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Learning from Each Other:
Building Academic-Provider-Community Partnerships for Research

Chase Center on the Riverfront
Wilmington, DE
Dear Colleagues,

The goal of the ACCEL-CTR (or, ACCEL program) is to build the infrastructure and growth of translational research. By that we mean developing research and scientific evidence throughout our communities for the purpose of improving health. This conference, about building research partnerships, is expected to serve a vital role in meeting that aim. Although we are early in our journey, we have made much progress. Today’s event builds upon the efforts across the ACCEL, and specifically those of its Community Engagement & Outreach (CEO) component. It is the result of hard work by many.

We hope this conference will educate, stimulate, and challenge us to consider some basic questions: How do we bring together researchers, community members, health providers, and service organizations, and engage them meaningfully in research? What linkages and relationships can we build, as individuals, groups, institutions, and investigators to become engaged with each other to impact health problems which affect us all?

This will mean thinking differently and creatively. The future of research involves learning to work together as teams, across many aspects of our community, health institutions, and research efforts. Supported by technology, assisted by resource experts, and empowered by collaborative wisdom, we will work towards the common goal of improving the health of our community.

I am delighted to have this opportunity to serve as Conference Chair, on behalf of the ACCEL program and its CEO component. As we begin, I take this moment to remind us of the wisdom in the African proverb: “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

We have far to go; so, we must go together. Let’s take these next steps in building partnerships to do it well. Enjoy the conference!

Omar Khan, MD, Conference Chair
Co-Director, CEO Component, ACCEL
Associate Director, Delaware Health Sciences Alliance
Associate Vice-Chair, Dept. of Family & Community Medicine, Christiana Care Health System
7:30-8:00AM  Breakfast & Registration
8:00-8:10AM  Introduction: Omar Khan MD MHS, Conference Chair
8:10-8:30AM  Welcome: Kathy Matt PhD, Dean College of Health Sciences, University of Delaware; Jay Greenspan MD, Chair of Pediatrics, Nemours
8:30-9:00AM  Overview: Michael Rosenthal MD, Director, Community Engagement & Outreach Component, ACCEL
9:00-10:00AM  Morning Keynote: Challenges and Opportunities in Community Engagement for CTR
Daniel E. Ford MD MPH, Director, Institute for Clinical & Translational Research, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions; Vice Dean for Clinical Investigation, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
10:00-10:45AM  Introduction of Guests: William Weintraub MD MACC FAHA FESC
John H. Ammon Chair, Chief of Cardiology, Director of Christiana Care Center for Outcomes Research, Christiana Care Health System
Invited Guests:
U.S. Representative John Carney
Delaware Governor Jack Markell
10:45-11:00AM  Break
11:00-11:45AM  Panel Discussion #1:  Provider Engagement in Research
Moderator: Heather Bittner Fagan MD MPH
Panelists: Thomas Bauer MD; Gregory Hicks PT PhD; Arch Mainous PhD
11:45-12:30PM  Panel Discussion #2:  Engaging Communities in Research
Moderator: Carolyn Jenkins DrPH RD CDE APRN
Panelists: Sandra Hassink MD; Rosa Colon PhD MBA; Tirzah Spencer MPH PhD
12:30PM  Lunch
1:00-2:00PM  Lunchtime Keynote: From Research to Advocacy and Policy Change
Patrick J. Quinlan MD CEO, Ochsner Clinic Foundation & International Services; Executive Director, Ochsner Center for Community Wellness & Health Policy
2:00-3:30PM  Workshop Overview
Brian Rahmer PhD MS
Thematic Workshops:
Obesity / Facilitators: Sandra Hassink MD; Peggy Geisler MA
Cardiovascular / Facilitators: William Weintraub MD MACC FAHA FESC; Mary Kate Mouser MEd
Maternal & Child Health/Facilitators: David Paul MD; Liz O’Neill; Stephanie Rogers RN
Cancer/Facilitators: Heather Bittner Fagan MD MPH FAAFP; Devona Williams PhD
Social Media for Community Engagement/Facilitator: Michael Peterson EdD
3:30-4:30PM  Closing Reception
Omar Khan, MD MHS, Conference Chair

