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## **Long COVID: New Research and Supporting Patients**

### SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

(In order of appearance on the program)

**Kathryn Santoro, MA** is Director of Programming at the National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation, a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization dedicated to transforming health care through evidence and collaboration. Ms. Santoro currently leads NIHCM's programs to highlight market and policy innovations, including webinars and Capitol Hill briefings, and directs the organization's journalism and population health programs. Ms. Santoro joined NIHCM Foundation in September 2004 after receiving her Master's degree in Public Policy from George Washington University with a focus on women's health policy. Ms. Santoro previously served as a Project Consultant for Women in Government where she was responsible for compiling a state-by-state report card on access to cervical cancer screening. While pursuing her Master's degree, Ms. Santoro was a Communications Assistant for a health policy consulting firm and a Graduate Intern for a Washington, D.C. based women's and children's policy research organization. Ms. Santoro attended Villanova University in Villanova, PA and graduated with a BA cum laude in Political Science.

**Walter J. Koroshetz, MD**, serves as Director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. He joined NINDS in 2007 as Deputy Director, and has held a leadership role in a number of NIH and NINDS programs including the Helping to End Addiction Long Term (HEAL) Initiative, the NIH's BRAIN Initiative, NIH Blueprint for Neuroscience, the Traumatic Brain Injury Center collaboration between the NIH intramural and the Uniformed Health Services University, the NIH Office of Emergency Care Research, the Common Fund's Undiagnosed Disease and the Acute to Chronic Pain Transition programs.

Before joining NINDS, Dr. Koroshetz served as Vice Chair of the neurology service and Director of stroke and neurointensive care services at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). He was a professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School (HMS) and led neurology resident training at MGH between 1990 and 2007. Over that same period, he co-directed the HMS Neurobiology of Disease Course with Drs. Edward Kravitz and Robert H Brown.

**Brett Giroir, MD** joined Leavitt Partners as a Distinguished Visiting Executive. Dr. Giroir focuses on addressing important healthcare topics such as bio-preparedness, value-based care arrangements, evolving issues with the COVID-19 pandemic, diagnostic testing and more. Dr. Giroir is a physician scientist and innovator, whose career has been dedicated to improving public health and medicine. Formerly, he served as the 16th Assistant Secretary for Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and Admiral in the US Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. He also served as the US Representative to the Executive Board of the World Health Organization within the Department of State, and was on the front lines of the COVID-19 response as a member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force and the national lead for testing and diagnostics.

Previously, Dr. Giroir has served in numerous leadership positions in the federal government and in academia. He was the first physician to serve as an office director at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) and led the Blue-Ribbon Panel for the Veterans Choice Act Reform of the VA Health System. His academic career included service as Professor and Executive Vice President and CEO of the Texas A&M Health Science Center, Vice Chancellor for the Texas A&M University System, and before that, tenured professor and holder of two endowed chairs at UT Southwestern Medical Center and Children's Health in Dallas. At Texas A&M, he was the PI for over \$250 million in state and federal contracts and grants

**Kelli Tice, MD**, is a family physician with a background in public health who serves as Florida Blue's Senior Medical Director for Medical Affairs. In this role, Dr. Tice oversees the company's health equity strategy and has responsibilities in the areas of corporate social responsibility and public health surveillance. In addition, Dr. Tice is the clinical lead for Florida Blue's COVID-19 response.

A graduate of Florida A&M University and the University of Florida College of Medicine, Dr. Tice completed her Family Practice residency and served as a National Health Service Corps Scholar in Jacksonville, Florida. Early in her medical training, Dr. Tice became interested in addressing health disparities, empowering patients through education, and delivering culturally competent care. Dr. Tice taught cultural competency for physicians and incorporated evidence-based techniques to promote health equity into primary care practice in both private and public clinical settings. She worked with her patients and with the community to increase their ownership of their individual health and care, rarely missing an opportunity to publicly address topics known to drive health disparities.

Before joining Florida Blue in 2018, she spent 17 years as a public health physician, serving in numerous leadership roles including that of county health officer, Deputy Secretary for Health, and state medical director for the Florida Department of Health. Dr. Tice is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Florida Academy of Family Physicians, the National Medical Association, and she is the current

Vice President of the Northeast Florida Medical Society. She currently serves as the chair of the Deans Council, Brooks College of Health at the University of North Florida. She is a mother of four and a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.