The National Black Nurses Association
Ad Hoc Committee on Population Health Committee

presents

“Clinical Trials / Research Hesitancy, and How to Impact Populations of African Descent: Education and Outreach”

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The Expert Panel Includes:

- **Host and Moderator**
  Angela Adjetey Appiah, DNP, MPH, MA, RN, COA, FAACM

- **Titilope Fasipe, MD, PhD**
  Co-Director, Sickle Cell & Thalassemia Program
  Texas Children’s Hospital / Baylor College of Medicine

- **Worta McCaskill-Stevens, MD, MS**
  Chief Community Oncology and Prevention Trials Research Group
  NCI Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP)

- **Maggie A. Smith, DNP, MSN/Ed, RN, OCN©**
  Region Associate Director, Bristol Myers

- **Wendy Garvin Mayo, APRN, ANP-BC**
  Associate Director, Clinical Scientist Janssen Research & Development
  Founding CEO, The Stress Blueprint

- **Alec Stone, MA, MPA**
  Public Affairs Director, ONS
Dr. Angela Adjetey Appiah

Dr. Appiah has over 23 years of healthcare experience and for the past twelve years, she has been in health care leadership. She is currently the Associate Vice President of Oncology Services and the Cancer Program Administrator and an Adjunct Faculty at Pace University.

She is also a doctoral student pursuing a Ph.D. in Nursing. She obtained her DNP from Capella University, MSN from Vanderbilt University, in Health Systems Management, MPH in Health Policy and Management from New York Medical College, MA in Counseling, & BA in Nursing/minor in psychology from Eastern Mennonite University. She also holds a graduate certificate in Population Health Management from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public, a graduate certificate in Managed Care from New York Medical College.

Her past leadership experiences include Senior Administrative Director, Interim Director of Oncology Services, Patient Care Director NCI/Comprehensive Cancer Center. She has a rich professional, leadership, clinical, and operations background. Her other past experiences include Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse Coordinator, and RN Case Manager. She also has experience as an Oncology Complex Case Manager with Managed Care/HMO. She is experienced in Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement. She has worked at NCI-designated Cancer Centers. Hospital-based experience in Academic Health Center, Teaching Hospital, and Community Hospital.

She is a fellow of numerous organizations: American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL), previously known as the American Organization for Nurse Executives (AONE) & AONL Foundation Nurse Director Fellow; AONE Aspiring Nurse Leaders fellow, Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) Leadership Development Institute Fellow/graduate, and a Fellow of American Academy of Case Management. She was selected as a participant for ONS/NCI Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Institute for HBCU/MI Nurse Educators.

She participates in numerous professional organizations and recently co-authored a book chapter on Mentoring & Coaching in the book 21st Century Nursing Leadership. Dr. Mary Gullatte edited the book. She has presented numerous times global conferences.

Her research and evidence-based practice interests are in population health, general disease prevention & screening, health promotion, policy, program development, competencies, education, leadership advancement, mentoring, coaching emerging leaders.

She serves on numerous advisory boards globally. Angela has received multiple awards and recognitions and recently won awards such as an honoree of AONL 2019 Young Professional Voices award for recognition and exhibition of exemplary leadership within her organization, community, and the nursing profession. 2019 National Black Nurses Association Administrative Nurse of the Year and the 40 under 40 awards. She also received the 2019 Oncology Nursing Society Foundation and the National Black Nurses Association doctoral scholarships.

She is dedicated to her husband and two children.
Titilope A. Fasipe, MD, PhD

Dr. Fasipe is Co-Director of the Texas Children’s Sickle Cell and Thalassemia Program and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in Hematology/Oncology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX. She is passionate about public health strategies to curb the psychosocial barriers and health complications of individuals with sickle cell disease. She is actively involved in various sickle cell-focused community and policy efforts aimed at understanding and addressing these challenges.

Dr. Fasipe has been repeatedly appointed to sickle cell-related advisory committees of the Texas Department of State Health Services and currently serves on their Newborn Screening Advisory Committee and Sickle Cell Task Force. Her professional memberships include: the American Academy of Pediatrics; the Heartland-Southwest Sickle Cell Disease Network; the American Society of Hematology, where she serves on the Quality Measure Oversight Subcommittee as well as the Technical Expert Panel for sickle cell disease quality measures; and the American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, where she is the current Vice-Chair of the Hemoglobinopathy Special Interest Group.

Dr. Fasipe has the unique perspective of relating to and understanding the need for education, community awareness, support, and medical care as she is a pediatric hematologist as well as an individual with sickle cell disease.

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Dr. Worta McCaskill-Stevens

Dr. McCaskill-Stevens is a medical oncologist and Chief of the Community Oncology and Prevention Trials Research Group, which houses the NCI Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP), a community-based clinical trials network launched in 2014. As NCORP Director, she oversees the program supporting community hospitals, physicians, and others to participate in NCI-approved cancer treatment, prevention, screening, and control clinical trials, as well as cancer care delivery studies. After arriving at the NCI in 1998, she became the program director for the Study of Tamoxifen and Raloxifene (STAR), and assumed responsibilities for breast cancer prevention with the CCOP. She chaired the 2009 NIH State-of-the Science Conference on ductal carcinoma in situ; is a member of the Early Breast Cancer Clinical Trialist Group (Oxford, UK); and is a member of NCI’s Breast Cancer Steering Committee.
After attending Washington University and the American College of Switzerland, she completed medical school and an internal medicine residency at Georgetown University followed by a medical oncology fellowship at the Mayo Clinic (Rochester, MN).

