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Dear Colleague,

Thank you for joining us at the National Forum’s 18th Annual Meeting. You and your organization help make the National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention unique, as the connecting point for the public, private, and social sectors to join forces to improve cardiovascular health and increase health equity.

Today’s meeting brings together representatives from over 100 organizations, including individuals from national and international organizations, county, state, and federal governments, industry, research, healthcare institutions, advocacy, faith-based, and community-based organizations.

“Cardiovascular Health: More Urgent than Ever” will help all of us leverage the attention COVID-19 has brought to health inequity and cardiometabolic health to broaden public support for community health and health equity.

We gratefully recognize the Board of Directors, Dr. Stephen Sidney, and staff for their creative input and efforts, as well as Amgen, AstraZeneca, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Bristol-Myers Squibb/Pfizer, and Esperion for their generous support as sponsors of today’s meeting.

We look forward to working with you during - and after - this virtual gathering.

Kim Stitzel, MS, RD    John M. Clymer
Chair    Executive Director
PRE-MEETING PARTNER NETWORKING

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Pre-meeting Partner Networking
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Please join no later than 10:50 am

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

11:00 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

John M. Clymer
Executive Director
National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL FORUM SIGNATURE REPORT

Cutting Straight to the Heart: A pandemic lays bare the inequity of heart disease in America

11:05 a.m. – 11:15 a.m

Stephen Sidney, MD, MPH
Director of Research Clinics, Kaiser Permanente Northern California
Chief Scientific Advisor, National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention

Interviewed by
Kim Stitzel, MS, RD
Chair, National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention
PANEL 1:
Cardiovascular Health – A Societal Imperative

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

To increase resources for population health and health equity, more of the public must see it as a priority. This panel will help us strengthen our case for eliminating disparities and enabling all people to attain their cardiovascular health potential.

- What levers can we move to improve health and well-being for all?
- What forces for change can we marshal?
- What actions can my organization take?

Moderator
Laura Gordon, Immediate Past-Chair
Chief Executive Officer
Institute for Advanced Clinical Trials for Children

Panelists
Arthur Caplan, PhD
Drs. William F. and Virginia Connolly Mitty Professor
Founding Head, Division of Bioethics, New York University Langone Medical Center

The Honorable Steve Benjamin
Mayor, Columbia, South Carolina

Clyde W. Yancy, MD, MSc, MACC, FAHA, MACP, FHFS
Vice Dean, Diversity & Inclusion
Magerstadt Professor of Medicine
Professor of Medical Social Sciences
Chief, Division of Cardiology, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine
Associate Director, Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute, Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Q & A

Notes:
BREAK FOR LUNCH
12:15 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

A CONVERSATION
with the Surgeon General of the United States
12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Vice Admiral Jerome M. Adams, M.D., M.P.H.
Surgeon General of the United States

Interviewed by
John M. Clymer
Executive Director
National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention

Notes:
PANEL 2:
Cardiovascular Health – An Economic Imperative

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Poor health burdens people, employers, and local and state governments. Improving health and reducing disparities will strengthen communities’ vitality and resilience, attributes that COVID-19 has made crucial.

• Besides public health and healthcare, who are the change agents we need to engage to make community health a priority?
• How can we sustain health improvement for all community members?
• What forces for change can we marshal?

Moderator
Warren A. Jones, MD, FAAFP
Captain, United States Navy Medical Corps (Ret.)
Professor Emeritus of Family Medicine
University of Mississippi Medical Center

Panelists
Meg Guerin-Calvert
President
Center for Healthcare Economics and Policy
FTI Consulting

The Honorable Sharon Weston Broome
Mayor-President, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Karen Hacker, MD, MPH
Director
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Q & A

Notes:
STRETCH BREAK

1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Jen Childress, MS, MCHES
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National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention
PANEL 3:
Cardiovascular Health and Mental Health – A New Imperative

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Mental Health and heart disease are tightly linked; mental health issues are even more prevalent because of the pandemic and social tensions in our country.

• Can we reach our national blood pressure control goal if we do not diagnose and treat mental illness?
• What needs to be done to reduce heart attacks and cardiovascular disease driven by mental health issues? Who can do it?
• Are there examples of success?
• What is our call to action?

Moderator
Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, PhD, RN, APRN-CNP, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN
Vice President for Health Promotion, University Chief Wellness Officer, Dean and Professor, College of Nursing, Professor of Pediatrics & Psychiatry, College of Medicine, Executive Director, The Helene Fuld Health Trust National Institute for Evidence-based Practice

Panelists
Ileana L. Piña, MD, MPH, FAHA, FACC
Professor of Medicine, Wayne State University, Clinical Professor of Medicine, Central Michigan University

Jay D. Bhatt, DO, MPH, MPA, FACP
ABC News Medical Contributor
Adjunct Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health
Former Sr. Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, American Hospital Association

Garth Graham, MD, MPH, FACP, FACC
Vice President of Community Health
Chief Community Health Officer
CVS Health

Q & A
3:00 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.

Agenda

Decision Items:
2019 Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Corporate Operations and Finance Report
Election of new Board Members

Welcome and Introductions
   Kim Stitzel, Chair

Roll Call
   Marcus Plescia, MD, Secretary-Treasurer

Approve 2019 Meeting Minutes
   Kim Stitzel, Chair

Executive Director’s Report
   John M. Clymer, Executive Director

Corporate Operations & Finance Report
   Marcus Plescia, MD, Secretary-Treasurer
   Action: Acceptance of Corporate Operations and Finance Report

Governance Report
   Kim Stitzel, Chair
   2020 - 2021 Board of Directors Election
   Action: Election of new Board Members
The National Forum Honors
The National Forum annually recognizes individuals and organizations who have made exceptional contributions to heart disease and stroke prevention.

National Forum Heart Healthy Stroke Free Awards
Presented to an individual and a group whose work embodies the recommendations of the National Public Health Action Plan to Prevent Heart Disease and Stroke.

Jennifer Cooper, DNP, RN, APHN-BC, CCP
For exceptional, enduring leadership and collaboration to carry out the National Public Health Action Plan to Prevent Heart Disease and Stroke

Association of Black Cardiologists
For exceptional leadership and collaboration to carry out the National Public Health Action Plan to Prevent Heart Disease and Stroke

National Forum Public Policy Awards
Recognize an individual and a group who have been effective in advancing policy change that reduces the heart disease and stroke burden on a national, state, or local level.

Senator Jerry Hill
For your work advancing tobacco policy as the lead author for SB 793 which bans the sale of most flavored tobacco products in California

National Forum Commitment Award
Given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the National Forum.

