



**“From Data to Action: Uniting to Advance Evidence-Informed Solutions
for Medically Underserved Communities.”**

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025

<p>7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Foyer, Grand Ballroom Level 2</p>	<p>Registration Check-in and Buffet Breakfast</p>
<p>8:00 AM – 8:15 AM Welcome and Remarks</p>	
<p>WELCOME AND REMARKS</p> <p>National Leadership Summit on Health Disparities</p> <p>Grand Ballroom Level 2</p>	<p><u>Gary A. Puckrein, PhD</u> President and Chief Executive Officer National Minority Quality Forum</p> <p><u>Robin L. Kelly, PhD</u> Chair, Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust Member, U.S. House of Representatives (IL-02)</p> <p>Virginia Caine, MD President National Medical Association</p> <p>Alexander Ding, MD, MS, MBA Member, Board of Trustees American Medical Association</p> <p>Leonardo Seone, MD Board Member National Hispanic Medical Association</p>



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<p>8:30 AM – 9:30 AM</p>	<p>Medicaid Access and the Marketplace</p>
<p>OPENING PLENARY SESSION</p> <p>National Leadership Summit on Health Disparities</p> <p>Grand Ballroom Level 2</p>	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Marvin Figueroa, MA Visiting Professor, Meharry School of Medicine</p> <p>Panelists</p> <p>Lauren Aronson Executive Director, Keeps Americans Covered Coalition</p> <p>Carrie Cochran-McClain, DrPH Chief Policy Officer, National Rural Health Association</p> <p>Craig Kennedy, MPH CEO, Medicaid Health Plans of America</p> <p>Parinda Khatri, PhD CEO, Cherokee Health Systems</p>
<p align="center">CONCURRENT SESSIONS 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM</p>	
<p>9:45 AM – 10:45 AM</p>	<p>Combatting Vaccine Misinformation and Policy Turmoil with Data and Community Action from Trusted Voices</p>
<p>POLICY & ADVOCACY CONCURRENT SESSION 1</p> <p>National Leadership Summit on Health Disparities</p> <p>Grand Ballroom Level 2</p>	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Daphne Ferdinand, PhD, RN Executive Director Healthy Heart Community Prevention Project</p> <p>Panelists</p> <p>Latressa Gordon, DNP, MSN, RN Director of Public Health, Michigan United</p> <p>Synovia Moss, EdD CEO/Managing Partner Moss Consulting & Management Group, LLC National Project Manager, NCNW Good Health WINS</p> <p>Candice Robinson, MD Director, Scientific Affairs and Public Health GSK Vaccines</p>



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<p>9:45 AM – 10:45 AM</p>	<p>Building Inclusive and Representative Clinical Trials to Improve Community Health</p>
<p>CME CONCURRENT SESSION 1</p> <p>National Leadership Summit on Health Disparities</p> <p>Conservatory B/C Level 2</p> <p>CME Credit Information The Association of Black Cardiologists designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity</p>	<p>Moderator Donney John, PharmD Executive Director, NOVA Scripts Central</p> <p>Panelists Jordan Brossi Senior Public Affairs Advisor Holland & Knight LLP</p> <p>Makella Courdray, PhD, MHA Epidemiologist Center for Clinical and Social Research National Minority Quality Forum</p> <p>Christina Edwards, MHA Director, Clinical Trials Center for Clinical and Social Research National Minority Quality Forum</p> <p>Mimi Fenton, PhD, MPH CEO, Cedar Health Research and Aspen Insights</p>
<p align="center">CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM</p>	
<p>11:00 AM – 12:00 PM</p>	<p>Food As Medicine</p>
<p>POLICY & ADVOCACY CONCURRENT SESSION 2</p> <p>National Leadership Summit on Health Disparities</p> <p>Grand Ballroom Level 2</p>	<p>Moderator LaTasha Seliby Perkins, MD Assistant Professor Georgetown University School of Medicine</p> <p>Panelists Billy Dwyer, MS Senior Legislative Assistant Congresswoman Robin Kelly</p> <p>Kofi Essel, MD, MPH, FAAP Food as Medicine(FAM) Program Director, Elevance Health Health Outcomes Organization (HOO)</p>



