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National Minority Quality Forum ‘40 Under 40’ Awardees Chosen to Lead White House COVID-19 Initiatives

WASHINGTON, D.C.(Feb. 24, 2021)—Joneigh S. Khaldun, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.E.P., and Bryant Cameron Webb, M.D., J.D., from National Minority Quality Forum’s (NMQF) 2018 40 Under 40 Leaders in Minority Health cohort, have been chosen to lead White House COVID-19 initiatives.

Dr. Khaldun will serve on the Biden-Harris COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force alongside 11 other Task Force members who represent a diversity of backgrounds and expertise, a range of racial and ethnic groups, and a number of important populations, including: children and youth; educators and students; health care providers, immigrants; individuals with disabilities; LGBTQ+ individuals; public health experts; rural communities; state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments; and unions.

As an appointee of Detroit’s Mayor Mike Duggan, Dr. Khaldun, Chief Medical Executive State of Michigan, executed Detroit’s health agenda through collaborative partnerships, evidence-based programs, and a social justice lens. Previously, as Chief Medical Officer of the Baltimore City Health Department, she led opioid overdose response efforts, developed violence prevention strategies, worked with legislators on advancing innovative public health policies, and oversaw seven health clinics.
Dr. Webb has been appointed as the Senior Policy Advisor for the White House COVID-19 Response team.

He currently serves as Assistant Professor of Medicine and Public Health Sciences, and as Director of Health Policy and Equity at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. A general internist, Dr. Webb has worked clinically in the University’s COVID-19 unit since the beginning of the pandemic. Additionally, he is the founding director of UVA’s Health Equity, Law and Policy Research (HELP) Laboratory and is a core faculty member at the University’s Equity Center, an initiative for the redress of inequity through community-engaged scholarship. Prior to joining the faculty at UVA, Dr. Webb spent a year as a 2016 White House Fellow in the Obama-Biden Administration’s Office of Cabinet Affairs, where he served on the My Brother’s Keeper task force and the White House Healthcare team. Dr. Webb received his B.A. from the University of Virginia, his M.D. from Wake Forest School of Medicine, and his J.D. from Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

NMQF’s 40 Under 40 Leaders in Health Awards program receives hundreds of applications from healthcare professionals across the country each year. Those selected each represent the next generation of thought leaders in reducing health disparities.

Please view the 2020 awardees here, [www.nmqf.org/40under40](http://www.nmqf.org/40under40).

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