy awards; is an Elected Member of the National Academy of Medicine: Election to the Academy is considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine and recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievement and commitment to service. She is an elected member of the Association of University Cardiologists. Dr. Ofili serves on the boards of: National Space Biomedical Research Institute, Georgia BIO, Georgia's Life Sciences Partner; and the Alliant Health Solutions a national quality improvement

organization(QIO) where she serves as Chair of the Quality Board. Dr Ofili was selected as Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) of NASA's Translational Research Institute (TRI), charged with translating discoveries in space medicine for human health. Dr. Ofili has published over 150 scientific papers and book chapters. Dr. Ofili graduated with distinction from Ahmadu Bello University in Nigeria, completed internal medicine residency at Oral Roberts University, Tulsa Oklahoma, cardiology fellowship at Washington University in St Louis, and Advanced Echocardiography research fellowship at St Louis University in St Louis.

Eliseo J. Pérez-Stable, M.D

(Spring Health Braintrust, Panel 1, Tuesday, April 25 at 10:00 AM - Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Eliseo J. Pérez-Stable, M.D., is Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). He oversees the Institute's \$281 million budget to conduct and support research, training, research capacity and infrastructure development, public education, and information dissemination programs to improve minority health and reduce health disparities. NIMHD is the lead organization at NIH for planning, reviewing, coordinating, and evaluating minority health and health disparities research activities conducted by NIH Institutes and Centers.

Dr. Pérez-Stable's expertise spans a broad range of health disparities disciplines. His research interests have centered on improving the health of racial and ethnic minorities and underserved populations, advancing patient-centered care, improving cross-cultural communication skills among health care professionals, and promoting diversity in the biomedical research workforce.

Recognized as a leader in Latino health care and disparities research, Dr. Pérez-Stable has spent more than 30 years leading research on smoking cessation and tobacco control policy in Latino populations in the United States and Latin America. His collaborations with researchers and public health advocates in Argentina have helped to put tobacco use on the country's public health agenda, raising awareness of tobacco use as a critical public health problem, building capacity for tobacco control policy, and creating opportunities for prevention and treatment measures through physician education and smoking cessation programs.

Dr. Pérez-Stable has received many honors and awards throughout his career, including UCSF's Kaiser Award for Excellence in Teaching, the Society of General Internal Medicine's John M. Eisenberg National Award for Career Achievement in Research, and election to the National Academy of Medicine (formerly Institute of Medicine) of the National Academy of Sciences. He was honored with the UCSF Lifetime Achievement in Mentoring Award in July 2015. Dr. Pérez-Stable was born in Cuba and grew up in Miami, Florida. He earned his B.A. in chemistry from the University of Miami and his M.D. from the University of Miami School of Medicine. He completed his primary care internal medicine residency and research fellowship at UCSF.

Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, MD

(Policy and Advocacy Session 3, Monday, April 24 at 1:30 PM - Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D., is Eli Lilly and Company's U.S. Medical Leader for Lilly Bio-Medicines. She is a renowned pediatric endocrinologist and researcher who has published more than 190 papers and books. She also serves as an adjunct professor of pediatrics at the Indiana University School of Medicine.

Dr. Pescovitz came to Lilly in October of 2014, bringing years of medical and business expertise, along with cutting-edge insights on healthcare and the challenges of serving patients in a fast-changing environment. She is a sought-after speaker on a range of topics, including healthcare, leadership, diversity and women's issues.

Dr. Pescovitz earned her medical degree from the Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, where she earned Distinguished Alumni Awards from both the Feinberg School of Medicine and Northwestern University. Much of her work has focused on the physiologic and molecular mechanisms responsible for disorders of growth and puberty, and the development of novel therapies for these conditions. She has received numerous awards for her research, teaching and leadership.

During her extensive, 21-year career at Indiana University's health system, she served as Executive Associate Dean for Research Affairs at the Indiana University School of Medicine, President and CEO of Riley Hospital for Children, and interim Vice President for IU's Research Administration.