Clyde W. Yancy, MD, MSc
For outstanding contributions to the National Forum

National Forum Chair Recognition Award

Michael A. Cropp, MD, MBA
For visionary and effective leadership of the Value & Access Initiative

Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, PhD, RN, APRN-CNP, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN
For inspiring and leading the Move with the Mayor™ Buckeye State Challenge to improve cardiovascular health
Tribute to Outgoing Leadership
Board of Directors Service Award

Amanda Seeff-Charny
Member, Board of Directors, 2018 - 2020

Laura Gordon, Past Chair
Member, Board of Directors, 2012 - 2020

Kim Stitzel, Chair
For Your Outstanding Leadership and Commitment to Reducing Heart Disease and Stroke, 2019 - 2020

New Business
Warren Jones, Incoming Chair

Adjourn

CLOSING AND CALL TO ACTION
3:25 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURN
3:30 p.m.
ABOUT THE NATIONAL FORUM

Working together for a heart-healthy and stroke-free society

The National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention (National Forum) is an independent, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that serves as a catalyst for collaborative efforts to prevent cardiovascular disease.

The National Forum membership includes over 100 national and international organizations from government, industry, academia, health care, public health and advocacy.

The National Forum was founded in 2002 to lead implementation of the national Public Health Action Plan to Prevent Heart Disease and Stroke. The Action Plan provides a comprehensive public health strategy and a framework to guide health practitioners and policymakers. Dr. Darwin Labarthe is the Emeritus Founder of the National Forum, and his compassion and dedication continue to inspire us.

Current Efforts

The National Forum is leading efforts to help achieve national health goals through 2025 and beyond. Current initiatives and programs include:

• Convening groups representing patients, providers, public health, payers, and pharma/biotech in collaboration to enhance health and well-being by supporting people’s access to evidence-based care that is appropriate for them.

• Engaging mayors across the U.S. in raising awareness that heart disease and stroke can be prevented and promoting healthy environments

• Engaging community leaders in promoting flu vaccination

• Convoking experts to identify innovative strategies to elevate the priority on hypertension control and heart failure prevention

• Organizing an annual conference to share ideas and successful practices in heart disease and stroke prevention, and health equity
The National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention affirmed its strategic priorities in 2016.

- Eliminate cardiovascular health disparities and achieve health equity
- Advance the ABCS of heart disease and stroke prevention
  - Appropriate preventive Aspirin use
  - Blood press control
  - Cholesterol management
  - Smoking cessation and prevention

This strategic focus enables the National Forum to leverage its strengths as a catalyst for collaboration to displace heart disease and stroke as the leading cause of death for all Americans by 2025.

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JOIN THE NATIONAL FORUM!

The National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention brings together the most dynamic and diverse organizations in cardiovascular health, providing a forum and outlet for organizations to amplify their voices. Our members currently represent more than 100 national and international organizations. They range from major national health advocacy organizations to government health agencies to private companies invested in cardiovascular health.

National Forum membership offers many benefits including:

Collaboration Opportunities
Opportunities to engage in collective action to improve population health through National Forum-led initiatives, such as the Value & Access Initiative, Move with the Mayor™, Million Hearts® Collaborative, and World Heart Day

Alliance Development
Opportunities to partner with other National Forum members in collective action to improve patient care

Relationship Building
Exclusive opportunities to have meaningful interaction with high-level decision makers from government, non-profit academic, clinical, patient organizations and industry stakeholders

Networking and Visibility
Exposure for your organization and its executives to a broad cross-section of the health community

Policy Development
Tap into the collective power of the cardiovascular community to solve systemic health care issues that affect all patients

Advocacy
Be part of a united effort to advance health equity through heart disease and stroke prevention
Regular Membership
Membership is free and open to all organizations and individuals committed to improving cardiovascular health in the U.S. Individuals and organizations may also become contributing members.

Contributing Membership
The National Forum offers a range of membership tiers for those who wish to provide financial support to implement the mission and strategic priorities. Additional benefits are added for each tier.

Platinum - $75,000 Annual Contribution
Additional benefits include:
- Opportunity to host a National Forum Board of Directors Dinner and bring up to 3 colleagues
- Opportunity for one day strategy session with National Forum Executive Director at sponsor’s site
- National Forum may recommend experts for Sponsor Advisory Board
- National Forum may convene experts for Sponsor Advisory Board (for additional fee)
- National Forum may serve as Public Health Advisor to Sponsor
- Recognition of Membership Contributor on National Forum website and at Annual Meeting

Gold - $50,000 Annual Contribution
Additional benefits include:
- Access to National Forum-recommended speaker bureau
- National Forum may recommend experts for Sponsor Advisory Board
- National Forum may serve as Public Health Advisor to Sponsor
- Recognition of Membership Contributor on National Forum website and at Annual Meeting

Silver - $25,000 Annual Contribution
Additional benefits include:
- Up to 2 representatives at the National Forum Annual meeting
- Recognition on National Forum website and at Annual Meeting

Bronze - $10,000 Annual Contribution
Additional benefits include:
- Recognition on National Forum website and at Annual Meeting

If you are interested in learning more about National Forum membership, please call or email John M. Clymer, Executive Director, at john.clymer@nationalforum.org or 202-903-7303.
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MOVE WITH THE MAYOR™ (MWTM)
is a national initiative that works with mayors across the country to challenge their communities to be more physically active. In 2020, mayors are using MWTM messaging, policy recommendations and other tools to empower and protect community members from COVID-19 and improve cardiovascular health and health equity.

PARTICIPATING CITIES:

- Akron, OH
- Augusta, GA
- Bartlett, IL
- Baton Rouge, LA
- Beavercreek, OH
- Bloomingdale, IL
- Columbia, SC
- Columbus, OH
- Cuyahoga Falls, OH
- Dayton, OH
- Elyria, OH
- Findlay, OH
- Glen Ellyn, IL
- Green Bay, WI
- Gresham, OR
- Hanover Park, IL
- Jackson, MS
- Lancaster, OH
- Little Rock, AR
- Oakland, CA
- Rochester, MN
- Tallmadge, OH
- West Chicago, IL
- Youngstown, OH

Use Move with the Mayor™ to Improve Health in Your Community. Contact Debbie Martinez at (909) 815-7101 or debbie.martinez@nationalforum.org
Move with the Mayor™ Promotes Physical Activity, Blood Pressure Control and Flu Vaccinations

Kim Norton @MayorNorton · Sep 13
“Park & Recreation” magazine dedicated an entire issue to equity and access to parks. Rochester will have a chance to support the concept this year as we offer up a referendum to make citywide investments & improvements. Everyone can #MoveWithTheMayor at their local park! #rochmn

City of West Chicago @WestChicagoIL · Oct 2
West Chicago wins DuPage County #MoveWithTheMayor @HealthyWestChi @NatForumHDSP bit.ly/3cQZ1gy
Hardie Davis, Jr. @hardiedavis · Sep 18

Last week I launched #MoveWithTheMayor w/@NatForumHDSP & Dr. Mac Bowman to make physical activity a priority in @CityofAugusta. Make sure you get your 30-minute workout in daily. Stay tuned for updates and more #MWTM activities coming soon #HeartHealth #ActivePeople @JohnClymer

Sharon Weston Broome @MayorBroome · Sep 30

I got my flu vaccine, and you should too! It’s likely that flu viruses and the virus that causes COVID-19 will both spread this year. Let’s all do our part to protect our families, our friends, and our frontline workers!

