

**Improving Blood Pressure Control at the Community Level
Community, Clinical and Public Health Leaders Share Success Stories**

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**Laura Gordon, Chair, National Forum
CEO, Institute for Advanced Clinical Trials for Children**

As CEO of the Institute for Advanced Clinical Trials (I-ACT) for Children, Laura Gordon leads the nonprofit organization's efforts to improve the quality, speed and efficiency of pediatric clinical trials to address the gap in evidence on the best use of therapeutics in children. Her work includes engaging public and private stakeholders through research and education to ensure that healthcare for children is continually improved by enhancing the awareness of and support for pediatric trials.

Ms. Gordon oversees all I-ACT initiatives, including its network of pediatric trial sites, guidance on innovative study designs and its programs to enhance trial efficiency at all stages, from study start-up to patient recruitment and engagement to study closeout.

Ms. Gordon is a highly experienced executive leader with expertise in health policy, communications and stakeholder engagement in the public and private healthcare sectors. Before joining I-ACT in April, she was general manager of the Health, Federal Government Services, Employee Engagement and Multicultural Engagement sectors for the Washington office of Edelman, an independent communications agency with more than 65 offices worldwide. She has served on the National Forum's Board of Directors since 2011.



**Jared Hymowitz, Director of the Mayor's Healthy City Initiative
Office of Mayor-President Sharon Weston-Broome, Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

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Jared is the Director of the Mayor's Healthy City Initiative (MHCI) also known as HealthyBR. Jared has an Undergraduate Degree in Sports Management from Springfield College and a Master's Degree in Public Building School Leadership from Columbia University's Teachers College. HealthyBR is a nonprofit with a mission to collaborate, communicate, and coordinate the activities of over 100 local partner organizations to create a healthier Baton Rouge for all. Jared facilitated the nation's only Joint Community Health Needs Assessment AND Joint Implementation Plan, per Affordable Care Act requirements, with the city's five acute care hospitals. He coordinates and facilitates a board of directors that includes the CEO's of all five hospitals in East Baton Rouge Parish as well as the CEO's of other public, private and non-profit organizations. Previously, Jared spent 6 years in education. The last two as a Dean of Students at Jackson Elementary School in Jackson, LA.



John Clymer

Executive Director

National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention

John Clymer is executive director of the National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention, a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit that serves as a catalyst for public-private collaboration to prevent cardiovascular disease.

In addition to serving as the National Forum's executive director, Clymer is a Fellow of the Institute for Health Policy and Leadership and adjunct faculty member at Loma Linda University and a guest lecturer at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Clymer is also a member of the U.S. Community Preventive Services Task Force and often serves as a keynote speaker on health policy and prevention, having spoken at the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting in Davos and on the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Chronic Disease and Malnutrition.

Before joining the National Forum, Clymer was part of the leadership team at US Healthiest, which developed HealthLead™ - the first accreditation for healthy workplaces. He also served as president of Partnership for Prevention from 2001-2008. Under Clymer's leadership, Partnership for Prevention won passage of landmark Medicare legislation, was recognized by *Harvard Business Review* for a "Breakthrough Idea," and developed the health reform framework on which President Barack Obama based his prevention and public health agenda. Clymer has authored a chapter in *Igniting the Power of Community: The Role of CBOs and NGOs in Global Public Health* (Springer, 2010) and co-authored a chapter in *ACSM's Worksite Health Handbook: A Guide to Building Healthy and Productive Companies* (Human Kinetics, 2009).



Jacqueline Dunning, PharmD
Advanced Practice Clinical Pharmacist
Brigham and Women's Hospital

Jacqueline is currently a clinical pharmacist at Brigham and Women's Hospital, working in the primary care department, where she cares for patients with hypertension, hyperlipidemia, and diabetes. Previously, she was working at Brigham and Women's Hospital in the department of Cardiovascular Innovation, where she assisted in developing and managing the remote hypertension clinic, as well as a virtual heart failure clinic. She completed pharmacy school at Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and finished her residency at Northeastern University. During her residency, she served as an adjunct professor at Northeastern University and practiced clinically at The Dimock Center in Roxbury, MA.



Victoria Liquori, MPH
Patient Navigator
Brigham and Women's Hospital

Victoria Liquori was the Program Navigator for the Brigham Protocol-based Hypertension Optimization Program, a remote, non-physician led hypertension management program. She currently works as a Program Navigator for the iHeart Champion Program, a remote blood pressure and cholesterol management initiative with the goal of reducing a patient's risk of heart attack and stroke.