Dr. Khan is Associate Vice-Chair, Department of Family & Community Medicine, Christiana Care Health System. He serves as Medical Director for the Center for Community Health & Eugene du Pont Preventive Medicine & Rehabilitation Institute, and as Director of the Global Health Residency Track. He serves as Co-Director, Community Engagement & Outreach Component for the ACCEL program. Dr. Khan also serves as Associate Director of the Delaware Health Sciences Alliance, and holds a faculty appointment in the Department of Family & Community Medicine at Jefferson Medical College. Dr. Khan received his BA and MA from the University of Pennsylvania, MD from the University of Vermont, and public health degree from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Khan has been named as a ‘Top Doc’ by Philadelphia magazine; has served as president of the Delaware Academy of Family Physicians; is currently on the board of trustees for Christiana Care Health System; and has served as Chair of the Science Board and Member of the Executive Board for the American Public Health Association. Previously, he served on the faculties of the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and the University of Vermont, College of Medicine.

Michael Rosenthal, MD is Chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Christiana Care Health System and Professor of Family and Community Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University (TJU). He is a summa cum laude graduate of the University of Pennsylvania; earned his MD degree from UMDNJ/Rutgers Medical School. Before coming to Christiana Care, Dr. Rosenthal worked at TJU where he was recognized by the Dean’s Citations for Education (2004) and Faculty Mentoring (2008), and inducted into the Jefferson Academy of Distinguished Educators (JADE, 2011). He is a member of the Coordinating Council for the Delaware Health Sciences Alliance and serves on the Delaware Council for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. Dr. Rosenthal’s academic career has focused on studying innovative practice and community-based models for the prevention, management, and control of chronic disease. As Director for the Community Engagement and Outreach component of ACCEL, he fosters the development of partnerships for integration of efforts among providers, community organizations/members, healthcare institutions, public health departments, and investigators for collaborative learning, information dissemination, and research implementation to improve health outcomes.
Morning Keynote Speaker

Daniel E. Ford, MD, MPH is the David M. Levine Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine, Welch Center for Prevention, Epidemiology and Clinical Research. Dr. Ford holds joint appointments in the Departments of Psychiatry, Epidemiology, and Health Policy and Management in the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. He did his undergraduate work at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, and received his M.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York. Dr. Ford completed the Osler medicine residency at Johns Hopkins and he received additional training as a Clinical Epidemiology Fellow at the National Institute of Mental Health and received a Master of Public Health degree from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. Ford’s research interests include the biological pathways accounting for the relationship between depression and cardiovascular disease and how to improve treatment of chronic diseases in medical settings through information technology. He was appointed the Vice Dean for Clinical Investigation and Institutional Official for the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 2005. He is the Director for the Office of Human Subjects Protection. Dr. Ford is the Principal Investigator for the Johns Hopkins Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) and was appointed the Director of the Institute for Clinical and Translational Research in 2007.
Lunchtime Keynote Speaker

Patrick J. Quinlan, MD is the Chief Executive Officer, Ochsner International Services; Executive Director, Center for Community Wellness and Health Policy. Prior to his current role, Dr. Quinlan was CEO of the Ochsner Health System from 2001-2013, when the System grew from a single, closed staff, quaternary care hospital to an 8-hospital system anchored by the Ochsner Medical Group. Currently, OHS is a 9 hospital system, with over 40 locations, the 900 physician Ochsner multispecialty medical group, and 1600 community physicians. Ochsner is a large academic medical center and has achieved many national awards for quality, including designation as Health grades 8 of 12 top 50 programs in the country, CareChex number 2 hospital for Quality, the number one liver transplant program, and a top 15 teaching hospital.

In 2007 he was named the #1 most powerful physician executive in the nation by Modern Physician Magazine. In 2008 he was selected as one of the “100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare" by Modern Healthcare Magazine. Ochsner’s leadership team also received the National Top Leadership award in 2006 from Health Leaders Magazine.