Find a Flu Vaccine Near You: vaccinefinder.org/find-vaccine
VALUE & ACCESS INITIATIVE

The National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention convenes patient, provider, payer, purchaser, public health, and pharma/biotech leaders to jointly pursue this consensus goal:

Enhance health and well-being by supporting people’s access to evidence-based care that is appropriate for them.

- Identify evidence-based strategies for determining appropriateness of care
- Support the implementation of evidence-based care that aligns incentives for patients, providers, payers, and other stakeholders

Cross-Sector Collaboration

Joint Policy Statement on Expanding Access to Healthcare Every Day and During the COVID-19 Response
- 31 Signing Organizations
- 6 Policy Recommendations (Federal & State)

Open Letter to Congress & The Trump Administration Enabling Pharmacists to Test and Vaccinate People for COVID-19 and Flu
- 33 Signing Organizations

Consensus Feedback on ICER’s Draft Scoping Document on Upcoming Assessment of Treatments for High Cholesterol
- 19 Signing Organizations

Resources

What Do Value & Access Really Mean? A Landscape Report on Stakeholder Perspectives – reports on differences in how the “6 Ps” – patients, providers, payers, purchasers, public health, and pharma/biotech – view these issues.

SHARED Decision-Making Tool for Patients & Providers
- Worksheets designed for patients and providers to use in role modeling conversation, treatment options, concerns, preferences, and goals.

Best Practices for Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Committees
- A checklist modeling processes for P&T Committees to consider when managing the formulary system in making equitable coverage decisions.

Value & Access Initiative White Paper
- Outlines accomplishments to-date, and the evolution of the initiative.

Value & Access Initiative Building Support for Better Patient Access

PQA @PQAAlliance · Aug 6
The @NatForumHDSP and partner organizations continue their call to expand access to #Pharmacist-provided care. See PQA’s blog in support of this effort: shar.es/abcEKj

National Forum @NatForumHDSP · Aug 6
The @NatForumHDSP and 20+ other groups representing 200 million Americans living w/cardiovascular & other chronic conditions urge Congress to leverage critical access points to testing & immunizations. bit.do/THg6Q

ABC @ABCardio1 · Aug 6
For Americans living around urban ctrs, avg distance to a pharmacy is 2 miles. >90% of Americans live w/in 5 miles of a community pharmacy. Yet, if action isn’t taken, US may not be able to leverage these critical access points @NatForumHDSP @KevinBSneed abcardio.org/recent-news/ab...

John M. Clymer @JohnClymer · Aug 6
@HHSgov authorized #pharmacists to test & vaccinate for #COVID19 & #influenza, but in many cases, they can’t get paid. Like doctors & nurses, pharmacists can’t treat patients for free. #Congress & @realDonaldTrump can fix this now. bit.ly/3kkr8YY @SpeakerPelosi

August 4, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Leader McConnell, and Leader Schumer:

We write to request that Congress take immediate action to address the urgent need to expand Americans’ access to COVID-19 and influenza testing and immunization by designating pharmacists as providers under Medicare Part B in the next legislative package. We urge the patient care partners that pharmacists provide as our voice for

DeanKBSneed @KevinBSneed · Aug 6
Patient-centered care models will have physicians & pharmacists in greater partnership to achieve health metrics & improve health outcomes. I hv worked clinically in partnership w/ MDs my entire career; this can be achieved! #ProfessionalCollaborations Aug15th 📌 @ABCardio1
WomenHeart @WomenHeartOrg · Aug 6
WomenHeart has joined our partners in urging Congress to expand access to testing & immunizations through pharmacies in the next COVID-19 relief package. @NatForumHDSP

WomenHeart @WomenHeartOrg · Jun 18
Access to quality healthcare is important all the time. #COVID19 multiplies its urgency. WomenHeart joined @NatForumHDSP and 20 other organizations in supporting increased access through #TeamBasedCare. Read our message to Congress

PCNA Heart Nurses @HeartNurses · Jun 17
PCNA is one of 22 diverse stakeholders signing a Joint Policy Statement supporting strengthening patient-centered, team-based care for patients w/ cardiovascular & other chronic diseases to ensure all patients have access to essential treatments. bit.do/If2we

National Forum @NatForumHDSP · Jun 16
@NatForumHDSP and partners urge Congress & Administration to increase patients' access to healthcare, #TeamBasedCare. Read our Joint Policy Statement bit.do/If2we #ValueAndAccess

APhA HQ @pharmacists · Jun 16
To provide patients with better access to quality healthcare and improved outcomes, APhA joined 21 other organizations in recommending policy to provide access to evidence-based care, and testing and vaccinations. Learn more here ow.ly/pnTq50A9otd @NatForumHDSP #COVID19

National Lipid Association @nationallipid · Jun 17
The @nationallipid joined the @NatForumHDSP and 20 other organizations to urge Congress for increased access to evidence-based care. #TeamBasedCare

National Forum @NatForumHDSP · Jun 16
@NatForumHDSP and partners urge Congress & Administration to increase patients’ access to healthcare, #TeamBasedCare. Read our Joint Policy Statement bit.do/If2we #ValueAndAccess
SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES
(in order of presentation)

John M. Clymer
Executive Director
National Forum for Heart Disease and 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. Additionally, Clymer serves on the U.S. Community Preventive Services Task Force. He is a Fellow of the Institute for Health Policy and Leadership and adjunct assistant professor at Loma Linda University, and a guest lecturer at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Clymer is the TEDMED Thought Leader for Making Prevention Popular and Profitable. He has authored and co-authored book chapters, testified before various legislatures, given numerous Congressional briefings, and appeared in media such as NBC Nightly News, public radio, and The New York Times. He has served as a subject matter expert 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, and other advisory and governing boards. Clymer led Partnership for Prevention as its President from 2001-2008, when it won passage of landmark Medicare legislation; was recognized by Harvard Business Review for a “Breakthrough Idea;” and, with former U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher, established the National Commission on Prevention Priorities. While increasing PfP’s impact, he quadrupled its income.
Stephen Sidney, MD, MPH
Director of Research Clinics, Kaiser Permanente Northern California
Chief Scientific Advisor, National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention

Dr. Stephen Sidney is a Senior Research Scientist and Director of Research Clinics at Kaiser Permanente Northern California, where he has conducted research studies since 1983, authoring over 400 articles in peer-reviewed journals. He received a BA from Yale University, MD from Stanford School of Medicine, and MPH in Epidemiology from the UC Berkeley School of Public Health. He is Board certified in internal medicine and a Fellow of the American Heart Association Council on Epidemiology.