From 2009-2014, she was the University of Michigan's first female Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs and Health System CEO. In this role, she led a system that included three hospitals, more than 120 health centers and clinics, and the University of Michigan Medical School. She oversaw \$3.3 billion in revenue and \$490 million in research funding. During this time, she was elected to the National Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Pescovitz serves on the University of Florida Health System Strategic Cabinet, the Anthem-Lilly Joint Research Governance Council, and the Advancement Council of the Indiana University Fairbanks School of Public Health. She has served as president of the Society for Pediatric Research, the nation's largest pediatric research organization; president of the Lawson Wilkins (North American) Pediatric Endocrine Society, and chair of the March of Dimes Grants Review Committee. She also previously served on the boards of the Hormone Foundation, the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI), the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, and National Institutes of Health (NIH) Advisory Board for Clinical Research and Life Technology, prior to its sale to Thermo Fisher. She also chaired the annual fundraising campaign for the United Way of Washtenaw County (Michigan), was on the United Way of Central Indiana's executive committee, and served as Co-Chair of the Health Planning Committee for Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett's Transition Team.

Dr. Pescovitz is currently chair of the Indiana University Center for Global Health/ AMPATH-Kenya Development Board and on the Boards of the Indianapolis Opera and the Indiana University Borns Jewish Studies program.

Her late husband, Dr. Mark Pescovitz, was a renowned transplant surgeon at Indiana University. She is a proud mother to three children, two in-law children and three grandchildren.

[Karen L. Proudford, PhD](#)

(Adult Sickle Cell Satellite Meeting, Panel 2, Tuesday, April 25 at 9:00 AM - Plaza Ballroom)

Dr. Karen Proudford is President of the William E. Proudford Sickle Cell Fund, Inc. (WEPSCF), a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness about sickle cell disease, disseminating information about the disease and bringing hope to those who suffer from its devastating effects. The organization, which is named after her father, supports state-of-the-art treatment and research, organizes activities for families affected by sickle cell and works in collaboration with community-based organizations throughout the Mid-Atlantic region to advocate for heightened visibility, improved care, and increased funding. The WEPSCF's annual event recognizes parents, health care professionals, public officials, schools, media outlets and other stakeholders who advance the cause of sickle cell awareness. The WEPSCF has given major donations to the Nemours duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Delaware (2011), and the Sickle Cell Center for Adults at Johns Hopkins (2014) and is currently supporting Sinai Hospital in Baltimore. Dr. Proudford has served as a

member of the Maryland Statewide Committee on Services for Adults with Sickle Cell Disease and is currently a member of the Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board.

Gary A. Puckrein, PhD

(MODERATOR: Monday Opening Plenary at 8:30AM – Ritz Carlton Ballroom and Policy and Advocacy Session 3, Monday, April 24 at 1:30 PM – Ritz Carlton Ballroom and Adult Sickle Cell Satellite Meeting, Panel 1, Tuesday, April 25 at 8:15 AM – Plaza Ballroom)

Gary A. Puckrein, PhD, is President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Minority Quality Forum (formerly the National Minority Health Month Foundation), a not-for-profit organization that he founded in 1998. The Forum addresses the critical need for strengthening national and local efforts to use evidence-based, data-driven initiatives to guide programs to eliminate the disproportionate burden of premature death and preventable illness for racial and ethnic minorities and other special populations. The goal of the Forum is to strengthen the capacity of local communities to eliminate the disproportionate burden of premature death and preventable illness in minority populations through prevention, early detection, and control of disease complications. Dr. Puckrein also serves as the Executive Director of the Alliance of Minority Medical Associations (a collaborative effort of the Asian and Pacific Physicians' Association, the Association of American Indian Physicians, the Interamerican College of Physicians and Surgeons, and the National Medical Association), which was formed on the basis of evidence-based data that highlight significant disparities in health-care treatment plans and outcomes among many underserved populations within the United States. In April 2001, the National Minority Health Month Foundation launched National Minority Health Month in response to Healthy People 2010, the national health-promotion and disease-prevention initiative.

