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CREATING DATA-POWERED ALLIANCES

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CANCER DIVERSE COMMUNITIES WORKING GROUP

The Cancer Diverse Communities Working Group is a NMQF-SHC three-year initiative to promote equity in cancer research, treatment, and outcomes. Our call to action is to spotlight existing inequities in order to identify and deliver solutions and innovations in cancer screening, referral, access to treatment, care, support and inclusive research for all. To learn more or join the effort, contact Dr. Laura Lee Hall at lhall@shcllc.info.

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2017 National Minority Quality Forum Leadership Awards Dinner. Our theme for the 2017 Leadership Summit on Health Disparities is “Building Sustainable Healthy Communities: Creating Data-Powered Alliances.”

Creating sustainable healthy communities requires policy and economic engagement empowered by data and evidence that represent the full biodiversity of our 21st century American general population. This is an aspect of health-care reform that has more immediacy this year than many of us anticipated. We are prepared to meet the challenge. Those gathered here tonight represent the multi-stakeholder partnerships required to create and sustain healthy communities.

The awards to be conferred tonight recognize leaders who have made the commitment to the best possible future for the nation. We are pleased to present Lifetime Achievement Awards to Dr. Elizabeth Ofili, Mr. Bruce Taylor, and Congresswoman Barbara Lee. We are also proud to recognize our 2017 cohort of 40 Under 40 Leaders in Health. All of our awardees employ the power of data and evidence and are in positions to support the policy required to maximize their impact.

Congratulations to all!

Sincerely,

Gary A. Puckrein, PhD
President and CEO, National Minority Quality Forum
Host, 2017 Leadership Awards Dinner

Cong. Robin L. Kelly, PhD (D-IL)
The Honorable Robin L. Kelly
Chair, Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust
Honorary Co-Host, 2017 Leadership Awards Dinner
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2017 Leadership Awards Dinner

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OPENING REMARKS:
HOST:
Gary A. Puckrein, PhD
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HONORARY CO-HOST:
Congresswoman Robin L. Kelly, PhD (D-IL)
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GREETINGS:
William A. McDade, MD, PhD
Trustee, American Medical Association

REMARKS:
Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ)

2017 LEADERSHIP AWARDS:
40 UNDER 40 LEADERS IN HEALTH
The National Minority Quality Forum 40 Under 40 Leaders in Health Awards honor influential young minority leaders making a difference in health care.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:
Elizabeth Ofili, MD, MPH, FACC
Professor of Medicine, Chief of Cardiology, and Director and Investigator of the Clinical Research Center, Morehouse School of Medicine

LOUIS STOKES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:
Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA)
Health and AIDS Advocate

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:
Mr. Bruce Taylor
Director, Government Strategy and External Affairs Roche Diabetes Care, Inc.
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Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) has represented central New Jersey in Congress since 1988.

Throughout his career, Pallone has been a leader in protecting the integrity of the Medicare guarantee and Medicaid programs, making the nation’s food system safer, strengthening laws to keep our air and water clean, making health care more affordable and accessible, and supporting initiatives that advance and protect the public health.

Pallone is the Ranking Member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which has jurisdiction over issues pertaining to energy, environment, health care, commerce, and telecommunications.

From 2006 to 2014, Pallone served as the top Democrat on the Committee’s Subcommittee on Health. As Chairman during the 111th Congress, Pallone played a key role in authoring and passing the Affordable Care Act. The landmark law extends health care coverage to millions of Americans, while driving down health care costs and reining in abusive tactics used by insurance companies to deny medical treatment.

Frank Pallone, Jr., was born and raised in Long Branch, New Jersey, where he still resides. He is a graduate of Middlebury College, holds a master’s degree in international relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and earned his law degree at Rutgers University.

Pallone began his political career in his home city of Long Branch, getting elected to the City Council in 1982 and winning re-election four years later. In 1983, he was elected to the state Senate, representing the Monmouth County coastline and was re-elected in 1987. On November 8, 1988, at the age of 37, Pallone was elected to the House of Representatives from New Jersey’s former Third District and was re-elected in 1992 to the newly formed Sixth District.

Pallone and his wife, Sarah, have three children: daughters Rose Marie and Celeste Teresa and a son, Frank Andrew.
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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Elizabeth Ofili, MD, MPH, FACC
Professor of Medicine, Chief of Cardiology, and Director and Principal Investigator of the Clinical Research Center, Morehouse School of Medicine

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, and she 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.
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LOUIS STOKES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:
Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA)
Health and AIDS Advocate

Congresswoman Barbara Lee is a forceful and progressive voice in Congress, dedicated to social and economic justice, international peace, and civil and human rights.

First elected in 1998 to represent California’s 9th Congressional District, she has established a reputation for principled and independent stands, unafraid to take on the tough issues and speak her mind for her constituents, for a more just America, and for a safer world.

Her accomplishments are many, including authoring or co-authoring every major piece of legislation dealing with global HIV/AIDS issues since she was elected to Congress. This includes legislation that created the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR); the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria; and the position of Special Advisor for Orphans and Vulnerable Children. She has secured millions of dollars for HIV/AIDS prevention, education, treatment and care services in Alameda County.

A skilled legislator, Congresswoman Lee has made it her life’s work to represent the needs of the most vulnerable and underserved around the world. She has vigorously advocated for a wide range of social and economic concerns and bread-and-butter issues that affect our daily lives.
PhRMA is proud to be a supporter of the National Minority Quality Forum’s 2017 National Leadership Summit.
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Mr. Bruce Taylor
Director, Government Strategy and External Affairs
Roche Diabetes Care, Inc.

Bruce is a healthcare veteran with more than 35 years of experience in senior sales, marketing, health policy and advocacy positions with pharmaceutical manufacturers, chain pharmacies, managed care, and medical device manufacturers. Bruce has extensive experience within numerous therapeutic areas that include cardiovascular, gastrointestinal, burn care, diabetes, lipids and CNS.

Bruce co-founded the Diabetes Care Project with the National Minority Quality Forum to address the world-wide epidemic of diabetes and the impact to local, national and global communities. He actively participates on advisory boards for the ADA, AACE, CWD, AADE, The Endocrine Society, the National Minority Quality Forum and AMGF. Mr. Taylor is a highly regarded expert, prominent thought leader and sought-after speaker on topics that include business implications and legislative impacts to the pharmaceutical and medical device industry.

Diabetes isn’t just a professional assignment for Bruce but a disease that is personal and demands his attention 24/7/365. He was diagnosed in 1980 and has actively managing his diabetes for over 30 years. Bruce earned a Bachelor of Science degree (human anatomy / physiology) from Baldwin Wallace College with post graduate work in cardiac physiology.

In his prime, Bruce Taylor owned the distinction of world class powerlifter and qualified for the 1980 Olympic games.
The National Minority Quality Forum 40 Under 40 Leaders in Health Awards honor influential young minority leaders making a difference in health care. While minorities represent almost a third of the overall US population, less than 6 percent of African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans make up our national physician and dental corps. A more diverse workforce will make our health-care system stronger and improve care for minority populations.
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40 UNDER 40 LEADERS IN HEALTH AWARD WINNERS

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Brigham and Women’s Hospital

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Duke Institute for Brain Sciences

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Science & Health Policy Counselor, U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services

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