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<p>11:00 AM – 12:00 PM</p>	<p>Preventing Maternal Mortality Outside of the Delivery Room</p>
<p>CME CONCURRENT SESSION 2</p> <p>National Leadership Summit on Health Disparities</p> <p>Conservatory B/C Level 2</p> <p>CME Credit Information The Association of Black Cardiologists designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity</p>	<p>Moderator Jennifer Matas, PhD, MPH Lead Research Epidemiologist Center for Clinical and Social Research National Minority Quality Forum</p> <p>Panelists Mia Keays, DrPH(c) Director, Global Health & Innovation Hologic</p> <p>Yolanda Lawson, MD President, Madewell, OB/GYN</p> <p>Shyrea Thompson Founder & Principal IRIS Collaborative</p>
<p>12:00 PM – 12:45 PM</p>	<p>CONGRESSIONAL AWARDS CEREMONY & LUNCHEON</p>
<p>CONGRESSIONAL AWARDS CEREMONY & LUNCHEON</p> <p>Health Braintrust</p> <p>Grand Ballroom Level 2</p>	<p>Welcome Remarks <u>Robin L. Kelly, PhD</u> Chair, Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust Member, U.S. House of Representatives (IL-02)</p> <p>Chairwoman's Congressional Staff Leadership Award Kevin Chang Health Legislative Assistant, Senator Maria Cantwell</p> <p>Chairwoman's Congressional Corporate Leader Award Deborah H. Telman, JD Executive Vice President, Corporate Affairs and General Counsel Gilead</p> <p>Chairwoman's Congressional Leadership Award Yvette D. Clarke Chair, Congressional Black Caucus</p>



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CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3 | 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

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1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Advancing Policy Driven Solutions to Address Barriers to HIV Prevention Access	
<p>POLICY & ADVOCACY CONCURRENT SESSION 3</p> <p>National Leadership Summit on Health Disparities</p> <p>Grand Ballroom Level 2</p>	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Michelle Galamedez, MPH, MPA Senior Health Policy Advisor Congresswoman Robin Kelly</p> <p>Panelists</p> <p>Virginia Caine, MD President National Medical Association</p> <p>Natalie Crawford, MD Co-Director of Prevention and Implementation Sciences Center for AIDS Research Emory University</p> <p>Marvell Terry Senior Program Manager Fundors Concerned About AIDS</p>
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Cardio Health	
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CONCURRENT SESSIONS 4 | 2:10 PM – 3:10 PM

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2:10 PM – 3:10 PM	Unlocking the Transformative Potential of Innovative Medicine—Expanding Access at the Community Level and Overcoming Barriers
<p>POLICY & ADVOCACY CONCURRENT SESSION 4</p> <p>National Leadership Summit on Health Disparities</p> <p>Grand Ballroom Level 2</p>	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Derrick Forney, PhD, MPH Research Epidemiologist Center for Clinical and Social Research National Minority Quality Forum</p> <p>Panelists</p> <p>Savine DaCosta Health Equity Lead Biogen</p> <p>Bryon Daily National Community Outreach Manager The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society</p> <p>Angela Moore, MPH Vice President Cell Therapy, Commercial Bristol Myers Squibb</p>
2:10 PM – 3:10 PM	CME Session 4 Title TBA
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TRANSITION BREAK | 3:10 PM – 3:20 PM

3:20 PM – 4:20 PM		Eliminating Barriers to Obesity Care
PLENARY SESSION		Moderator
National Leadership Summit on Health Disparities		Eden Shiferaw Partner NVG, LLC
Grand Ballroom Level 2		Panelists
		Damon Davis Associate Director Novo Nordisk
		Michelle Leigh Kimbrough Senior Director Eli Lilly & Company
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM		CSSI Session Title TBA
DAY 1 CLOSING PLENARY SESSION		Moderator
National Leadership Summit on Health Disparities		
Grand Ballroom Level 2		Panelists



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<p>6:00 PM – 6:45 PM Foyer, Grand Ballroom Level 2</p>	<p align="center">NMQF LEADERSHIP SUMMIT RECEPTION</p>
<p>7:00 PM – 8:30 PM</p>	<p align="center">DINNER AND TOWN HALL Influencing Health</p>
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<p align="center">DAY 1 ADJOURNMENT</p>	