Dr. Quinlan earned his BA in economics from the University of Texas, an MD from UT Galveston, and an MS in Hospital Administration from the College of St. Francis. He completed his dermatology residency at the University of Alabama in Birmingham and is Board Certified in dermatology. He is past chair of the Ochsner Health Plan and currently serves on the Ochsner Health System Board, the Pan-American Life Insurance Group, the Healthcare Solutions Committee of the US Chamber of Commerce, the Advisory Board of the Iberia Bank, and the Community Board for Cafe’ Reconcile.
Panelists/Facilitators (in alphabetical order)

**Thomas Bauer, MD** is the Chief of Thoracic Surgery at The Helen F. Graham Cancer and Research Center at Christiana Care Health System. He leads a multidisciplinary weekly Thoracic Oncology Conference and Clinic. Dr. Bauer leads and contributes to collaboration on numerous translational research projects as well as clinical thoracic trials. He led Christiana Care’s participation in the I-ELCAP lung cancer screening program and hosted the International Conference on the Christiana Campus previously. He currently serves on Delaware’s Cancer Consortium to assist in developing a state-wide lung cancer screening program.

Dr. Bauer serves as the Christiana Care Principal Investigator for the Delaware INBRE program as well as a DE state supplemental DEDO grant. This program has supported independent research and mentoring on the Christiana Care campus. A student program has been developed on campus which links students with clinical mentors to encourage entry into future research programs for the students and increased clinical research for the mentors. The INBRE program has led to an increase in collaborations, extramural funding of that research and educational programs. Dr. Bauer has led over 1.5 million dollars in grant monies, authored 51 articles or book chapters, and led numerous clinical trials both nationally and locally.

**Rosa M. Colon-Kolacko, PhD MBA** is currently Senior VP System Learning, Chief Diversity Officer, and Executive Director, Learning Institute at Christiana Care Health System. In this position, Rosa is responsible for planning, organizing and directing Learning, Talent, Leadership, Coaching and Organization Development strategies to enable the achievement of Christiana Care’s mission and “Focus on Excellence” goals.

Dr. Colon-Kolacko currently serves on the American Leadership Council of the Institute for Diversity in Health Management, an affiliate of the American Hospital Association (AHA). She has also been appointed by the Governor of Delaware to serve in the DE Hispanic Commission where she is the Chair of the Health & Social Services Committee. She is a member of the Board and acts as Treasurer of the American Colleague of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) National Latino Forum Executives. She is the Vice Chair of the Latin America Community Center (LACC) Board. She is a also a professional member of the AAMC Group on Diversity and Inclusion, the Academy of Management, the Organization Development Network, the American Society of Training and Development (ASTD), and the Chief Learning Officer Innovation Network. She is also Adjunct Faculty at Georgetown University and a Professor of professional practice at Bowling Green State University.
Heather Bittner Fagan, MD MPH FAAFP earned her medical degree from MCP/Hahnemann University and completed her residency at Thomas Jefferson University followed by her primary care research fellowship at Jefferson Medical College and a distance fellowship, the Grant Generating Project. Dr. Fagan completed a Masters in Public Health from the Jefferson School of Medicine. She received the American Cancer Society’s Cancer Control Career Development Award, a highly competitive national award which recognizes and develops leaders in cancer control and prevention.

Her research interests include cancer screening and prevention (colorectal cancer specialty), the relationship of obesity to cancer screening, and improving cancer screening in primary care and in underserved populations. Dr. Fagan has published in Cancer, Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers and Prevention, Medical Cure, Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine, the Journal of Obesity as well as other journals. She is a director in component 4.2 of the CTR, a lead in development of the ACERA program, interested in engaging primary care practices in research. Dr. Fagan has received funding from the National Cancer Institute as well as state and foundation grants.

Peggy Geisler, MA holds a BA in Clinical Psychology from University of MD and her MA in Clinical Psychology from Salisbury University. She is the owner and senior consultant of PMG Consulting LLC, who works with not-for-profits on infrastructure, strategic planning, training, as well as conducts community based programs in both Maryland and Delaware.

Ms. Geisler currently is the Executive Director of the Sussex County Health Promotion coalition. She has 20 years’ experience in the not-for-profit field and has received numerous awards for her community based work. She currently serves as a board member Delaware Health Eating and Active Living, sits on the Governor’s Council on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, sits on the State Health Improvement Planning Committee for mental health, is a graduate from Leadership Delaware 2012 and is a member of the United Way of Delaware Southern Advisory Committee.