His primary research interest is cardiovascular disease epidemiology with a major focus on health disparities. His research projects include the Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults the (CARDIA) study, funded by the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute, and a Stroke Prevention/Intervention Research Program (SPIRP) funded by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. The ongoing CARDIA study has studied the evolution of cardiovascular risk and disease over a 30-year period in a cohort of black and white men and women, age 18-30 years at baseline. He has published 4 recent articles regarding U.S. trends in cardiovascular mortality since 2000 as well as two reports published by the National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention on this topic.

Dr. Sidney volunteers considerable time to public health efforts in Alameda County, California, a large county which has substantial racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity with consequent health disparities. He is the co-chair of the Frank E. Staggers, Sr., MD, Hypertension Project which aims to lower the burden of hypertension in Alameda County. He has helped promote the National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention’s Move with the Mayor Program in Oakland. Dr. Sidney was awarded the Heart Healthy Stroke Free award from the National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention in 2017.
Kimberly Stitzel, MS, RD
Chair
National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention

Kimberly Stitzel, M.S., R.D. is an entrepreneurial, driven executive with a talent for sparking innovation and growth leadership within companies. She is an expert in making emotional connections between businesses and their communities to raise funds and drive growth. Kim Stitzel was an executive with the American Heart Association (AHA) for 15 years. Her greatest accomplishments while at the AHA include: successfully funding and leading a $25 million non-profit health and well-being business, overseeing the employee giving campaign resulting in over $1 million in donations, establishing a new $2 million sustainable business structure within a large established enterprise and the creation of the 10-year enterprise-wide goal.

Prior to joining the AHA, Ms. Stitzel served as a nutrition advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health on federal nutrition policy at the United States Department of Health and Human Services. In addition, she co-authored the book, A Healthier You, and served on the joint HHS/USDA Dietary Guidelines management team, which facilitated the work of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee and the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. She also supported federal health and nutrition initiatives such as, Steps to a HealthierUS and Healthy People 2010. Prior employment includes Manager of National Nutrition Policy at the American Dietetic Association and research associate for the Food and Nutrition Board of the Institute of Medicine. She completed her dietetic internship through Virginia Tech in Washington, DC. She completed both master’s and bachelor’s degrees in Human Nutrition, Foods and Exercise, at Virginia Tech. She has been published in both scientific journals and consumer-focused magazines.
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Chief Executive Officer
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.
Arthur Leonard Caplan, PhD
Drs. William F. and Virginia Connolly Mitty Professor
Founding Head, Division of Bioethics, New York University
Langone Medical Center

Currently the Drs. William F and Virginia Connolly Mitty Professor and founding head of the Division of Medical Ethics at NYU School of Medicine in New York City.

Prior to coming to NYU School of Medicine, Dr. Caplan was the Sidney D. Caplan Professor of Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine in Philadelphia, where he created the Center for Bioethics and the Department of Medical Ethics. Caplan has also taught at the University of Minnesota, where he founded the Center for Biomedical Ethics, the University of Pittsburgh, and Columbia University. He received his PhD from Columbia University.

Dr. Caplan is the author or editor of thirty-five books and over 750 papers in peer reviewed journals. His most recent books are Vaccination Ethics and Policy, (MIT Press, 2017 with Jason Schwartz) and, Getting to Good: Research Integrity in Biomedicine (Springer, 2018 with Barbara Redman).

He has served on a number of national and international committees including as the chair of the National Cancer Institute Biobanking Ethics Working Group, chair of the Advisory Committee to the United Nations on Human Cloning; chair of the Advisory Committee to the Department of Health and Human Services on Blood Safety and Availability. He has also served on the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Illnesses, the special advisory committee to the International Olympic Committee on genetics and gene therapy, the Special Advisory Panel to the National Institutes of Mental Health on Human Experimentation on Vulnerable Subjects, the Wellcome Trust Advisory Panel on Research in Humanitarian Crises, and the co-director of the Joint Council of Europe/United Nations Study on Trafficking in Organs and Body Parts. He is the co-founder and a board member of the ge2p2 global foundation. The Foundation has a special focus on bioethical and policy issues involving clinical development of and access to medicines, especially in low resource and humanitarian contexts.

Caplan has served since 2015 as the chairperson of the Compassionate Use Advisory Committee (CompAC), an independent group of internationally recognized medical experts, bioethicists and patient representatives which advises Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen Pharmaceuticals about requests for compassionate use of some of its investigational medicines.
Dr. Caplan is a regular commentator on bioethics and health care issues for WebMD/Medscape, WGBH radio in Boston, WOR radio in New York and CNN. He appears frequently as a guest and commentator on various other national and international media outlets.

Dr. Caplan is the recipient of many awards and honors including the McGovern Medal of the American Medical Writers Association and the Franklin Award from the City of Philadelphia. He was a USA Today 2001 “Person of the Year and was described as one of the ten most influential people in science by Discover magazine in 2008. He has also been honored as one of the fifty most influential people in American health care by Modern Health Care magazine, one of the ten most influential people in America in biotechnology by the National Journal, one of the ten most influential people in the ethics of biotechnology by the editors of Nature Biotechnology, and one of the 100 most influential people in biotechnology by Scientific American magazine.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, he co-directs an advisory group on sports and recreation for the US Conference of Mayors, created a working group on coronavirus vaccine challenge studies, developed an ethical framework for distributing drugs and vaccines for J&J, helped develop rationing policies for NYU LMC and many other health systems, is a member of the WHO advisory committee on Covid, ethics and experimental drugs/vaccines, helped set policy for WIRB/WCG for research studies and compassionate use and founded, with David Oshinsky, the Vaccine Working Group on Ethics and Policy.

He received the Patricia Price Browne Prize in Biomedical Ethics for 2011. In 2014 he was selected to receive the Public Service Award from the National Science Foundation/National Science Board, which honors individuals and groups that have made substantial contributions to increasing public understanding of science and engineering in the United States. In 2016 the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) honored him with their Rare Impact Award and Food and Drug Law Institute’s Distinguished Service Leadership Award. In 2019 he was honored by the Food and Drug Administration’s, Reagan/Udall Foundation with its Innovation Award.

He holds seven honorary degrees from colleges and medical schools.
The Honorable Stephen K. Benjamin  
Mayor, Columbia, South Carolina

Since being elected mayor in a record turnout election in April 2010, Mayor Steve Benjamin has made it his mission to create in Columbia the most talented, educated and entrepreneurial city in America.