She graduated from Boston University with a Bachelor of Science in Human Physiology and received her Master of Public Health from Southern Connecticut State University, with a focus in health promotion and health education.



Regina M. Benjamin, MD, MBA
CEO of BayouClinic
18th United States Surgeon General

Regina Benjamin, MD, MBA is the Founder and CEO of BayouClinic, Inc. and served as the 18th United States Surgeon General. She is currently the NOLA.com/Times Picayune Endowed Chair of Public Health Sciences at Xavier University of Louisiana. Dr. Benjamin specializes in prevention policies and health promotion among individuals as well as large populations, especially concerning obesity, childhood obesity, and children's health. She has special interest in rural health care, health disparities among socio-economic groups, suicide, violence, and mental health.

From her early days as the founder of a rural health clinic in Alabama to her leadership role in the worldwide advancement of preventive health, Dr. Regina Benjamin has forged a career that has been recognized by a broad spectrum of organizations and publications. In 1995, she was the first physician under the age of 40 and the first African-American woman to be elected to the American Medical Association Board of Trustees. Other past board memberships included the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Kaiser Family Foundation Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, Catholic Health Association, and Morehouse School of Medicine.

Dr. Benjamin is a member of the Institute of Medicine and a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. She has been chosen as a Kellogg National Fellow and Rockefeller Next Generation Leader. In 1998 Dr. Benjamin was the United States recipient of the Nelson Mandela Award for Health and Human Rights. She received the 2000 National Caring Award, which was inspired by Mother Teresa and was recognized with the Papal honor Pro Ecclesia et Pontificice from Pope Benedict XVI. In 2008, she was honored with a MacArthur Genius Award Fellowship. In 2011, Dr. Benjamin became the recipient of the Chairman's Award at the 42nd NAACP Image Awards.

In May 2013, Reader's Digest, ranked her #22 of the "100 Most Trusted People in America." Benjamin has a B.S. in chemistry from Xavier University, New Orleans, attended Morehouse School of Medicine, earned an MD degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and an MBA from Tulane University. She is the recipient of 23 honorary degrees.



***Patricia Dyer, RN, Chief Operations Officer
Mountain People's Health Councils, Inc., Scott County Tennessee***

Trish is registered nurse and the chief operations officer (COO) for Mountain People's Health Council, Inc. She began with Mountain People's in 2014 as the quality improvement coordinator and transitioned to the COO after two years.

She worked in post open heart surgery care and the catheterization laboratory for seventeen years. With a strong passion for population health, she moved back to her home town in Scott County with a goal to improve health risk in this small, rural East Tennessee community.



***American Heart Association
Preeti Kolankarai, Portfolio Advisor, Patients***

Preeti Kolankarai has worked at the AHA for 7+ years in the Integrated Programs and Asset Development team and is currently the Patient Portfolio advisor. In this role, she drives the development and execution of the HBP initiative as well as those in post-acute cardiac conditions affecting patients and their loved ones like Heart Failure, Heart Valve disease, Atrial Fibrillation and others. The primary aim of these programs is to establish AHA/ASA as a trusted source to educate and engage key stakeholders with evidence based knowledge, resources and emotional support while driving towards the AHA/ASA 2020 Health Impact goal

She has a graduate degree in Management Information Systems and previously worked as a consultant.



Betsy L. Thompson, MD, MSPH, DrPH
RADM, U.S. Public Health Service, Centers Disease Control and Prevention
Director, Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention

Dr. Thompson joined the Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention as the director in January 2018. Dr. Thompson came to DHDSP from HHS's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, where she served in several capacities, including the Deputy Regional Health Administrator, (RHA), Region IX. Among her many accomplishments there, she helped to increase departmental focus and resources on the health concerns of the U.S.-affiliated Pacific islands, served as a senior regional prevention and public health scientist, and represented RHA at state, regional, national, and international meetings. From 2009 to 2014, Dr. Thompson served as CMS' Region IX's Chief Medical Officer. There, she provided medical expertise and guidance on projects ranging from hospital conditions of participation and regulations for accountable care organizations to the value modifier for the physician fee schedule.

Dr. Thompson received her MD and MSPH from the University of Colorado, Denver, and her DrPH from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She completed an internship and residency in primary care internal medicine at the University of California, San Francisco; an epidemiology fellowship in CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) program; and a residency in preventive medicine at CDC.



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