2019 Annual Report
National Minority Quality Forum
Dear Friends,

2019 was nothing short of amazing for the National Minority Quality Forum. Our Washington, D.C. based healthcare research, education and advocacy non-profit organization continues to live its mission to eliminate health disparities and build sustainable healthy communities.

Since 1998, we have collected over 5 billion patient records and have analyzed this data to address the most difficult issues across the healthcare continuum. We have addressed issues like the cost of medications, lack of diversity in the health workforce, challenges in clinical trials, the need for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) to be included in health research and various pharmaceutical therapies in diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer and sickle cell disease.

In addition to research, the Forum continues to serve the community. In 2019, we provided services to thousands, hosting community health clinics from Brooklyn to Sacramento and various points in between. Through our partnerships with Centene and the Pro Football Hall of Fame, we have continued to work with Strong Youth Strong Community program and have educated state leaders in Alabama, Florida and Illinois on the need for more access to healthcare services.

Our marquee program, the Annual Summit on Health Disparities, brought 700 health care leaders from across the country to discuss solutions to the most difficult problems in this space. We also welcomed our fourth distinguished class of 40 Under 40 Leaders in Healthcare and honored some true leaders in healthcare. Xavier University of Louisiana received an award for its leadership in creating a more diverse healthcare workforce, Former Surgeon General, Dr. Regina Benjamin received the Booker T. Washington Award, and the 47th Vice President of the United States Joe Biden and the late Chairman and CEO of Kaiser Permanente Bernard Tyson received our Lifetime Achievement Awards.

Please peruse our 2019 Annual Report and get a small snapshot of our work. I look forward to working with you in 2020 and beyond so we may continue to build sustainable healthy communities.

Thank you!
Mission

The National Minority Quality Forum is a research and educational organization dedicated to ensuring that high-risk racial and ethnic populations and communities receive optimal health care. This nonprofit, nonpartisan organization integrates data and expertise in support of initiatives to eliminate health disparities through advancing public policy and community engagement.

Vision

The National Minority Quality Forum strives to prepare the health system in the United States to provide optimal health care for a diverse society to build sustainable healthy communities.
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Corporate Roundtable

The National Minority Quality Forum (NMQF) convenes a Corporate Roundtable to address critical challenges in the era of health care reform. NMQF's Corporate Roundtable works to advise federal, state, and local government through partnerships on events and activities. In addition to the Annual Summit on Health Disparities, NMQF hosts a variety of events including the Annual Legislative Conference Fall Health Braintrust, Community Health Clinics and Festivals, as well as various policy reports and research.

CORPORATE ROUNDTABLE MEMBERS
Annual Summit on Health Disparities

Sixteen years ago, NMQF established the Annual Summit on Health Disparities. This annual Summit aims to assist healthcare providers, professionals, administrators, researchers, policy makers, and community and faith-based organizations in delivering quality care to diverse populations. With nearly 1000 attendees each year, the Summit has educated thousands of health leaders.

“Your commitment to identifying and addressing health disparities in community--in this community--is making a real difference for people. You're saving people's lives.” - Vice President Joe Biden
Award Winners

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
Former Vice President of the United States

Booker T. Washington Leadership Award

Regina M. Benjamin, MD
Former Surgeon General of the United States

Lifetime Achievement Award

Bernard J. Tyson
CEO, Kaiser Permanente
Every year, NMQF recognizes the achievements of outstanding young individuals across the healthcare space. These individuals are being recognized for their hard work and dedication to bridging the equity in order to achieve sustainable healthy communities.
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ALL OF US

NMQF is partnering with the National Institutes of Health’s *All of Us* Research Program’s effort to engage organizations that have the capacity and the credibility to inform communities and providers about the potential of *All of Us* to advance healthcare in the United States. NMQF’s Vice President for Policy and Program, Gretchen C. Wartman, is a leader of these efforts, serving as a co-chair of the *All of Us* Data Browser Core Working Group.

As one of only a handful of organizations with the resources and expertise to focus on the overall health of the new majority, NMQF continues to operate as the go-to organization for policymakers for research and analysis of legislative and regulatory responses to systemic challenges in the public and private sectors, and for the data analysis and advocacy for employers, industry, academic and government entities.
THOUGHT LEADERS IN PRECISION MEDICINE

Improving the health status of historically underrepresented populations in biomedical research has long been recognized as both a desirable and feasible objective. Unfortunately, the indisposition of individual research sponsors to identify study cohorts of sufficient size and diversity to power statistically significant findings has stymied efforts to redress health inequities for these populations.

A paradigm shift is imperative: we need a fundamental redesign of the American health services research, delivery, and financing system so that it can assign value to the content and outcomes of healthcare for American children, American families, and American business. The All of Us Research Program can be an invaluable resource in that endeavor.

The National Minority Quality Forum and Dr. Elizabeth Ofili of the Morehouse School of Medicine are partnered to convene this Roundtable in recognition of the shared commitment to creating and advancing science to sustain the health of our collective communities of concern. The Roundtable was a next step in operationalizing recommendations for HBCU engagement from Thought Leaders Roundtables that were convened in February and June of 2018, including designing and conducting research that is informed by All of Us participant data, developing and reporting on population-specific metrics, and participating as All of Us enrollment sites. The Roundtable enabled participants to develop specific recommendations to eliminate these barriers that will be included in the final report.
NMQF, IlliniCare Health, and Centene Corporation co-hosted the Kelly Klassic – a basketball tournament and community health expo that focuses on three components: raising awareness on gun violence, donating back-to-school supplies, and informing attendees about health disparities.

