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Moderated by Award-Winning Health Reporter Dr. Deanna Lites, the Nation's Most Controversial Topic, Health Care, Discussed by Michigan's Top Healthcare Practitioners and Professionals

DETROIT, January 24, 2017, 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM -- University of Phoenix to host the Michigan Diversity Council's (MIDC) 2017 Healthcare Diversity Summit at the Garden Theater in Detroit, MI. Bringing together a few of the best in health care for "Many 'Faces' Addressing Diversity and Inclusion in Health Care": Tenet Healthcare, Detroit Medical Center, Health Management System of America, St. John Providence, Matrix Human Services, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and others will discuss "Cultural Competence: Diversity in Action" and "Beyond Diversity: Becoming a Culture of Inclusive Excellence."

Focusing on current practice and health care policy, including the recently passed Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA), this summit will address how to integrate strategic diversity management, self-reflective leadership and the personal change process with cultural and linguistic appropriate care into a cohesive systems-oriented approach for healthcare professionals.

This year's keynote speaker, **Dr. Reginald Eadie** - Regional Chief Operating Officer for Detroit Medical Center, will be joined by this year's Moderator, **Dr. Deanna Lites** – Health Reporter for CBS Detroit, and panelists: **Cynthia Taueg** - Vice President of Community Based Health Services for St. John Providence, **Dave Perkins** - VP of Community Health Services for Matrix Human Services, **Dr. Eve Krahe** – Dean of School of Health Services Administration for University of Phoenix, **Dr. William Restum** – CEO for Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan and **Judy Guastella-Jones** - Talent Acquisition/Diversity Recruiting for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Due to our nation's latest presidential election, over the last few weeks, health care has been a constant trending and controversial topic. Major changes are occurring in the United States, within the nation's health care institutions and delivery systems. Significant disparities in health status exist across population groups, but the health care enterprise, with all its integrated and disparate parts, has been slow to respond.

MIDC's 2017 Healthcare Diversity Summit is designed to provide healthcare practitioners, administrators, students and professionals with a clear understanding of foundations, philosophies and processes that strengthen diversity management, inclusion and culturally competent care delivery.

For registration, additional information and to learn more about the Michigan Diversity Council, please visit: <http://michigandiversitycouncil.org/what-we-do/events-and-programs/healthcare-diversity-summit/2017-healthcare-diversity-summit>

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