Dr. Puckrein was graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Brown University, where he received his master's degree (1974) and doctorate (1978). Between 1974 and 1992, he taught and lectured at Roger Williams College, Brown University, Connecticut College, and Rutgers University, where he was a tenured member of the faculty. Dr. Puckrein has received many awards and honors, including being named a visiting scholar and fellow at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History and a visiting fellow at Princeton University. He was publisher of *American Visions*, the country's leading African American art and cultural magazine, which he launched during his tenure at the Smithsonian Institution and Rutgers University. Dr. Puckrein also created and launched *Minority Health Today*, which served the needs of clinicians practicing in minority communities.

Bernard M. Rosof, MD, MACP

(Policy and Advocacy Session 1, Monday, April 24 at 10:00 AM – Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Bernard M. Rosof, MD, MACP, President and CEO: Dr. Bernard Rosof is at the forefront of quality initiatives nationwide and around the world. Dr. Bernard Rosof is at the forefront of national initiatives in the areas of quality and performance improvement. In addition to his role as SHC President and CEO, Dr. Rosof is CEO of Quality in Health Care Advisory Group (QHC), an organization that provides strategic consultative services to the community of health care interested in improving the quality and safety of health care delivery in our nation.

Following completion of a fellowship in gastroenterology at Yale University School of Medicine, Dr. Rosof practiced Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology for 29 years. He is the immediate past Chair of the Board of Directors of Huntington Hospital (Northwell Health) and a current member of Northwell's Board of Trustees. He is a past member of the Board of Directors of the National Quality Forum (NQF), and served as Co-Chair of the National Priorities Partnership convened by the NQF to set national priorities and goals to transform America's healthcare. The NPP was advisory to Secretary Sebelius in the development of the National Quality Strategy. Dr. Rosof is the immediate past Chair of the Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement,

convened by the AMA to lead efforts in developing, testing and implementing evidence-based performance measures for use at the point of care. He was a member of the Clinical Performance Measurement Committee of the NCQA, and the Chair of the Physician Advisory Committee for UnitedHealth Group. Dr. Rosof was a co-founder of the Fay J. Lindner Center for Autism and Related Developmental Disorders and remains on the Board of several Philanthropic organizations, including Project Sunshine and Partners Health Plan. He has chaired committees for the New York State Department of Health and the Institute of Medicine (IOM), and is currently serving as Chair of the IOM Roundtable on Health Literacy and as Chair of the NYS Department of Health Committee on Quality in Office-Based Surgery. Dr. Rosof is on the editorial board of the “American Journal of Medical Quality” and “The Journal of Delivery Science and Innovation.” Dr. Rosof is Professor of Medicine at the Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine., a Master of the American College of Physicians (ACP), and Chair Emeritus of the ACP’s Board of Regents. Dr. Rosof is the recipient of the Laureate Award from the ACP and the Theodore Roosevelt Award for Distinguished Community Service. He has also received the 2011 Founders Award presented by the American College of Medical Quality in recognition of his long-standing national leadership and exceptional ability to foster and support healthcare quality improvement. Dr. Rosof is also the recipient of the 2012 Stengel Award from the ACP for outstanding service to the College and for his influence in maintaining and advancing the best standards of medical education, medical practice and clinical research. Dr. Rosof also received the New York University School of Medicine Alumni Leadership Award in February 2016.

Alan Ryan, RPh, MBA

(Policy and Advocacy Session 2, Monday, April 24 at 11:15 AM – Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Alan Ryan is the Director, US Advocacy and Alliance Development for Sandoz, a division of Novartis. In that capacity he leads Sandoz’s engagement with multiple stakeholders including pharmacy and payer associations, as well as patient groups. Alan has been working with biosimilars as a topic since 2010. He has previously held roles in national accounts and pharmacy affairs at Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation as well as roles in brand and pharmacy channel marketing. Alan is a pharmacist that has worked in both retail and specialty pharmacy prior to entering the pharmaceutical industry. He holds BS Pharm, MBA, MA and MDiv degrees and is registered to practice pharmacy in Georgia.

