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Systemic Racism & Health: Solutions, Making Change Happen

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

(In order of appearance on the program)

Sheree Crute, MA is the Director of Communication for the National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation in Washington, D.C. Ms. Crute joined NIHCM in 2020 to develop and lead the organization's communications strategy. Previously, Ms. Crute was director of communications and marketing for the Dornsife School of Public Health at Drexel University, a research and policy communications specialist for the New York Academy of Medicine, and a strategic communications consultant for Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, focusing on research and policy.

In addition, Ms. Crute is a veteran journalist with decades of experience writing about public health, health inequity and disparities, medicine, and consumer health. She has written for *Washington Monthly*, *The Root.com*, *Health* magazine, *Consumer Reports on Health*, and is co-founder of *FierceforBlackWomen.com*, a website focusing on black women's health.

Sheree has a BA in Journalism, an MA in International Affairs from New York University and a certificate in public health practice from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She was also a 2011 University of Southern California/Annenberg School of Communications National Reporting Fellow.

Camara Phyllis Jones, MD, PhD, MPH just completed her tenure as the 2019-2020 Evelyn Green Davis Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University and is a Past President of the American Public Health Association (2015-2016).

She is a family physician and epidemiologist whose work focuses on naming, measuring, and addressing the impacts of racism on the health and well-being of the nation and the world. She seeks to broaden the national health debate to include not only universal access to high quality health care, but also attention to the social determinants of health (including poverty) and the social determinants of equity (including racism).

Dr. Jones is a public health leader valued for her creativity and intellectual agility:

- As a methodologist, she has developed new methods for comparing full distributions of data, rather than simply comparing means or proportions, in order to investigate population-level risk factors and propose population-level interventions.
- As a social epidemiologist, her work on "race"-associated differences in health outcomes goes beyond simply documenting those differences to vigorously investigating the structural causes of the differences.
- As a teacher, her allegories on "race" and racism illuminate topics that are otherwise difficult for many Americans to understand or discuss. She aims

through her work to catalyze a National Campaign Against Racism that will mobilize and engage all Americans.

Dr. Jones was an Assistant Professor at the Harvard School of Public Health (1994 to 2000) before being recruited to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2000 to 2014), where she served as a Medical Officer and Research Director on Social Determinants of Health and Equity. Most recently, she was a Senior Fellow at the Satcher Health Leadership Institute and the Cardiovascular Research Institute at the Morehouse School of Medicine (2013 to 2019).

She has been elected to service on many professional boards, including her current service on the Board of Directors of the DeKalb County (Georgia) Board of Health and the National Board of Public Health Examiners.

She is also actively sought as a contributor to national efforts to eliminate health disparities and achieve health equity, including as a member of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Roundtable on Black Men and Black Women in Science, Engineering, and Medicine; as a faculty member for the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education's Pursuing Excellence in the Clinical Learning Environment collaborative addressing Health Care Disparities; and as a Project Advisor and on-screen expert for the groundbreaking film series *Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?*

Highly valued as a mentor and teacher, she is also an Adjunct Professor at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University and an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Morehouse School of Medicine.

Her many honors include the Wellesley Alumnae Achievement Award (Wellesley College's highest alumnae honor, 2018), the John Snow Award (given in recognition of "enduring contributions to public health through epidemiologic methods and practice" by the American Public Health Association's Epidemiology Section and the Royal Society for Public Health, 2011), and awards named after luminaries David Satcher (2003), Hildrus A. Poindexter (2009), Paul Cornely (2016), Shirley Nathan Pulliam (2016), Louis Stokes (2018), Frances Borden-Hubbard (2018), and Cato T. Laurencin (2018).

Lauded for her compelling clarity on issues of "race" and racism, she has delivered eight Commencement Addresses over the past several years: University of California Berkeley School of Public Health (2020), University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health (2018), University of Minnesota School of Public Health (2017), Southern Illinois University School of Medicine (2017), City University of New York School of Medicine (2017), University of California Berkeley School of Public Health (2016), University of California San Francisco School of Medicine (2016), and University of Washington School of Public Health (2013). She was also awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree by the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (2016).

Dr. Jones earned her BA in Molecular Biology from Wellesley College, her MD from the Stanford University School of Medicine, and both her Master of Public Health and her PhD in Epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. She also completed residency training in General Preventive Medicine at Johns Hopkins and in Family Practice at the Residency Program in Social Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center.

Derek Robinson, MD, MBA, FACEP, CHCQM is Vice President and Chief Medical Officer for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL), a division of Health Care Service

Corporation (HCSC). In this role, Dr. Robinson is responsible for care management operations, clinical leadership and strategic oversight in providing high value health care to more than 8 million members. Robinson is also the founding chair of the Health Equity Steering Committee, which was established to develop the health equity strategy across markets and lines of business at HCSC, the nation's largest non-investor owned health insurance company.

As an active emergency medicine physician, executive, author, and educator, Dr. Robinson's breadth of experience provides him with a unique perspective on the complexities of healthcare and population health. He is often sought-after for counsel and strategic insights by business executives, physician leaders, medical school administrators and expert panels.

For nearly two decades, Dr. Robinson has led community efforts to promote diversity and inclusion in undergraduate and post-graduate education at the local, state, and national level. He is a member of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion advisory committee at the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. Additionally, Dr. Robinson is vice-chairman of the board of trustees at Xavier University of Louisiana.

Prior to his current role, Dr. Robinson was Vice President for Enterprise Quality and Accreditation at HCSC where he was responsible for clinical quality performance, health plan accreditation, and related operations across multiple states. He previously served as a physician executive at the Illinois Health and Hospital Association and is the former Chief Medical Officer for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Chicago Regional Office.

Dr. Robinson is the recipient of numerous awards including Crain's Chicago Business 40 Under 40, 40 Game Changers Under 40 – Ariel Investments, and the 2019 Leadership in Healthcare Award by National Medical Fellowships, Inc. Savoy Magazine recognized Dr. Robinson in its list of 2020 Most Influential Black Executives in Corporate America. Dr. Robinson is a member of the Economic Club of Chicago where he is the 2020-21 chairman of the Young Leaders Committee.

Dr. Robinson is board certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine and holds degrees from Xavier University of Louisiana, Howard University College of Medicine, and the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. He is an adjunct faculty member at the Feinberg School of Medicine - Northwestern University and the Indiana University School of Medicine – Northwest.

Tiffany J. Netters, MPA, PMP is the Executive Director for 504HealthNet, a local non-profit organization established in 2008 to improve access to community-based primary care and behavioral health care services across the Greater New Orleans (GNO) Region for everyone regardless of their ability to pay. The coalition consists of 27 independent member organizations operating over 70 community health center sites serving more than 190,000 patients each year. Mrs. Netters is a certified in Project Management Professional with over ten years of experience in Public Health programming that includes strategic partnership management, health equity and healthcare system transformation. She also, currently, serves as an organizational development consultant for the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control Office of Smoking and Health. Previously, Mrs. Netters served as the Director of Health Policy and Governmental Affairs for the Louisiana Primary Care Association. From 2012 – 2016, she served as the Gulf Region Health Outreach Program - Primary Care Capacity Project Manager with the Louisiana Public Health Institute where she led the design and implementation of the program and provided tailored technical assistance to FQHCs in Mississippi and Florida.

Mrs. Netters earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology from Louisiana State University and a Master of Public Administration, concentrating in Nonprofit Organizational Development, from Louisiana State University's E.J. Ourso College of Business.