Sandra Hassink, MD founded the Weight Management Clinic at Nemours/Al DuPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington DE in 1988 to address the onset of the childhood obesity epidemic. She has authored numerous articles on childhood obesity and two AAP books, “A Parent’s Guide to Childhood Obesity”,...
“Pediatric Obesity: Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment Strategies for Primary Care”, as well as “Clinical Guide to Pediatric Weight Management”. She serves as Medical Director of the AAP Institute for Healthy Childhood Weight.

Dr. Hassink co-chairs the APA Obesity SIG and was national faculty on the Healthy Weight Collaborative. Dr. Hassink is the current President Elect of the American Academy of Pediatrics and has been active in the AAP for over 30 years. She has testified before Congress on childhood obesity and has served as faculty for “Be Our Voice” advocacy training and the AAP’s legislative conference. She has served as Chapter Vice President, Chapter President and National Nominating Committee Representative, District Vice Chair and District Chairperson for District III. She is the chair of the Governor’s Council for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Delaware. She earned her M.S. in Pastoral Care and Counseling in 2000. Dr. Hassink has been married for 39 years to her husband Bill and they have 3 grown children.

Gregory E. Hicks, PT PhD is an Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of Delaware and the Director of the Delaware Spine Studies research program. Dr. Hicks is an academic physical therapist with doctoral training in Rehabilitation Science as well as post-doctoral training in Epidemiology of Aging from the National Institute on Aging. His research is focused on the development of novel intervention strategies to improve physical function for older persons with chronic musculoskeletal pain. This work has been consistently funded by the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Hicks is currently the principal investigator of an NIH-funded longitudinal study of older adults with LBP designed to identify modifiable rehabilitation impairments associated with the development and maintenance of activity limitations and participation restrictions in this vulnerable population. He has been invited to speak both at the national and international levels regarding his expertise on chronic pain in the geriatric population. Dr. Hicks currently serves as an editorial board member for the Journal of Gerontology: Medical Sciences and for Pain Medicine. He also serves regularly as an ad hoc reviewer for the National Institutes of Health, sits on Data Safety Monitoring Boards for two NIH funded trials, and is currently the Chair of the Scientific Review Committee for the Foundation for Physical Therapy.

Carolyn Jenkins, DrPH RD APRN FAAN is the Ann Darlington Edwards Endowed Chair and Professor at the College of Nursing, Medical University of South Carolina. She received her Master of Science in Nursing and a Master of Science in Nutrition. Her Doctor of Public Health is from the University of South Carolina. She serves as the
Director of the Center of Community Health Partnerships, South Carolina Clinical and Translational Research Institute and an active member Diabetes Initiative of South Carolina. She directs the statewide training program for Community Engaged Scholars. Dr. Jenkins' 35-year career is dedicated to working with communities to improve health outcomes related to diabetes and its complications (amputations, hypertension, and strokes), including communities in Ghana and Nigeria. Her scholarship activities include a three-pronged approach of care delivery, research, and education. In collaboration with others, Dr. Jenkins negotiates for funding the Diabetes Initiative by the South Carolina State Legislature and influenced the passage of a statewide bill establishing a minimal level of care for persons with diabetes and provides reimbursement for diabetes education. She led diabetes community efforts in Charleston and Georgetown Counties where amputations have been reduced by 56% in African Americans with diabetes with an estimated annual cost savings of about $2 million per year.

Arch G. Mainous III, PhD is Chair and Florida Blue Endowed Professor in the Department of Health Services Research, Management and Policy at the University of Florida. He is also a Professor in the Department of Community Health and Family Medicine. He joined the University of Florida in September of 2013. Prior to joining UF he was a Professor and Research Director in the Department of Family Medicine and the Associate Dean for Assessment and Evaluation at the Medical University of South Carolina. He is an accomplished researcher having published more than 300 peer-reviewed articles and his work has been cited in more than 10,300 other scientific articles. He is also the Deputy Editor of the journal, Family Medicine.