Elroy Sailor

(MODERATOR: Policy and Advocacy Session 2, Monday, April 24 at 11:15 AM – Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Elroy Sailor is co-founder and CEO of the J.C. Watts Companies (JCWC). Since the company’s founding in 2003, as CEO, Sailor has led a dynamic and talented executive management team to build a multi-industry business headquartered in Washington, D.C. with operations in Oklahoma, Texas and Nigeria. JCWC owns and operates several business units that provide services ranging from lobbying to construction project management to equipment sales and service. In 2003, Sailor spearheaded efforts to build Watts Partners (WP), which today is the nation’s largest Black-owned lobbying shop. In this capacity, Elroy has been listed as one of DC’s top lobbyists forging left-right alliances. In 2005, he spear-headed, the acquisition of two John Deere dealerships (Mustang Equipment), which placed Mustang Equipment in the control of J.C. Watts Companies as the nation’s first minority-owned John Deere dealerships.

Prior to serving as CEO of the J.C. Watts Companies, Elroy served in numerous capacities throughout the state and federal government. He served as the Director of Urban Affairs for then-Michigan Governor John Engler, where he served as Special Advisor for Urban Initiatives, handled urban development matters, and served as the Governor’s political advisor in the capacity of Deputy Campaign Manager.

In 1998, Sailor joined Congressman J.C. Watts in his leadership office as Senior Advisor and Deputy Chief of Staff. In this capacity, Sailor led efforts that launched the first-ever House Republican Historically Black College Summit, and the Congressional Trade Aid Caucus, a congressional initiative aimed at increasing economic and cultural relations with African nations.

Hollie Schmidt, MS

(Policy and Advocacy Session 5, Monday, April 24 at 4:15 PM - Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Hollie Schmidt is the Vice President of Scientific Operations at Accelerated Cure Project for Multiple Sclerosis. Her role includes top-level direction of ACP's MS Repository, which provides highly-characterized biospecimens from people with demyelinating diseases and controls to scientists worldwide. She has guided the formation of the ACP Clinical Research Network (CRN) and is working with CRN investigators and vendors to design and implement OPT-UP, a study aimed at optimizing treatment response and understanding progression in MS. She co-chairs the Research Committee of iConquerMS™, a virtual patient-powered research network for MS launched by ACP in late 2014. She is currently leading a PCORI Engagement Award project aimed at increasing racial and ethnic diversity in MS research studies. Before joining Accelerated Cure Project, Ms. Schmidt's endeavors included co-founding the management consulting firm Lifting Mind as well as co-founding two software companies, Midnight Networks and NorthStar Internetworking. Ms. Schmidt has an MS in Management, as well as a BS and MS in Materials Science and Engineering, all from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Ms. Schmidt is active in MIT alumni efforts and has served as chair of the Technology Day Committee and member of the Global Board of the MIT Enterprise Forum, and is currently an Educational Council member and screening panelist for the Lemelson-MIT Student Prize. She also serves on the Institutional Review Board of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

Che L. Smith, PhD

(Spring Health Braintrust, Panel 1, Tuesday, April 25 at 10:00 AM - Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Che L. Smith, PhD, Mathematical Statistician, Office of Biostatistics, Office of Translational Sciences, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Dr. Smith joined the FDA in January 2016 as a statistical reviewer of hematology and oncology drug products, evaluating statistical aspects of drug application submissions and providing guidance and advice to companies throughout the drug development process. Her research interests are mainly focused in racial/ethnic, gender, and age-related health disparities; data visualization as a communication and decision-making tool; and the impact of missing data in clinical trials. She currently participates in FDA workgroups around harmonizing clinical trial protocol templates and evaluating statistical aspects of the FDA's Drug Trial Snapshots which summarize demographic information on patients who participated in pivotal trials for approved drug products.