In addition to serving as Mayor of Columbia, Mayor Benjamin also served as the 2018-2019 President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and as Chairman for Municipal Bonds for America, Member of the Federal Communications Commission’s Intergovernmental Advisory Committee, Member of the Accelerator for America Advisory Council and Co-Chair of the Mayors for 100% Clean Energy campaign.

Mayor Benjamin is married to the Honorable DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, Chief Administrative Judge (Common Pleas) for South Carolina’s Fifth Judicial Circuit. The two are the proud parents of daughters Bethany and Jordan Grace.

Follow Mayor Benjamin on Twitter and Instagram: @SteveBenjaminSC.

Quick Facts About Mayor Benjamin
• First elected in April 2010
• 2018-2019 President of the US Conference of Mayors
• Executive Chairman of Municipal Bonds for America
• Member of the Federal Communications Commission’s Intergovernmental Advisory Committee
• Founder, USCM/NYU Mayors Leadership Institute on Smart Cities
• Partnership Co-Chair of The Brookings Institution’s New Infrastructure Partnership
• Co-chair of the Mayors for 100% Clean Energy campaign
• Former African-American Mayors Association President (2015-2016)
• Founder, African Americans Mayors Association Technology Summit
• 2019 Lake Nona Impact Forum speaker
• Member of the Accelerator for America Advisory Council
• Honorary Co-Chair of the New Leaders Council
• Authored Foreword for Smarter New York City: How City Agencies Innovate by André Corrêa d’Almeida
• 2018 Yale Mayors College participant
• 2018 Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative participant
• Named 2018 Leading Globally Matters Locally Award winner by the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition
• Named 2018 Historic Preservation Elected Official Award winner by Preservation South Carolina
• Named 2018 AIPAC Ralph Bunche Award winner
• Named one of the 2018 Distinguished Achievement Award winners by the Sierra Club
• Named 2017 Phoenix Award Winner for Outstanding Contributions to Disaster Recovery by a Public Official by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)
• Named 2017 Partner America Small Business Advocate Award winner
• Named Columbia Chamber of Commerce award winner for 2016 Small & Minority Business Advocate of the Year
• Named 2016 Walgreen’s Happy & Healthy Communities Champion award winner
• Named 2016 Deborah Boward Leadership Award winner by Senior Resources
• Named 2001 SC Young Lawyer of the Year
• Named 1999 National Bar Association Young Lawyer of the Year
• Named 2006 SC Bar Association Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year
• Member of the Affordable Housing Advisory Council for Federal Home Loan Bank Atlanta
• Member of the South Carolina Association for Community Economic Development Board
• Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
• Member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
• Former member of the ETV Endowment of South Carolina, Inc. Board of Trustees
• Generated budget surpluses in six of the last seven years and seven straight years without a tax increase
• Established the city’s first Poet Laureate and public art initiative
• Launched “Let’s Move! Columbia” and in 2015 named the #1 National League of Cities “Let’s Move” city in the nation
• Launched new green infrastructure projects including utilizing new, low-impact technologies and use of modular storage for flood control
Clyde W. Yancy, MD, MSc, MACC, FAHA, MACP, FHFS
Vice Dean, Diversity & Inclusion and Magerstadt Professor of Medicine
Professor of Medical Social Sciences
Chief, Division of Cardiology, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, Associate Director, Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Clyde W. Yancy, MD, MSc is Vice-Dean of Diversity & Inclusion, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine. He concomitantly serves as Chief of Cardiology at Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, and Associate Director of the Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. He holds the Magerstadt Endowed Professor of Medicine Chair and also holds an appointment as Professor of Medical Social Sciences.

Yancy is a native of Louisiana and earned a B.S. degree, (4.0, Honors), from Southern University; and an M.D. degree, (Alpha Omega Alpha), from Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans. He completed an internship and residency in internal medicine at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas. He completed his fellowship in cardiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas where he received research training in the Human Physiology Laboratories of Blomqvist and Mitchell. He received his initial faculty appointment in 1989 and held a position on the faculty at UT Southwestern Medical Center for 17 years where he ascended to the rank of Professor of Medicine. Concurrently he was holder of the Carl Westcott Distinguished Chair in Medical Research, Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and Medical Director of the Heart Failure/Heart Transplant Program. In 2006 he was named Director of the Baylor Heart and Vascular Institute, Dallas. In 2010, he completed a Master’s of Science in Medical Management (Beta Gamma Sigma) at the University of Texas- Dallas, School of Business and Management.

Dr. Yancy’s research interests are heart failure, clinical guideline generation, outcomes sciences, personalized medicine, and health care disparities. He is extensively published with well over 500 peer reviewed publications, an H-index of nearly 100 and annual recognition as one of the most highly cited scientific authors worldwide. Dr. Yancy is Deputy Editor, JAMA Cardiology, and Senior Section Editor (Heart Failure), Journal of the American College of Cardiology (JACC). He serves on the editorial boards for Circulation, Circulation Heart Failure, the American Heart Journal, and JACC Heart Failure.
Yancy is board certified in internal medicine with a subspecialty in cardiovascular disease; he has had advanced training in heart transplantation. He is a Master of the American College of Cardiology (ACC), a Master of the American College of Physicians, a Fellow of the American Heart Association (AHA), and a Fellow of the Heart Failure Society of America. He has chaired and/or served on innumerable clinical practice guidelines and consensus statements writing committees. He is co-chair of the ACC Diversity & Inclusion Taskforce. Dr. Yancy is a former president of the AHA (2009–2010) and recipient of the Gold Heart Award (2014). He has completed extensive Government service for the National Institutes of Health, (incl. service on the Advisory Committee to the Director for the NIH), the Food and Drug Administration, (incl. Chair of the Cardiovascular Device Panel), and the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (as a founding member of the Methodology Committee).

In 2016, Dr. Yancy was elected to the National Academy of Medicine. In 2018, he was appointed to the Minority Health Affairs Subcommittee, Department of Health and Human Services. Also in 2018, Dr. Yancy received two lifetime achievement awards for clinical research from WomenHeart® and for research and leadership in Diversity from the Cardiovascular Research Foundation®. In 2019, he received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from his alma mater, Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana. In 2020, he received elected membership in the Association of American Physicians (AAP).
Vice Admiral (VADM) Jerome M. Adams, M.D., M.P.H.
Surgeon General of the United States

VADM Jerome M. Adams, MD, MPH, is the 20th Surgeon General of the United States. He has bachelor’s degrees in biochemistry and psychology, from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, a master of public health degree from the University of California at Berkeley, and a medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine, and is a board-certified anesthesiologist. He previously served as the Indiana State Health Commissioner from 2014 to 2017 where he presided over Indiana’s unprecedented HIV outbreak, caused by injection drug use.