Prior to her current position, she was the Co-Director of the Breast Care and Research Center at the Indiana University Cancer Center. In 2016, she was the recipient of the American Association for Cancer Research Jane Cooke Wright Memorial Lectureship, which recognizes an outstanding scientist who has made meritorious contributions to the field of cancer research and who has, through leadership or by example, furthered the advancement of minority investigators in cancer research.

Her other honors and awards include: the Kaiser Family Fund Award for Excellence in Academic Achievement and Leadership in Medicine; Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society; the NIH Director’s Award for Clinical Trials; the NCI Merit Award for breast cancer prevention; and listed on Ebony magazine’s 2013 Power 100 – Most Influential African Americans in Science and Health.

Prior to medical school, Dr. McCaskill-Stevens was a medical editor for Marcel Dekker and the Alan Guttmacher Institute.

**Research Interests**

- Cancer disparities research both nationally and internationally
- Management of comorbidities within clinical trials
- Molecular research that helps to identify those individuals who will best benefit from cancer prevention interventions

**Maggie A. Smith, DNP, MSN/Ed, RN, OCN©**

Dr. Smith completed her undergraduate degree at Chicago State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, her graduate degree at the University of Phoenix, where she graduated cum laude with a Master’s Degree in Nursing with a Specialization in Health Care Education and her Doctor in Nursing Practice Degree from the Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing at Loyola University.

Dr. Smith has held an oncology nursing certification for the last fourteen years. Dr. Smith’s clinical knowledge comes from her first-hand experience at the prestigious University of Chicago Hospitals, where she worked as a Charge Nurse on the Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) overflow unit and as a Clinical Research Associate, working on various Phase 1-3, oncology clinical trials and currently she still practices per diem.
Over the years, she has served and led several committees within the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS), reviewer of the Integrating Psychosocial Care into Oncology Nursing course and is currently serving as, Director-at-Large for the national ONS, and has been a contributing author to the Oncology Certification Course and the Oncology Nursing News. Locally she is currently on the Program Committee, former Nominating Chair, and Past President of her Chicago Chapter of Oncology Nursing Society (CCONS).

In 2014, she was the first nurse to be appointed to the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Health Disparities Committee to address health disparities and outcomes in cancer patients. Her clinical and research interest include being a voice for underrepresented and underserved populations. She volunteers for community outreach initiatives and is currently on the American Nursing Association’s (ANA) Illinois Community Outreach Committee, member of the Commission on Cancer (CoC), serving on a task force to address health disparities in oncology, and often volunteers to provide education on breast health and women empowerment health issues.

Recently she developed and published her preventive breast health program titled Sisters Saving Lives; this program heightens the awareness of breast health among African-American women. She has served on the Advisory Board for the Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force, serving on the Board of Directors as President for the Sisters Network Chicago Chapter, former nurse educator on the Beat Breast Cancer Program, with the University of Illinois, Chicago, and a Bright Pink ambassador with the Bright Pink organization to name a few.

Dr. Smith is a catalyst who inspires others, and her mission is to change the world by sharing her scientific knowledge with the community she serves. Currently, she works at Bristol Myers Squibb as a Region Associate Director within Medical Affairs, leading the Medical Science Liaison (MSL) program. She also writes for an online oncology nursing journal, highlighting oncology topics in the Oncology Nursing News; lastly, Maggie is an adjunct professor at a local university in the Chicagoland area.

Wendy Garvin Mayo, APRN, ANP-BC

Ms. Mayo is an Associate Director, Clinical Scientist who works at Janssen Research & Development, where she conducts cancer research and co-leads the Diversity Equity, and Inclusion in Clinical Trials Investigator Steering Committee working group. Mrs. Mayo is also the Founding CEO for The Stress Blueprint, a personal and professional development firm that empowers individuals and organizations to optimize their health, wellness, and overall well-being through stress management coaching, training, and speaking.
Alec Stone, MA, MPA

Alec Stone, ONS Public Affairs Director, has been a leader in healthcare legislative and regulatory affairs for more than two decades. With an expertise in biomedical research and healthcare advocacy, Mr. Stone has worked with premiere provider professional societies, patient advocacy groups, and corporate partners.

As a public policy professional, Mr. Stone has extensive experience with Congress, the NIH, FDA, CMS, NSF, HHS, and other federal agencies. He has created two Congressional health caucuses, drafted report language, held legislative briefings, written Congressional testimony, provided information for the Congressional Record, and set up annual meetings between advocates and federal representatives.

Mr. Stone holds a BA in history from Memphis State University, a Master's in Public Administration from Southern Illinois University’s Graduate School of Public Affairs, and a Master's in Political Management from The George Washington University's Graduate School of Political Management. He and his wife, Lisa, have four children.