***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 Workforce Diversity Panel**

Moderated by:

* **Ashley Freeman**

*Manager, Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement*

Patient Advocate Foundation

**1:45pm – 1:50 pm** **Story Excerpt**

**1:50 pm – 2:30 pm Funding and Impact on Research and Social Services Panel**

**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

**Gwen Darien**