Dr. Adams’ motto is “better health through better partnerships” a description of his commitment to maintaining strong relationships with the public health community and forging new partnerships in other sectors. He is a member of the President’s Coronavirus Task Force, and earlier this year he released, Smoking Cessation: A Report of the Surgeon General, the 34th report on tobacco and the first report on cessation in 30 years.

As Surgeon General, he oversees the operations of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, which has more than 6,000 uniformed health officers who serve to promote, protect and advance the health and safety of our nation.
Warren A. Jones, MD, FAAFP  
Captain, United States Navy Medical Corps (Ret.)  
Professor Emeritus of Family Medicine  
University of Mississippi Medical Center  

Warren Jones, MD, FAAFP has over thirty years’ experience in health care. Notably, he founded and established the Mississippi Institute for Improvement of Geographic Minority Health and Health Disparities (MIGMH) at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMC). Over the course of his tenure there, Jones secured approximately $38 million for MIGMH and its constituent programs.

Jones’ other professional experience includes directing the State of Mississippi’s Medicaid Program. As program director, he was responsible for providing health care for over 768,000 Mississippians. He also developed and implemented the Mississippi Medicaid Medical Home program that allowed for annual physical examinations and health assessments.

Over the course of his career, Jones has been recognized for his pioneering efforts in the field of health as well as a distinguished educator. He was recognized as Outstanding Minority Educator in the State of Mississippi and was elected the first and only African American President of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

He was also the first African American appointed as an associate vice chancellor at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Jones is the Chair Emeritus of Family Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMC), Chair Emeritus of the National Medical Association’s Family Medicine Section and Immediate Distinguished Professor of Health Policy at UMC. Prior to Hampton, he held the NIH Endowed Chair in Health Disparities Research at Dillard University, his undergraduate alma mater. He is the recipient of many awards and honors including an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Tougaloo College.

A native of New Orleans, Dr. Jones is a 1978 graduate of the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans. He is married to the former Gennie Lacy of Pickens, MS and is the father of six children: Aaron, Keith, Winston, Deanna, Cassandra, and Madison.
Meg Guerin-Calvert
Senior Managing Director and President
Center for Healthcare Economics and Policy
FTI Consulting, Inc.

Margaret (Meg) Guerin-Calvert is a Senior Managing Director at FTI Consulting in Washington, D.C. and founding President of its Center for Healthcare Economics and Policy. She has over 30 years of experience as an economist in both public and private sectors, in competition and regulatory policy, mergers, damages, class certification and intellectual property in healthcare and other industries. She is also a founding director of Compass Lexecon and has served as Senior Consultant, Compass Lexecon, and continues in this role on selected matters. She leads FTI’s Center initiatives on health, health equity, economic impact and cross-sector collaboratives; which seek to provide cross-sector stakeholders with actionable data and data-driven analytics on drivers of medical and productivity costs of chronic conditions and their economic impact for innovative strategies and measurable benefit. These approaches address inter-relationships between health and socio-economic factors and their impacts on health and economic vitality of a region; recent work with collaboratives involve health, health equity, and economic impact of COVID-19. She led FTI’s work with World Economic Forum’s Workplace Wellness Alliance in: “Making the Right Investment: Employee Health and the Power of Metrics.” She has served as economic advisor to clients and governments in the U.S. and internationally, including state insurance agencies; parties involved in Certificate of Need (CON) or Certificate of Public Advantage (COPA); and in market-wide inquiries into healthcare competition such as the Competition Commission of South Africa’s Healthcare Market Inquiry (HMI). Her healthcare interests include economic analyses of markets, capacity, health metrics, community needs assessment, integration, and efforts to reduce total cost of care and market-based solutions for consumer, competition and public interest issues.

She served as Assistant Chief, U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division, Federal Reserve Board economist, and taught economics at Duke University’s Sanford School of Public Policy (formerly Institute of Policy Sciences). Her professional organization positions include Co-Chair of NASM Action Collaborative on Business Engagement in Building Healthy Communities; member, NASM Roundtable on Population Health Improvement; member, NASM Business Engagement in Obesity Solutions Innovation Collaborative; Advisory Council on Biology & Medicine, Brown University; Academy Health, AEA, and Antitrust Law Section, ABA. She has an A.B. in economics, Brown University and MPA from Princeton School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University.
Karen Hacker, MD, MPH
Director
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Karen Hacker, MD, MPH, is the Director of CDC’s National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, where she oversees more than 1,000 staff dedicated to preventing chronic diseases and promoting health across the life span.

Before joining CDC in 2019, Dr. Hacker was Director of the Allegheny County Health Department in Pennsylvania. Previously, she held a variety of leadership roles at the Cambridge Health Alliance in Massachusetts, including her role as the Senior Medical Director for Public and Community Health.

Dr. Hacker has published extensively and is an expert in community-based participatory research (CBPR). She served as the Director of the CBPR program of the Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Award Initiative and wrote Community-Based Participatory Action Research, a widely used academic text.

Dr. Hacker received her MD from Northwestern University School of Medicine and her MPH with Honors from Boston University School of Public Health.
The Honorable Sharon Weston Broome  
Mayor-President, Baton Rouge, Louisiana  

Sharon Weston Broome is a firm believer in achieving progress through inclusion, innovation and information.  

Since taking office, Mayor Broome has placed a heavy focus on improving the quality of life for citizens while building resiliency through infrastructure improvements. She has focused on addressing transportation, drainage, public safety, education, economic development and revitalizing neighborhoods.  

Mayor Broome is the first female Mayor-President of the City of Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish. She previously served as a Baton Rouge Metro City Council Member, a Louisiana State Representative and a Louisiana State Senator.  

While serving in the legislature, Broome became the first woman to hold the leadership positions of Speaker Pro Tempore in the House and President Pro Tempore in the Senate.  

Mayor Broome has been recognized for her service and leadership by several organizations. She was selected for the inaugural class of the Bloomberg-Harvard City Leadership Initiative. Mayor Broome was recently appointed co-chair for the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative and serves on the advisory board for the U.S. Conference of Mayors.  

She has been recognized for her service and dedication to Baton Rouge. Mayor Broome was recognized by the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the American Heart Association, Every Child Matters, and the National Congress of Black Women.  

Mayor Broome has earned awards for her exemplary efforts in her community. She has received the Luminary Award from Links Incorporated LA Capitale Chapter, the Baton Rouge NAACP Lifetime Achievement Award, Girl Scouts Louisiana East 2017 Women of Distinction Award and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. ( Lambda Kappa Kappa Chapter ) 2017 Citizen of the Year Award - just to name a few.  

