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HEALTH EQUITY

in Inflammatory Bowel Disease

MEETING PARTICIPANTS 2022

OLIVIA CASEY

Olivia Casey combines experience as a journalist with an understanding of public health program design, development, implementation, and oversight. Her expertise includes aligning patient needs with timely project identification to develop and institute strategic plans reflecting the corporate mission and vision. Her contract management experience includes awards from the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute, Office of Minority Health, Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Health and Human Services.

Starting as a general assignment reporter, she worked at publications including the Sonoma IndexTribune, the Santa Rosa Press Democrat, The Detroit News and The Dallas Morning News, where she transitioned from editorial into corporate project management at A.H. Belo.

She is the program chair for the North Texas Cactus and Succulent Society and is on the Board of Directors for the Chihuahuan Desert Preserve Association. Her interests include baking pizza, watercolors and running her 125 lb Great Pyrenees, Sherman.

YVONNA HALL

Yvonka M. Hall, MPA is a prominent community leader in Cleveland and serves on numerous boards and committees. She is currently Executive Director at Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition. She holds a BA in Political Science from Notre Dame College and an MPA from Texas Southern University.

Recently, she was recognized by both the Ohio Senate and House and the United States Congress for her work in the African-American community. During the 2016 primary Yvonka served as a field organizer for the Bernie Sanders Presidential Campaign and is an elected official representing Cleveland Ward 1 Precinct N for the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party.

The 1974 murder of her mother Yvonne Boston Hall dramatically changed her life; her childhood promise to use her life to help others has led to the creation of cutting edge programs and impacted thousands of people's lives.

She is a proud graduate of John Marshall High School in Cleveland, Ohio and a 2019 inductee into the Alumni Hall of Fame. She was recently named a Black Woman Green Future Honoree for her environmental justice work. Last year the Cleveland Plain Dealer named her the Homegrown Hero for her work addressing food insecurity. The National Association of Social Workers Ohio Chapter recently named her the Region 3 Community Member of the Year.

She is a mother, grandmother and activist deeply impassioned and involved in social justice activities locally and nationally for almost three decades. Her efforts will save many children from the lifelong impact of lead poisoning.

She is an activist, leader, influencer, humanitarian, speaker, and philanthropist.

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LURA HAWKINS, MBA

Vice President of Member Services

America's Physician Groups

Lura Hawkins serves as the Vice President of Member Services for American's Physician Groups, focusing on the organization's national expansion and managing member benefits. Lura provides member education through regional and committee meetings, the annual compensation and benefits survey in addition to contributing to our annual conferences. She formed and guides the APG Health Equity & Social Justice Collaborative. This role includes working with partner organizations, fundraising, and collaborating with industry leaders and other stakeholders to benefit our organization's programs.

Prior to joining American's Physician Groups, Lura was employed at SCAN Health Plan and PacifiCare of California, where she focused on a variety of areas including disease management, pharmacy, medical management, and research. Lura received her MBA from Keller Graduate School of Management. She received her BS from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon.

GAYLYN HENDERSON

Gaylyn graduated from Benedict College, Cum Laude, with a BS in Biology and from the University of South Carolina, Magna Cum Laude, with a Masters of Public Health. She founded the organization Gutless and Glamorous, Inc. (501c3) with the mission of empowering those living with or contemplating ostomy surgery due to illness or injury and to erase the negative stigmas and misconceptions of having an ostomy.

Gaylyn volunteers her time with various organizations in her community. She volunteers at Camp Oasis for children living with Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) to inspire and empower children that may be living with or contemplating an ostomy. Gaylyn volunteers and serves on the IBD Social Circle and the Patient Advisory Board for Johnson and Johnson, Janssen Biotech, Inc. She serves as the Ostomy and Fashion Editor for Companion Magazine for IBD. She serves as the patient representative for the Stenosis Therapy and Anti-Fibrotic Research (STAR) Consortium. Gaylyn also served on the Inaugural Patient Advisory Committee and is a Social Influencer for the National Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. She was awarded the first ever Catalyst for Online Community Engagement Award by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation.

Gaylyn suffered for a very long time because of the stigma associated with living with an ostomy. She doesn't want others to suffer because of the fear of being stigmatized for having an ostomy. She actively seeks out opportunities to highlight and feature ostomy awareness. She was featured in the groundbreaking Aerie by American Eagle 2018 Fall bra campaign and is now a featured model for Aerie.

Through the power of social media and her pioneering efforts Gaylyn is recognized as a leading public and social figure raising ostomy awareness. Through Gutless and Glamorous, she aims to encourage and empower women and men living with an ostomy to love themselves for all that they are. Her ultimate goal is to help erase the stigma of having an ostomy once and for all.

RICHARD N. LOGAN, III "TRIPP"

Dr. Tripp Logan received his PharmD from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy in 2002. After graduation, he returned to his native Charleston, MO to practice pharmacy with his father, Richard. The Logan Family currently owns and operates 3 community pharmacies in the Southeast Missouri area with a strong focus on patient care, care coordination, health equity, social determinants of health, and positive health outcomes. In early 2013, they formed MedHere Today, a Nashville, TN based pharmacy quality consulting firm where they worked with health plans, pharmacy organizations, drug wholesalers, health care start-ups, and community pharmacies on quality driven pharmacy practice transformation initiatives. That mission was expanded in December of 2017 with launch ESPhA, a new consulting firm solely focused on community pharmacy value expression in today's healthcare marketplace.

