

Holding the Line: Defending Equity in Health Care

November 12, 2025

12pm ET

12:00 pm– 12:15 pm Welcome and Introduction

- **Gwen Darien**
Executive Vice President, Patient Advocacy, Engagement and Education
Patient Advocate Foundation

12:15 pm – 1:00 pm Keynote Presentation & Discussion

- **Abigail Echo-Hawk, MA**
Director
Urban Indian Health Institute
- Moderator:
- **Jamie Trotter, MPA**
Associate Director, Patient Advocacy and Engagement
Patient Advocate Foundation

1:00pm – 1:05 pm Story Excerpt

1:05 pm – 1:45 pm Building an Inclusive & Diverse Health Care Workforce

- **Robert Rock, MD, MHS**
Health Justice Fellowship Project Director
Social Mission Alliance
George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health
- **Ilana Berger**
NY Political Director
Caring Majority Rising

Moderated by:

- **Ashley Freeman, MPH**
Manager, Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement
Patient Advocate Foundation

1:45pm – 1:50 pm Story Excerpt

1:50 pm – 2:30 pm How Funding Changes Impact Research and Social Needs Delivery

- **Denise St. Jean, PhD**
Consultant
Boston Consulting Group
- **Leah Lomotey-Nakon, PhD**
Assistant Professor of Bioethics
Baylor University

2:30pm – 2:35 pm Story Excerpt

2:35 pm – 3:10 pm Choosing Courage Fireside Chat

- **Tara Montgomery**
Founder & Principal
Civic Health Partners

3:10pm – 3:30 pm Call to Action & Closing Remarks

- **Reginald Tucker-Seeley, MA, ScM, ScD, FASCO**
Principal and Owner
Health Equity Strategies and Solutions

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