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Allen Herman, M.D., Ph.D. is the foundation Dean of the National School of Public Health, Medical University of Southern Africa of the Republic of South Africa. Prof. Herman has been a very effective force in harnessing the energies of South Africans and Americans to fight HIV/AIDS in Africa. He worked closely with the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in defining the Secure the Future Project, a \$100 million program that focuses on the health of women and children infected and affected by HIV.

Michael C. Lu, M.D., MPH (Co-Chair) is an associate professor of obstetrics & gynecology and public health at UCLA. Dr. Lu is widely recognized for his research, teaching and clinical care and has been selected as one of the Best Doctors in America since 2005. In 2003, he received the National Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Young Professional Achievement Award and the 2004 American Public Health Association Maternal and Child Health Section Young Professional Award for his research on health disparities. He recently served on the Institute of Medicine Committee on Understanding Prematurity and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Select Panel on Preconception Care. Dr. Lu has a new book entitled: “*Get Ready to Get Pregnant: Your Complete Guide to Making a Smart and Healthy Baby*”

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Willie J. Parker, M.D., MPH (Co-Chair) is the Medical Director of Planned Parenthood in Washington DC. Prior to Planned Parenthood Dr., Parker served as the Director of Family Planning for Washington Hospital Center in Washington DC. He served as Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii prior to his current position. His more recent work has focused on the prevention and response to violence against women, sexual assault, and the preservation of women's reproductive health rights through advocacy and the provision of contraceptive and abortion services.

Audra Robertson, M.D., MPH currently works with the Brigham and Women's Hospital Center for Community Health and Health Equity to establish a hospital initiative to eliminate the infant death disparity in Boston. As the Clinical Director of the Center's *Birth Equity Initiative: Eliminating the Racial Disparity in Infant Mortality*, Dr. Robertson is designing an evidence-based clinical agenda, in collaboration with the Initiative's social programs, to improve birth outcomes for Black women in Boston.

Roland Warren, MBA is currently President of the National Fatherhood Initiative in Washington DC. As president of the National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI), Roland is dedicated to NFI's mission of improving the well-being of children by increasing the proportion of children that are raised with involved, responsible and committed fathers.

Kimberlee Wyche-Etheridge, M.D., MPH is Director, Bureau of Family, Youth and Infant Health, Metro Nashville Davidson County Public Health Department, Nashville, TN. Dr. Wyche Etheridge also serves as the current chair of the board of directors for CityMatCH, the only national urban maternal child health organization. Dr. Wyche-Etheridge has a strong interest in prenatal and perinatal health outcomes/disparities and health equity, especially as they relate to infant mortality. In her current position, she oversees 18 programs, ranging from school health to home visiting programs.

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