Mary Kate Mouser, MEd is Executive Director of Nemours Health and Prevention Services (NHPS), an operating division of Nemours, one of the top pediatric health care systems in the nation. NHPS is focused on population health and has been recognized nationally for pioneering work in prevention of childhood obesity and for innovation in linking clinical practice and community-based prevention. Ms. Mouser joined Nemours in 2011, bringing 20 years of expertise in advocacy, government and community relations and communication, most recently with the Monroe Carell, Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt. Ms. Mouser’s background also includes extensive experience in strategic planning and capacity building for nonprofit organizations as well as work in fundraising, market research, product development and financial management. Under her leadership, NHPS has been awarded major grants from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, and has expanded its focus to include an
emphasis on quality, access and equity as well its historic mission of obesity prevention and the promotion of emotional and behavioral health for children. Mouer has a long history of personal engagement in community activities, having served on a wide variety of boards and committees. She has an undergraduate degree from the University of Kentucky and an advanced degree in human and organizational development from Vanderbilt University.

**Liz O’Neill, BA** is the Project Director for Christiana Care’s Community Center of Excellence (CCOE) in Women’s Health in the Department of Family & Community Medicine. Her passion is community outreach and coalition building to address the health needs of medically underserved communities. For the last 15 years, Liz has organized and engaged the community and clinical and public health partners on initiatives addressing infant mortality, obesity, teen pregnancy, domestic violence, and cardiovascular health. Liz chairs the Wilmington Consortium, a grassroots effort that has addressed perinatal health through a county-wide needs assessment, focus groups, educational programs, and a city-wide, lay health ambassador program. Liz recently joined the governor appointed board of the Delaware Healthy Mothers and Infants Consortium. She also serves on the community engagement and outreach component of the National Institutes of Health funded Delaware Clinical and Translational Research Award.

**David A. Paul, MD** is presently the Interim-Chair, Department of Pediatrics Christiana Care Health System in Newark, Delaware. Dr. Paul is a Professor of Pediatrics at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Paul completed a Residency in Pediatrics and Fellowship in Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children, Philadelphia, PA. Since 2005 he has served as the Governor Appointed Chair of the Delaware Healthy Mother Infant Consortium. He is the Neonatology Section Editor of *BMC Pediatrics*.

**Michael Peterson, EdD** is Professor and Chair of the Department of Behavioral Health and Nutrition at the University of Delaware. He received graduate degrees in Health Promotion and Behavioral Medicine from the University of Kentucky. Dr. Peterson’s work experiences include developing and managing worksite health promotion programs, implementing state and community level health programs, and creating state
and national level social marketing and health communication interventions. He created and founded the graduate Health Promotion program and the Health Coaching program at the University of Delaware. He has both taught and mentored as a graduate faculty member at the Thomas Jefferson School of Population Health.

Dr. Peterson was a health expert with Lluminari Inc (a health and media firm), and on the Social Marketing and Health Communications advisory board for the Nemours Health and Prevention Services organization. He has been primary investigator on many grant projects promoting health in communities and has created cutting-edge population-based psychometric tools (BMI-SMT and STORM Index) for assessing health-related behavioral, psychosocial, and ecological measures. He has worked with national organizations (e.g. Help Me Grow National Center), and the National Foundation for Fitness Sport and Nutrition in developing marketing and communication efforts.

Brian Rahmer, PhD MS is the Health Services Research Manager in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Christiana Care Health System. Dr. Rahmer recently completed a doctorate with a concentration in health policy at the University of Delaware School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy. He has more than a decade of experience in implementing, evaluating, and advocating for equitable health as well as experience in program evaluation, health promotion program design and implementation, multivariate statistical analysis, social and policy network analysis, qualitative research methods, and participatory action research. This mix of inquiry is guided by a passion for social justice and policy solutions to root causes of poor health outcomes. Current research activities include multi-level analysis of patient-provider interactions in the patient-centered medical home, and understanding how leveraging social networks and social capital among youth can help create better interventions and more meaningful outcome measures in obesity research. He is the immediate past chair for the Delaware Coalition for Healthy Eating and Active Living. Brian is a member of the Governor’s Council on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention and the population health work-stream for Delaware’s CMMI State Innovation Model. Other professional memberships include the American Evaluation Association, Society for the Study of Social Problems, American Public Health Association, Society for Participatory Medicine, and Academy Health’s Public Health Systems Research Group.

