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***Sustainable Healthy Communities, LLC, Announces Release of the Cancer Atlas at Biden Cancer Summit***

Washington DC - Gary Puckrein, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Minority Quality Forum, announced the release of Sustainable Healthy Communities' (SHC's), Cancer Atlas during the Biden Cancer Summit on September 21, 2018 in Washington, DC, stating: "..... We think that by democratizing this data, we're really going to be able to transform cancer care. The big thing about cancer care is that we need to move it into the digital space. It's not just geography; it's also this digitizing of the information so that it's broadly accessible to everyone. In doing that, we can optimize access to care, we can improve clinical trials, we can promote quality care for everyone, and, more importantly, we can activate patients...When you go online and you take a look at the geography of cancer, what you're going to see is that the risk of cancer is not the same across the country—that it varies by geography. Trying to understand why those variations are there is tremendously important, and so one of the things that we think we're doing is opening the door for researchers to better understand why some populations have greater risk for cancer than others."

The Biden Cancer Initiative also issued an [announcement](#) of the Cancer Atlas release. The atlas was developed and supported by the Diverse Cancer Communities Working Group (CWG), a partnership inspired by the Cancer Moonshot. Members of the CWG include 23 national organizations representing the patient advocates, academic experts, health care providers, government leaders, life science researchers, and the pharmaceutical industry.

The Cancer Atlas is a portal to a series of cancer indexes that facilitate research, screening, and education about cancer from the national to the community level. The Cancer Atlas analyzes and aggregates 2015 patient-level data and presents its results in graphic and tabular form. Users may examine the information by geography (nationwide, state, county, zip code, legislative district), prevalence, incidence, demographics (age, gender, race/ethnicity), and cost. The Cancer Atlas has launched with indexes for breast, colorectal, prostate, lung, endometrial, and blood cancers.

Cancer Atlas registration and access are at SHC's website: <http://shcllc.info/cancer-index-atlas/>

CWG Chair Jeanne M. Regnante said: "We feel that the real challenge lies not in debating whether disparities exist, but in the identification of the patients most at risk .... Then, patients, care partners, community leaders, providers, researchers, advocates, and educators can work together to develop and implement local strategies to reduce and eliminate them."



**About the National Minority Quality Forum and Sustainable Healthy Communities, LLC**

The National Minority Quality Forum was founded by Gary A. Puckrein, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, in 1998 to address the critical need for strengthening national and local efforts to use evidence-based, data-driven initiatives to guide programs to eliminate the disproportionate burden of premature death and preventable illness for racial and ethnic minorities and other special populations. Sustainable Healthy Communities, LLC (SHC), its wholly owned subsidiary, is a pioneer in health-care improvement and information. SHC measures population health, providing actionable analysis to clinicians, health-care systems, researchers, corporations, and policy makers as well as patients, their caregivers, and community leaders. Through its exclusive data access, SHC promotes cost-effective health outcomes for all through big-data analytics coupled with impactful visualization and education. The data analytics are reported in multiple formats, guiding innovative efforts to achieve the triple aim of improving health care, improving the health of the population and communities, and making health care affordable. For more information about Sustainable Healthy Communities, LLC, please visit [www.shcllc.info](http://www.shcllc.info)