Broome holds a B.A. in Mass Communication from the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse. She is a 2019 recipient of UW-L Alumni Association’s Maurice O. Graff Distinguished Alumni Award. Mayor Broome received her M.A. in Communications from Regent University. The mayor has served as an adjunct instructor at the Manship School of Mass Communication at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge Community College and Southern University.  

Faith and family are priorities for Mayor Broome. She is a member of United Christian Faith Ministries Church and is happily married to Marvin Broome. They are the proud parents of three children and have three grandchildren.
Jen Childress, MS, MCHES
Jenspiration, Inc.
Senior Public Health Consultant
National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention

Jen holds a Master of Health Promotion Management &
certificates in Personal Fitness Training, Coaching & Health
Education.

Through Jenspiration, Inc., she provides fitness and well-being coaching & programs
to people across the country. At the National Forum, Jen provides program
oversight for the Value & Access Initiative and is a co-program manager of Move
with the Mayor™.

She has over a decade of leadership in both the private and non-profit sectors
organizing events & convening stakeholders, including recruiting & educating
lay-leaders, senior leaders, & community champions. Jen co-created & launched
HealthLead®, a comprehensive workplace & academic health promotion program
accreditation initiative designed to assist organizations and universities in enhancing
their health & wellness management policies.

Jen was named one of the National Top Ten Business Women of the American
Business Women’s Association (ABWA) for her contributions to business,
community & the association. She has authored content published in peer-
reviewed articles & textbooks.
Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, PhD, RN, APRN-CNP, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN,
Vice President for Health Promotion, University Chief Wellness Officer, Dean and Professor, College of Nursing, Professor of Pediatrics & Psychiatry, College of Medicine, Executive Director, The Helene Fuld Health Trust National Institute for Evidence-based Practice

Bernadette Melnyk is VP for Health Promotion, University Chief Wellness Officer, Professor and Dean of the College of Nursing at The Ohio State University, Professor of pediatrics and psychiatry at OSU’s College of Medicine, and Executive Director of the Helene Fuld Health Trust National Institute for EBP. She is a pediatric and psychiatric mental health NP, and is nationally/internationally recognized as an expert in EBP, intervention research, child and adolescent mental health, and health & wellness. Her funding record includes over 33 million dollars from federal agencies as PI. She is co-editor of five books and over 400 publications.

Dr. Melnyk is an elected fellow of the National Academy of Medicine, the American Academy of Nursing, the National Academies of Practice, and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. She is a member of the NQF Behavioral Health Phase 3 Standing Committee and serves as editor of the journal Worldviews on Evidence-based Nursing. She is an invited member of the National Academy of Medicine’s Action Collaborative on Clinician Well-being and Resilience and is a board member of the National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention.

Dr. Melnyk founded the National Interprofessional Education and Practice Collaborative to advance the DHHS’s Million Hearts® initiative. She created and chaired the National Summits on Building Healthy Academic Communities in April 2013, 2015, 2017, and 2019, founded the National Consortium for Building Healthy Academic Communities, a collaborative organization to improve population health in the nation’s institutions of higher learning, and served as its first president.
Ileana L. Piña, MD, MPH, FAHA, FACC
Professor of Medicine, Wayne State University
Clinical Professor of Medicine, Central Michigan University

Ileana L. Piña, MD, MPH, is a Professor of Medicine, at Wayne State University and Clinical Professor at Central Michigan University. Dr. Piña also serves as Senior Fellow to the Food and Drug Administrations’ Center for Devices and Radiological Health. Dr. Piña earned her undergraduate degree in chemistry from the University of Miami in Florida. She completed her medical degree and cardiology fellowship at the University of Miami School of Medicine; an internal medicine residency at the University of South Florida Tampa, where she was Chief Resident; and fulfilled a surgery internship at the University of Miami Hospitals and Clinics. She earned a master’s degree in public health from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio while pursuing a VA Quality Fellowship. Dr. Piña’s research interests include transition of care in heart failure patients, and the role of natriuretic peptide-guided management for patients hospitalized for heart failure, biomarkers of myocardial stress and fibrosis in chronic heart failure, and heart failure differences by sex. She has been actively involved in gender, racial and ethnic issues in the health care delivery. She is the author/co-author of more than 250 publications. She is currently the Chair of the FIT committee of the AHA and on the Board of Directors National AHA.
Jay Bhatt, D.O., MPH, MPA (pronounced “bot”) is Founder and Principal of JDB Strategies, a health equity and innovation consulting firm, is a faculty member at the University of Illinois Chicago School of Public Health, a physician executive, internist, geriatrician, public health innovator and widely quoted expert on the most pressing challenges and exciting opportunities in healthcare. These include cross-sector initiatives; the application of predictive analytics and informatics; using Medicare and Medicaid as opportunities to redesign the healthcare system; addressing the social determinants of health to lower costs, improve outcomes and eliminate inequities; technology innovation; and emergency preparedness.


As a physician executive, Jay’s innovative initiatives have helped hospitals deliver safer, smarter and better care; made doctors more skilled and responsive to patients; and helped government across sectors impact health outcomes and the health of communities. These accomplishments have been informed by his earliest positions practicing internal medicine and geriatrics in underserved communities at the Erie Family Health Center on Chicago’s Northwest Side and as the managing deputy commissioner and chief innovation officer for the Chicago Department of Public Health. Though hard work and fresh ideas, he became a trusted community leader and eventually was able to bring the voice of those patients to the Illinois Hospital Association and American Hospital Association as a senior executive.

At the American Hospital Association Jay served as vice president and chief medical officer and led several AHA subsidiaries as president and CEO.
These included the Institute for Diversity and Health Equity, which addresses barriers to receiving adequate care, and the Health Research & Educational Trust, which trains medical professionals and encourages research into the quality, cost and equality of healthcare.

While at AHA, Jay’s efforts were focused on working with healthcare and technology companies to help hospitals develop and drive innovation. As part of this, he helped develop and deployed major AHA initiatives, including Age-Friendly Health Systems to improve the health of people at every stage of life; the AHA Physician Alliance, a community for physicians and hospitals to collaborate; and the government-sponsored Hospital Improvement Innovation Network, engaging over 1600 hospitals in 34 states to improve quality and patient safety.

Before joining the AHA, Jay served as the first chief health officer of the Illinois Health and Hospital Association, where he launched the organization’s Hospital Engagement Network to improve quality and safety. He launched a physician leadership academy, led a statewide zero-harm initiative and headed an IHA regional patient safety organization.

As the Chicago Department of Public Health’s managing deputy commissioner, Jay implemented Healthy Chicago, the city’s public health agenda. Under his guidance, the department was recognized internationally for using predictive analytics and machine learning to target food-safety hotspots; improve their approach to inspections; reduce lead exposure and chronic disease; and strengthen the culture of safety and continuous improvement.