Dr. Logan is a multi-pharmacy owner, registered pharmacist in the state of Missouri, and currently practices at L & S Pharmacy. Tripp also has served in measure development leadership at the Pharmacy Quality Alliance, is a NCPA Innovation Center Board Member, member of the Community Pharmacy Enhanced Service Network (CPESN-USA) Luminary Expert Council, the 2014 NCPA Outstanding Adherence Practitioner of the Year Award recipient, 2018 Next Generation Pharmacist Finalist, Missouri Pharmacy Association's 2019 Excellence in Innovation Award recipient, founding member of Seguridad, Inc., and a Partner at the Enhanced Service Pharmacy Alliance (ESPhA).

PAMELA PRICE

Pamela D. Price currently serves as the Deputy Director for The Balm In Gilead managing the various health initiatives of the organization. Under her leadership, the organization provides support to faith institutions in areas of program design, implementation and evaluation, which strengthen their capacity to deliver programs and services that contribute to the elimination of health disparities. In addition to her role as Deputy Director, she also serves as the Director for The National Brain Health Center for African Americans.

As the Center's director, she co-developed a six-part educational curriculum for nurses and allied healthcare professionals aimed at addressing knowledge gaps related to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias affecting African Americans. She also co-authored and facilitates an accredited training for healthcare providers and clinicians; aimed at increasing cultural competencies related to the screening, diagnosis, and treatment of dementia in African Americans among providers.

Mrs. Price holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Public Health and has more than 20 years of experience in public health, epidemiology, and healthcare. As a registered nurse, she has served as a member of the U.S. Army Nurse Corp and excelled in both government and nongovernmental agencies providing leadership and guidance on program management, quality improvement, and project development. Mrs. Price has conducted hundreds of training sessions across the country with various nursing associations, healthcare organizations and conferences.

About Balm In Gilead: The Balm In Gilead, Inc. builds and strengthens the capacity of faith communities in the United States and in the United Republic of Tanzania (East Africa) to deliver programs and services that contribute to the elimination of health disparities. The organization develops educational and training programs specifically designed to establish sustainable, integrated systems of public health and faith principles, which helps to improve health outcomes of individuals living in urban, rural, and remote communities.

DELISA RICHARDSON

Delisa Richardson is an IBD advocate, actress and Integrative Wellness Life Coach. She has been living with IBD for 18 years. After being misdiagnosed for 2 years, Delisa was finally diagnosed with Ulcerative Colitis in 2004. She was silent about this diagnosis for years due to fear and the stigma surrounding what many think is a "bathroom disease". It wasn't until a near fatal complication in 2013, that she set out on the path to share her story, and begin advocating for herself and others.

Dleisa has worked with the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, being named the Adult Honored Hero in 2020. She is also a member of the Color of Crohn's & Chronic Illness organization where she has shared her story as a featured contributor during Crohn's & Colitis Awareness Week. Delisa's story has also been featured in the Guide to Living with IBD magazine, and shared in interviews with local and national media outlets. Delisa is a resident of Missouri, a wife and mom to 3 boys and Gigi to 2 grandchildren.

JOAN WILLIAMSON

Dr. Joan Williamson a well-rounded Doctoral Family Nurse Practitioner in Primary Care. Dr. Joan earns her Bachelor's degree and Master's Degree at Florida's Atlantic University where she is also an adjunct professor in educating other nurse practitioners. She also attained her Doctoral Nurse Practice Degree from Wilkes University in Pennsylvania, with a concentration in "Prostate Cancer and It High Mortality Rate On African American Men".

Dr. Joan Williamson has been practicing in her field of medical interest for over 30 years. She is currently practicing at her own medical office where she endeavors to deliver high-quality medical care in assessing, diagnosing, and prescribing necessary testing and medications to all her patients. She is also in personal contact with all her patients to ensure adherence and compliance to medical treatments and recommendations.

Dr. Joan Williamson has a profound passion for her patients in ensuring that aspects of their well-being are fully functional. Hence, she strives to embrace the ideology of prevention medicine.

Dr. Williamson also focuses on weight loss programs where she assists her patients to achieve their desired weight goals by implementing various weight management modalities.

STACEY WRIGHT

Stacey Wright is the Senior Director of Equity and Engagement at Community Catalyst. In this role, Stacey oversees the development and implementation of organization-wide efforts to center health equity and racial justice in Community Catalyst's programmatic work. Stacey previously worked for the New York City Department of Health, where she led her Bureau's Health Education, Community Outreach and Dismantling Racism initiatives, and served on the agency's Race to Justice Core Leadership team. Her work on racial equity and the model she co-created with her former team has been published and serves as a resource for other local health departments. As a public health educator and clinical social worker, she is passionate about helping others learn and heal from racial and other life traumas. Stacey centers the power of human connection in her work, integrating narrative, healing justice and trauma responsive practices in her approach to advancing individual and collective healing, race equity, and social justice. Stacey holds a Bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College, a Master of Public Health from Columbia University, and a Master of Social Work from New York University. Stacey is a native New Yorker, who stays rooted in community through her connection to her faith, family, urban garden, and community theater.