February 15, 2023

10:00am- 10:15am. Welcome and Introductions
WEDI Health Equity Workgroup Co-Chairs

10:15am- 11:00am. Keynote: Town Hall with Luis Belen, Chief Executive Officer, National Health IT Collaborative for the Underserved
An open dialogue with Mr. Belen; his history in healthcare technology and the collaborative, and the challenges NHIT faces in identifying authentic allies and engaging underserved populations in the development and use of health IT as a means to support and sustain health equity and economic viability.

11:00am- 11:45am. The Path Forward: Improving Data to Advance Health Equity Solutions
Meagan Khau, Director of the Data and Policy Analytics Group, and **Scott Stare**, Program Manager, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Office of Minority Health
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Office of Minority Health has released "The Path Forward: Improving Data to Advance Health Equity Solutions", which for the first time, outlines a plan to tackle health equity data efforts across CMS programs to achieve health equity by underlining the importance of health equity data collection and chart the next steps for CMS to improve data collection efforts and, in turn, advance health equity

11:45am- 12:15pm. Break

12:15pm- 1:00pm. Updates from the Gravity Project
Evelyn Gallego, Project Manager, HL7 Gravity Project, Founder and CEO, EMI Advisors
Pilot updates from the Gravity Project, a national public collaborative that develops consensus-based data standards to improve how healthcare uses and shares information on social determinants of health (SDoH)

1:00pm- 1:45pm. Leveraging FHIR applications to support Health Equity and Interoperability
Kenneth Salyards, Information Technology Specialist, HHS Administration for Children and Families
Initially developed by Kenneth while he was at SAMSHA as a behavioral health tool, his case management system offers a standardized way to organize and track children health data. First implemented in Maryland, then piloted in New Jersey and Connecticut, Kenneth will offer updates, challenges, and next steps on this revolutionary tool.

1:45pm- 2:30pm. Massachusetts' Model Behavior: Incorporating ACOs to Address Health Equity
Christina Severin, Chief Executive Officer, Community Care Cooperative, **Louis Brady**, Chief Executive Officer, Family Health Center of Worcester and **Lynda Rowe**, Senior Advisor, Value-Based Systems, InterSystems
Description Coming Soon

2:30pm- 2:45pm. Break

2:45pm- 3:30pm. Advancing Health Equity Through Alternative Payment Models
Marshall Chin, **MD**, Richard Parrillo Family Professor of Healthcare Ethics, University of Chicago, Health Care Payment Learning & Action Network, Health Equity Advisory Team (HEAT) Co-Chair.
To advance health equity, payment should support and incentivize care transformation that addresses the medical and social needs of patients and communities. This session will discuss the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network Health Equity Advisory Team's Theory of Change for how alternative payment models can be structured to reduce health inequities. It will share the team's recommendations on care delivery redesign, payment incentives and structures, performance measurement, and social risk adjustment for payment.

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11:15am- 12:00pm. Creating a Common Currency of Measurements and a Cloud Platform to Inform Effective Interventions to Reduce Health Disparities.
Deborah Duran, PhD, Senior Advisor- Data Science, Analytics and Systems, NIH, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
The PhenX Toolkit Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Assessments Collection is a common currency of measurement protocols, which can be used to understand upstream factors that impact health beyond biology.   This Toolkit provides a consistent use of SDoH standard measures that will improve the quality and consistency of data collection, as well as facilitate dataset interoperability. In addition, ScHARe, a cloud platform, enables data aggregation across many SDoH datasets creating big data as a valuable currency to enhance researcher's ability to identify intervention points that will improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities. As ScHARe hosts research collaboratives involving students to senior investigators underrepresented in data science, the inequity in the workforce will be mitigated.

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12:30pm- 1:30pm. Panel: How Healthcare Payers are leading the charge towards Health Equity.
Daniel Rivas, Senior Manager, Blue Shield of California
Blue Shield of California has helped organize various outreach channels, such as opening pop-up clinics and visiting members' homes. These organizations are also using a platform, Harmony Health, which provides community advocates and leaders a way to reach constituents in various languages and formats. With the platform, the partner organizations have been able to upload their existing content in several languages and filter their contacts lists for tailored outreach..

Additional Panelists TBA