Dr. Smith has worked across disease areas, in local government and academia as a biostatistician and data analyst. Prior to joining the FDA, Dr. Smith was the Chief Innovation Officer and Senior Consultant at DARE Global Innovations, a public health data consulting firm based in Washington, DC. In this role, she helped public health departments and organizations improve their use of data to more efficiently make decisions, allocate funds, and better serve their populations of interest. Dr. Smith holds a BS in Mathematics from Spelman College, and earned a PhD in Biostatistics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Kim Smith-Whitley, MD

(Adult Sickle Cell Satellite Meeting, Panel 3, Tuesday, April 25 at 10:00 AM – Plaza Ballroom)

Kim Smith-Whitley, MD, is currently the clinical director of the Division of Hematology and the director of the Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). In addition, she is also an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. With over 20 years of clinical experience, Dr. Smith-Whitley’s research interest focuses on sickle cell survivorship: predicting and preventing long-term, chronic, and life-threatening complications of the disease. She’s assisted in the development of two initiatives programs at CHOP, “A short-stay Hematology Acute Care Unit” and “The Blue Tie Tag program to recruit blood donors for pediatric transfusions.”

In 2015, Dr. Smith-Whitley was the Co-Principle Investigator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)-funded grant focused on sickle cell disease newborn screening follow-up programs. The grant was a national effort to develop, implement and maintain a strategy to identify and assess the care quality and outcomes of individuals with sickle cell disease in order to improve access to comprehensive care. Through this effort an agreement was reached between Sickle Cell Disease Association of American (National) and the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) which allowed SCDA to use NBSTRN’s Longitudinal Pediatric Data Resource (LPDR) tool for their data collection. The grant involved 5 HRSA regions, 20 states and 26 sites.

Dr. Smith-Whitley received a Master of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of Pennsylvania. She then received her medical degree from The George Washington University School of Medicine. Her dedication and hard work led her to receive the Blockley-Osler Award for excellence in teaching clinical medicine at the bedside in 2010. The NBSTRN is extremely pleased to give this month’s spotlight to Dr. Smith-Whitley and value the impact that she has made to the Sickle Cell community.

Charles Michael Soppet, MD, FACP

(CME Session 2, Monday, April 24 at 11:15 AM – Plaza Ballroom)

Dr. Soppet has been a practicing general internist for 40 years. His practice experience includes inpatient and outpatient care while serving in the United States Air Force Medical Corps from 1979-1982, the private practice of Internal Medicine in Selma, Alabama from 1982-2003, and private practice in Dothan, Alabama from 2003-2016. He currently volunteers for Internal Medicine for Alabama and the American College of Physicians. He is a member of the Immunization Technical Advisory Committee for ACP and a faculty member for “I Raise the Rates” of Adult Immunization for ACP. He has actively promoted Adult Immunization for all populations and is coordinating the NMQF-ACP Immunization Disparities project in Alabama.

Alexis A. Thompson, MD, MPH

(Adult Sickle Cell Satellite Meeting, Panel 1, Tuesday, April 25 at 8:15 AM – Plaza Ballroom)

Dr. Alexis A. Thompson will serve a one-year term as vice president of the American Society of Hematology. She is head of the hematology section of the Division of Hematology Oncology Transplantation and Director of the Comprehensive Thalassemia Program at Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago, where she also serves as the A. Watson and Sarah Armour Endowed Chair for Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders. Dr. Thompson is also Associate Director of Equity and Minority Health at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University. Dr. Thompson’s major fields of interest include sickle cell disease, thalassemia, transfusional iron overload, and stem cell transplantation for pediatric patients. In her position as vice president, Dr. Thompson aims to enhance training programs to attract the next generation of scientists to hematology as well as increase collaboration between ASH and global partners to

improve hematology care and capacity around the world. Dr. Thompson served as an ASH councilor from 2010 – 2013 and is a member of the ASH Sickle Cell Task Force. She has served as a mentor for the Minority Medical Student Award Program for more than 10 years and is currently a reviewer for ASH's journal, *Blood*.