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TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025

<p>7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Foyer, Grand Ballroom Level 2</p>	<p>Registration Check-in and Buffet Breakfast</p>
<p>8:30 AM – 8:45 AM</p>	<p>Welcome and Remarks</p>
<p>WELCOME AND REMARKS</p> <p>Health Braintrust</p> <p>Grand Ballroom Level 2</p>	<p><u>Gary A. Puckrein, PhD</u> President and Chief Executive Officer National Minority Quality Forum</p> <p><u>Robin L. Kelly, PhD</u> Chair, Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust Member, U.S. House of Representatives (IL-02)</p>
<p>8:45 AM – 9:45 AM</p>	<p>Advancing Policy to Improve Access and Affordability to Therapies and Care</p>
<p>PANEL 1</p> <p>Health Braintrust</p> <p>Grand Ballroom Level 2</p>	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Akeia Blue, MPH, MS President Center for Sustainable Health Care Quality and Equity National Minority Quality Forum</p> <p>Panelists</p> <p>Melissa Bishop-Murphy, JD Senior Director, National Government Affairs Pfizer</p> <p>Courtney Christian, MPA, MBA Deputy Vice President, Policy and Research PhRma</p> <p>Maimah Karmo CEO, Tigerlily Foundation</p> <p>Pam Traxel Senior Vice President for Alliance Development and Philanthropy American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network</p>



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<p>10:00AM – 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Holistic Solutions to Improve Cardiovascular Care in Medically Underserved Communities</p>
<p>PANEL 2</p> <p>Health Braintrust</p> <p>Grand Ballroom Level 2</p>	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Tammy Boyd, JD, MPH Senior Vice President, Government Affairs and Strategic Alliances Association of Black Cardiologists</p> <p>Panelists</p> <p>Janelle Gillings, MPH Director, Federal Policy/Government Relations Merck</p> <p>Ashley John Director, Issue Advocacy Novartis</p> <p>Veronica Sandoval, JD, PhD Principal, Patient Inclusion & Health Equity Genentech</p>
<p>11:15 AM – 12:15 PM</p>	<p>Intersectional Identity: Raising Visibility and Data Prioritization</p>
<p>PANEL 3</p> <p>Health Braintrust</p> <p>Grand Ballroom Level 2</p>	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Courtney Lang, JD Founder and Principal Langco + Partners</p> <p>Panelists</p> <p>Georges Benjamin, MD Executive Director, American Public Health Association</p> <p>Denise Schofield Executive Director, Data Strategy Blue Cross Blue Shield Association</p> <p>Juliet K. Choi President and CEO Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum</p> <p>Carla S. Alvarado Director of Policy AAMC Center for Health Justice</p>



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12:30 PM – 1:45 PM	BOOKER T. WASHINGTON AWARDS CEREMONY & LUNCHEON
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<p>2:00 PM – 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Kidney Care for the Community</p>
<p>PANEL 4</p> <p>Health Braintrust</p> <p>Grand Ballroom Level 2</p>	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Kelelaye Emiru, MBA Vice President Center for Professional and Strategic Alliances National Minority Quality Forum</p> <p>Panelists</p> <p>LaVerne Burton President and CEO American Kidney Fund</p> <p>James Ingram II Director, Policy & Alliance Development Vertex</p>



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**2025 LEADERSHIP AWARDS RECEPTION AND DINNER
(Reservations Required)**

6:00 PM — RECEPTION
Foyer, Grand Ballroom
Level 2

Master of Ceremonies

Joe D. Briggs, JD, MA
Amazon

7:00 PM — DINNER
Grand Ballroom
Level 2

Invocation

Reverend Dr. Thurmond Bowens, Jr
Pastor
Trinity Baptist Church

Welcome

Gary A. Puckrein, PhD
President and Chief Executive Officer
National Minority Quality Forum

Robin L. Kelly, PhD
Chair, Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust
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2025 Leadership Awards

40 Under 40 Minority Leaders in Health

Lifetime Achievement Award

Michael Zollicoffer, MD