With roughly 300 attendees comprised of kids, community activists, local stakeholders, law enforcement, and elected officials, the event brought together the Chicagoland community, gun safety advocates, first responders, and policymakers.
HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE DIVERSITY

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

The National Minority Quality Forum hosts a substantive discussion on *The Importance of Diversity & Inclusion in the Health Care Workforce*. It provides a platform to speak about better ways to not only highlight the issue, but also provide solutions to increase workforce diversity in the biomedical science careers. As a result of the roundtable and subsequent meetings, NMQF will publish a report generated by various members of the working group and other experts.

The report will cover the following topics: early childhood education; K-12 STEM focus and exposure; college engagement and the roles of HBCUs; pipeline programs from graduate schools and non-governmental organizations; mentoring; addressing unconscious bias (especially in the admissions process); standardized exams and their role on admissions (some biomedical science programs no longer require the GRE); promoting diversity in leadership faculty in academia; and valuing diversity and inclusion (increased diversity & more optima delivery in care).
COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINICS

In 2019, NMQF partnered with Members of Congress, local government leaders, community leaders, religious organizations, health care providers, and educators to host four Community Health Clinics.

NMQF, along with the offices of Congresswoman Deb Haaland, Congresswoman Yvette Clarke, and Congressman Ami Bera, hosted these community events to provide better health care and education in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Brooklyn, New York; and Sacramento, California.

Through these events, NMQF has provided healthcare services to thousands of people—giving both physical and mental health services to communities across the nation.
STRONG YOUTH, STRONG COMMUNITIES

Strong Youth, Strong Communities (SYSC) is a joint initiative spearheaded by the Centene Corporation and the Pro Football Hall of Fame. SYSC hosts summits throughout the country to provide youth with mentorship, leadership training, and resources to impact their communities while achieving their goals. In furtherance of the National Minority Quality Forum’s mission to create sustainable health communities, we partner with this initiative to empower youth to lead a positive lifestyle.

SYSC guides youth towards building their own foundation to stand on. Through active engagement, youth are taught that they can overcome obstacles, but that ultimately relies on the choices they make when it comes to navigating your life. This initiative has allowed NMQF to illustrate the importance of having wisdom, integrity, character, and vision, which is the recipe for a healthy, successful lifestyle.
LUPUS MULTI-CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP

The Lupus Research Alliance (LRA) and the NMQF formed the Lupus Multi-Cultural Engagement Partnership (Lupus MCEP) in 2017 to address the causes and potential solutions for the lack of inclusion in clinical trials of populations that are at greatest risk for and have the highest prevalence of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE or lupus). The collaboration was sparked by several factors including data showing that people of different races and ethnicities respond differently to medications as well as the growing diversity of the U.S. population overall.

This year, at the inaugural meeting of the Lupus MCEP, leaders involved in equalizing healthcare for minority populations who work within or outside of the lupus community -- scientists, clinicians, people with lupus, health educators and advocates for minority health, as well as representatives from pharmaceutical companies collaborated to release an insightful report, “Addressing the Challenges of Clinical Research Participation Among Populations Disproportionately Impacted by Lupus.” The report presents findings and actionable recommendations ranging in scope that can be implemented by any individual or group seeking to increase participation in lupus clinical trials among diverse populations.


Advocacy

Alliance for Brain Health in Long-Term Care

The Alliance for Brain Health in Long-Term Care was established in recognition of the need for educational initiatives regarding the assurance of quality health services for individuals with brain disease and to promote brain health. The goal of the Alliance for Brain Health in Long-Term Care is to facilitate educational efforts regarding a policy construct that will support the 21st century re-envisioning of long-term care environments as supportive communities in which the difficult task of treating brain diseases and disorders is a part of the core services associated with sustaining the health and well-being of families and communities. The Alliance will increase awareness and understanding of the prevalence of brain disease in communities and population cohorts throughout the country, and educate critical stakeholders about the quality standards, appropriate diagnosis, and policies that serve to advance the adoption of effective, precision medicine to treat brain disease and support brain health. The Alliance will be composed of patient advocates, caregivers, clinicians, scientists and researchers, all of whom will represent organizations or stakeholder sectors that have a vested interest in improving the quality and availability of health services to prevent, diagnose and treat brain diseases in long-term care settings. The Alliance will be guided by a Scientific Advisory Council that will inform priority setting, and the recommendation of educational strategies regarding appropriate regulatory policy that insures quality care.

Other Advocacy Efforts

- Roundtable: Membership on the Gene and Regenerative Therapies Roundtable convened by Roivant Therapeutics.
- Open Comment: ICER Value Assessment of Sickle Cell Treatments: ICER Assessment of the comparative clinical effectiveness and value of crizanlizumab (Novartis) and voxelotor (Global Blood Therapeutics) for the treatment of sickle cell Disease.
- Informational Webinars for Patient Advocacy Groups.