Carla D. Williams, PhD

(Spring Health Braintrust, Panel 1, Tuesday, April 25 at 10:00 AM – Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Dr. Carla Williams is Associate Professor of Medicine at Howard University and Interim Director of the Howard University Cancer Center. Her research focuses on strategies for improving health-related behaviors including tobacco use, cancer screening and early detection, and other cancer risk factors. Dr. Williams co-leads the community engagement efforts for the *Georgetown-Howard Universities Center for Clinical and Translational Science*. She also leads community engagement for the Georgetown University-based *Center of Excellence for Health Disparities in the Nation's Capital*. Both of these federally-funded centers have the goal to increase diversity among researchers and research participants; reduce health disparities; and improve health locally and nationally.

Richard Allen Williams, MD

(CME Session 1, Monday, April 24 at 10:00 AM – Plaza Ballroom and Spring Health Braintrust, Panel 2, Tuesday, April 25 at 1:15 PM – Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Dr. Richard Allen Williams is the President-Elect for the National Medical Association and founder of the Association of Black Cardiologists (1974), is a cum laude honors graduate of Harvard University and subsequently attended the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center, where he received his doctorate in medicine. He performed an internship at the University of California San Francisco Medical Center, a residency in internal medicine at Los Angeles County–University of Southern California Medical Center, and a cardiology fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. Dr. Williams has held positions as assistant medical director at Martin Luther King, Jr., Hospital in Los Angeles; chief of the Heart Station at the West Los Angeles VA Hospital; and head of cardiology at the same institution. At present he is clinical professor of medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Medicine, where he has been a faculty member for over 30 years. He is also the founder of the Minority Health Institute (1985), which focuses on educational programs to teach doctors about cultural competency, diversity, and health-care disparities. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Institute for the Advancement of Multicultural and Minority Medicine, for which he is the immediate past chair. Among his many publications are the *Textbook of Black Related Diseases*, *Humane Medicine*, volumes 1 and 2, and *The Athlete and Heart Disease*. He has also published numerous scientific papers on cardiovascular disease. Two recent books are entitled *Eliminating Healthcare Disparities in America: Beyond the IOM Report*, and *The Heart of the Matter*, both published in 2008. His newest book, *Healthcare Disparities at the Crossroads with Healthcare Reform* (Springer) was released in March 2011. Dr. Williams has received many honors, including the Scroll of Merit from the National Medical Association, which is their highest award. He was given the Louis B. Russell, Jr., Memorial Award by the American Heart Association for outstanding service in the minority community. He also received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Harvard Medical School in 2004 in recognition of his successful efforts to increase diversity at that institution when he was on the faculty there. He was the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Minority Quality Forum in 2009. He was recently inducted into fellowship with the American College of Cardiology. Dr. Williams is a frequent lecturer on health-care disparities as well on clinical topics, such as hypertension, dyslipidemia, diabetes, obesity, and heart failure.

Robert Winn, MD

(Monday Opening Plenary at 8:30AM – Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Dr. Winn is the Associate Vice Chancellor for Community Based Practice and Director of the University of Illinois Cancer Center at the University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System (UI Health). Dr. Winn is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, Sleep and Allergy, Department of Medicine. Dr. Winn received his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

As Associate Vice Chancellor for Community Based Practice, Dr. Winn is responsible for the management of the UI Health Mile Square Health Center, a 13-site Federally Qualified Health Center network. The goal of Community Based Practice at UI Health is to integrate and coordinate healthcare in the surrounding communities; build a 21st Century model of community based healthcare providers linked to the mission of our academic health center; and develop meaningful research programs that can be integrated into the community.

As the University of Illinois Cancer Center Director, Dr. Winn has implemented the first comprehensive, community-focused cancer center. From bench to back-yard, he has made great strides to enforce an evidence-based community approach to reduce the burden of cancer. He has taken the ambulatory care network model, enlarged it, and has given the urban and rural patients more access to care. Since taking over as Cancer Center Director, Dr. Winn and his cancer center team has put great effort into getting NCI designation and multiple cancer center focused grants here at UIC.