Over the years, Jay has received many honors. He was an Aspen Health Innovator Fellow and a Presidential Leadership Scholar; was named to 40 Under 40 lists by Crain’s Chicago Business, the National Minority Quality Forum, MedTech Boston and Becker’s Healthcare, where he was a Rising Star; and received UIC School of Public Health’s Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award and National Medical Fellowships Champions of Health Award.

Jay earned a B.A. from the University of Chicago; a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine; a MPH in public health from the University of Illinois at Chicago; and a MPA in public administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government as a Zuckerman and Commonwealth Fund Minority Health Policy Fellow.

Known to his patients as the “dancing doctor,” Jay teaches dance classes, participates in fitness programs and enjoys Chicago’s lively restaurant scene with his family and friends. He enjoys podcasts, nonfiction reading on leadership and autobiographies.”
Garth Graham, MD, MPH, FACP, FACC
Vice President of Community Health
Chief Community Health Officer
CVS Health

Dr. Garth Graham, M.D., MPH, FACP, FACC, is a leading authority on social determinants of health and health equity. As the Vice President of Community Health for CVS Health, Dr. Graham leads the enterprise-wide community and social determinants of health (SDoH) strategy, working closely with CVS Health’s many businesses, to ensure differentiated, measurable and scalable approaches to addressing community health in communities across the country. Additionally, he leads public health partnerships and cardiovascular initiatives for CVS Health.

Dr. Graham joined CVS Health through the Aetna acquisition, where he was President of the Aetna Foundation since 2014. A cardiologist and professor of medicine, Dr. Graham is passionate about the opportunity to improve local health through cross-sector collaboration. Dr. Graham previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under both the Obama and Bush Administrations, where he also ran the Office of Minority Health. He directed the development of the federal government’s first National Health Disparities Plan released under the Obama administration.

Dr. Graham was also the assistant dean for health policy at the University of Florida School of Medicine, where he led several research initiatives looking at how to improve outcomes and readmission rates in cardiac patients in underserved populations. He contributes to several boards including the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Advisory Council, the Institute of Medicine Board on Population Health, Board of the National Quality Forum, the American Heart Association/American Stroke Associational National Quality Oversight Committee, the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Task Force on Clinical Data Standards, the Harvard Medical School Diversity Fund (chair) and was named by the President to the U.S. Federal Coordinating Council on Comparative Effectiveness Research many others.

Dr. Graham has been featured in media outlets including Fortune, USA Today, The Hill, The Chicago Tribune, Essence, U.S. News & World Report, Quartz and Ebony. Dr. Graham holds a medical degree from Yale School of Medicine, an MPH from Yale School of Public Health and a bachelor of science in biology from Florida International University. He completed clinical training at Massachusetts General Hospital and Johns Hopkins where he trained in cardiology and interventional cardiology. He holds three board certifications including internal medicine, cardiology and interventional cardiology.
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order - Laura Gordon, Chair
Laura Gordon welcomed members to the 2019 Annual Business Meeting. Roll was taken. There were no corrections or objections to the October 24, 2018 meeting minutes so the Chair declared the consent agenda approved.

Executive Director Report - John Clymer
The National Forum’s Strategic Imperatives include 1) Proactively setting the National Forum collaborative agenda; 2) Engage current members and diversity membership; 3) Optimize utilization of available resources and provide staff support; and 4) Strengthen the National Forum’s position as a thought and change leader in CV health.

Highlights of our work with mayors and communities through the Move with the MayorTM program and World Heart Day, the Value & Access Initiative to improve access to evidence-based care, and our leadership of the Million Hearts® Collaboration were presented.

We will continue to share successful strategies and practices, and lessons learned, discuss new ideas in a collaborative environment and develop, pilot and scale innovative approaches to prevent cardiovascular disease.
Since January 1, we have received and deposited $570,573.30. We have pending receivables (invoices processed) totaling $373,012.60.

**Balance Sheet comparisons:**
- August 2019 net assets = $516,398
- August 2018 net assets = $530,673

**Changes in Net Assets comparisons:**
- August 2019 revenues were $205,937
- August 2018 revenues were $241,771
- August 2019 expenses were $82,880
- August 2018 expenses were $46,026

**Revenues as of:**
- 2019 YTD revenues = $574,996
- 2018 YTD revenues = $609,434
- 2019 YTD expenses = $550,013
- 2018 YTD expenses = $530,582

**Revenues as of August 31, 2018**
- 2018 YTD revenues = $729,826
- 2017 YTD revenues = $660,981
- 2018 YTD expenses = $530,209
- 2017 YTD expenses = $564,343

**Wells Fargo bank account balances as of October 23, 2019**

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Dr. Darwin Labarthe moved that the Treasurer’s Report be approved. Kim Stitzel seconded the motion. Approved by voice vote.
Governance Committee Report - Laura Gordon, Chair

The following were nominated for election to 2-year terms as Directors:

**Warren A. Jones**  
Medical Director, Provider Services Inc.

**Rosemary McGillan**  
Executive Vice President and Partner, Global Purpose Practice Lead, Porter Novelli  
Public Services

**Celeste Philip**  
Health Officer, County of Sonoma Department of Health Services

**Ileana L. Piña**  
Professor of Medicine, Wayne State University; Clinical Prof of Medicine, Central Michigan University; Director CVD Research and Academic Affairs; Regional and National Director of Heart Failure; Detroit Medical Center, Detroit, Michigan

**Karol Watson**  
Professor of Medicine/Cardiology; Co-director, UCLA Program in Preventive Cardiology; Director, UCLA Barbra Streisand Women’s Heart Health Program; David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Dr. Bern Melnyk moved that the slate of nominees be elected as Directors. Michael W. Cropp seconded the motion. Approved by voice vote.

Laura Gordon announced that she would become Immediate Past Chair and Kim Stitzel, Vice Chair, would become Chair at the conclusion of this meeting.
The National Forum Honors

**National Forum Heart Healthy Stroke Free Award:**
- **Individual:** Norm Linsky, Mended Hearts
- **Organization:** The Ohio State University, College of Nursing

**National Forum Public Policy Award:**
- **Individual:** Barry M. Popkin, PhD, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health
- **Organization:** American Heart Association, Healthy Kids’ Meal legislation

**National Forum Commitment Award**
- Miriam Patanian, MPH, National Association of Chronic Disease Directors

**National Forum Chair Recognition Award**
- Benjamin Bluml, RPh, American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Foundation

**Board of Directors Service**
- Chair, Laura Gordon

**Tribute to Outgoing Leadership**
- David Zook, JD, Faegre Baker Daniels Consulting
- Rod Wooten, Astra Zeneca

There was no new business presented.

**Adjourn**
The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. ET.
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