Stephanie Rogers, BS RN is manager of Women’s Health Programs and Research in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Christiana Care. In this position, Stephanie leads a multidisciplinary team which includes the Healthy Beginnings program, the WIC Breastfeeding Peer
Counselor program, and other clinical efforts that focus on improving disparities in health outcomes and breastfeeding rates of women in underserved communities. She is also the program manager for the Center for Women’s Emotional Wellness, which provides behavioral health services for women before, during, and after pregnancy. Stephanie has experience with clinical and qualitative research methodologies around women and adolescent health. She works closely with many community agencies providing community health education and is an active member of the Wilmington Consortium, the Delaware Healthy Mother and Infant Consortium and is on the board of the Breastfeeding Coalition of Delaware. Stephanie also serves on the community engagement and outreach component of the National Institutes of Health funded Delaware Clinical and Translational Research Award.

**Tirzah Spencer, PhD MPH** has a particular interest in the effect of culture, context and development on health outcomes among youth. Her early areas of research focused on the relationship between family dynamics, eating behaviors, and body esteem. As a post-doctoral fellow at the Stanford Prevention Research Center, she assisted in the implementation of a family-based obesity intervention among African American girls, and created a sub-study to examine the relationship between depressive symptoms and BMI. At the University of North Carolina, Dr. Spencer implemented an intergenerational behavioral change intervention to reduce obesity among African American females. Prior to her current position at Nemours Health and Prevention Services, Dr. Spencer engaged in collaborative and applied research with community-based organizations, foundations, and local-government-funded initiatives. Areas of focus include assessing trajectories of risk and resiliency, and the development of positive mental and physical health outcomes among youth living in low-resource communities. Dr. Spencer received a B.A. in Neuroscience and African American Studies from Oberlin College. Her M.P.H. in Social & Behavioral Sciences and Epidemiology was awarded from Boston University School of Public Health, and her Ph.D. in Biobehavioral Health was completed at Pennsylvania State University.

**William Weintraub, MD MACC FAHA FESC**

Dr. Weintraub is Principal Investigator for the DE-CTR Accel Program at Christiana, and Director of the Clinical Research Design, Epidemiology, and Biostatistics Core. He is Professor of Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University and Adjunct Professor of Health Sciences at the University of Delaware. He received his MD from Johns Hopkins and trained at Boston University, Mount Sinai, and the University of Pennsylvania. Dr.
Weintraub moved to Emory University to direct outcomes research in cardiovascular medicine, becoming a Professor of Medicine and of Epidemiology. Dr. Weintraub has served as the John H. Ammon Chair and Cardiology Section Chief at Christiana, where he also leads the Christiana Care Center for Outcomes Research. Dr. Weintraub is also a national leader in both the American Heart Association (AHA) and the American College of Cardiology (ACC). He chairs the ACC/AHA Task Force on Data Standards and has served on the Board of Trustees for the ACC. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the ACC, the Science Advocacy Award from the AHA, and was inducted as a Master of the ACC. Dr. Weintraub is currently President of the Great Rivers Affiliate (DE, WV, PA, KY and OH) of the AHA.

Devona Williams, PhD is the President/CEO of Goeins-Williams Associates, Inc. Dr. Williams founded Goeins-Williams Associates, Inc. to “help organizations achieve greater productivity in strategic work environments”. A core area of focus for Dr. Williams and her firm is health policy and organizational performance. Key regional clients include: Division of Public Health/State of Delaware, Christiana Care Health Systems, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Komen Foundation of Philadelphia, St. Agnes Medical Center, the Wilmington Healthy Start Program, Maternal and Child Health Summit, Minority Health Summit, Tobacco Prevention Strategic Plan, the Delaware Coalition for Healthy Eating and Active Living, and Astra Zeneca. She is currently providing consulting support to the ACCEL – CTR in the establishment and facilitation of the Community Advisory Council. Dr. Williams received her doctorate in Urban Affairs & Public Policy from the University of Delaware. In 1995, she received the University of Delaware’s Presidential Citation for Outstanding Achievement and the Distinguished Alumna Award from the University’s College of Urban Affairs & Public Policy. In 2009 GWA was named a Top 100 MBE in the region. The Denver Business Journal and the Delaware Today Magazine have recognized GWA as an Outstanding Woman Owned business in 2005 and 2006.
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