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Healthcare Professionals Attend the Inaugural California Healthcare Diversity Summit

DUARTE, CA – – The California Diversity Council hosted the *Inaugural California Healthcare Diversity Summit*, on November 5, 2014 in an effort to engage and educate the healthcare community on inclusion & leadership best practices. The keynote speaker was Harlan Levine, M.D., Chief Executive of City of Hope Medical Foundation.

“The California Healthcare Diversity Summit allowed attendees to gather a wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise from top professionals speaking on topics pertinent to today’s healthcare leaders,” said Dennis Kennedy, Founder & CEO of the National Diversity Council.

The full-day event featured concurrent sessions that addressed topics regarding the changing demographics of California and the impact on health and biomedicine in the communities we serve, health disparities, cultural competence, workforce development, community partnerships, collaboration, and marketing to diverse communities. A series of awards was also given in recognition of leadership and excellence in the healthcare field, including the Distinguished Healthcare Advocate Award, Excellence Award for Healthcare Diversity and the DiversityFIRST™ Award.

“I am very proud to recognize these extraordinary individuals who have risen above the numerous challenges and barriers barring their paths and achieved success in their distinguished careers,” said Dennis Kennedy, Founder and CEO of the National Diversity Council.

2014 Excellence Award for Healthcare Diversity Honorees

- **Kim Pardini-Kiely**, Vice President, Quality & Effectiveness, Stanford Hospital and Clinics
- **Matt McElrath**, Chief HR Officer, Keck Medical Center of USC

2014 Distinguished Healthcare Diversity Advocate Award Honorees

- **Kim Costello**, Executive Recruiter, City of Hope
- **E. Ann Lee, FACHE**, Vice President, Professional & Support Services, Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center
- **Lyndon Edwards**, Vice President and Administrator, East Campus Hospital & Heart and Surgical Hospital, Loma Linda University Medical Center

DiversityFIRST™ Award Honoree

- **Kenna Cottrill**, Organizational Development & Diversity Consultant, City of Hope

To see the full list of speakers, panel discussions and sponsors, please visit our website at <http://californiadiversitycouncil.org/what-we-do/events/healthcare-summit/>.

About the Healthcare Diversity Council

The mission of the Healthcare Diversity Council is to engage in dialogue with the healthcare community regarding inclusion and leadership best practices. A major goal is to build cultural awareness in the health industry in order to create a positive impact on individuals, organizations and the community at large.

More information about the Healthcare Diversity Council is available at www.healthcarediversitycouncil.org.

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