As a principal investigator, Dr. Winn's research is focused on developing novel in vitro and in vivo models to study the more translational aspects of the role that the Wnt pathway plays in lung cancer. He has recently identified a novel role for a signaling mechanism in lung cells that permanently place cells into suspended animation called "senescence". Senescence is an extremely powerful primary defense mechanism that cells activate in response to carcinogenic insults to avoid becoming cancerous. Dr. Winn's research is supported by multiple NIH and VA merit awards.

Daniel Wolfson

(CME Session 1, Monday, April 24 at 10:00 AM – Plaza Ballroom)

Mr. Wolfson is Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the ABIM Foundation, a not-for-profit foundation focused on advancing medical professionalism and physician leadership to improve the health care system. Mr. Wolfson has been instrumental in leading the Choosing Wisely® campaign (www.choosingwisely.org), a multi-year effort engaging more than 75 medical specialty societies to promote conversations between physicians and patients about utilizing the most appropriate tests and treatments and avoiding care that may be unnecessary and could cause harm.

Previously, Mr. Wolfson served for nearly two decades as the founding President and Chief Executive Officer of the Alliance of Community Health Plans (formerly The HMO Group), the nation's leading association of not-for-profit and provider-sponsored health plans. During his tenure, Mr. Wolfson earned national recognition for spearheading the development of the Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set (HEDIS™).

Before serving at the Alliance of Community Health Plans, Mr. Wolfson was the Director of Planning and Research at the Fallon Community Health Plan. During that time, he led the product development team that launched the nation's first Medicare risk contract with the Health Care Financing Administration.

Mr. Wolfson received his master's degree in health services administration from the University of Michigan, School of Public Health. Prior to graduate school, Mr. Wolfson worked in the Social Services Department of Massachusetts General Hospital, counseling and discharge planning for spinal cord patients, amputees and stroke patients.

Michael Ybarra, M.D., FAAEM, FACEP

(Policy and Advocacy Session 3, Monday, April 24 at 1:30 PM - Ritz Carlton Ballroom)

Michael Ybarra, M.D., FAAEM, FACEP is a board-certified emergency physician and Deputy Vice President of Advocacy and Strategic Alliances at the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA). Dr. Ybarra is a graduate of Stanford University, Georgetown University School of Medicine, and completed residency training at MedStar Washington Hospital Center.

After residency, Dr. Ybarra practiced academic emergency medicine. He was the Site Director for emergency medicine residents at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital. He also became the founding Program Director of the Health Policy Fellowship, which is a partnership with MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, the McCourt School of Public Policy, and the Association of American Medical Colleges. He has authored a number of medical peer-reviewed publications, case reports, and book chapters.

In addition, Dr. Ybarra has also served in various roles with the American Academy of Emergency Medicine including as President of the Resident and Student Association and Director of the Young Physicians Section. He is on the board of the Academy of Physicians in Clinical Research.

In 2014, Dr. Ybarra joined the PhRMA Advocacy and Strategic Alliances team. In his capacity, he oversees a team responsible for outreach to patient, provider, hospital, multicultural, and LGBT organizations on issues including Medicare, value-driven health care, and the 340B drug discount program. He continues to practice clinically in the Emergency Department at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital.

Jeffrey Zuttah, MBA

(Adult Sickle Cell Satellite Meeting, Panel 2, Tuesday, April 25 at 9:00 AM - Plaza Ballroom)

Jeff Zuttah is the Director of Business Development at Artivest. He began his career in New York City as an analyst in Morgan Stanley's Investment Banking Division before moving to Washington D.C. and serving as a Policy Advisor in the United States Treasury. As a Policy Advisor, Jeff analyzed and structured Treasury's investments in and support for the financial sector and advised senior Treasury officials on issues related to financial stability. Following his time at Treasury, Jeff joined the Carlyle Group where he was a Private Equity Associate in the firm's U.S. Equity Opportunity Fund. Jeff graduated with a BA in Public Policy from Stanford University and received his MBA from Harvard Business School with honors.