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TO: Members, Subcommittee on Health

FROM: Committee Majority Staff

RE: Hearing entitled “Examining Legislation to Improve Public Health”

I. INTRODUCTION

On Thursday, September 8, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in 2322 Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee on Health will hold a hearing entitled “Examining Legislation to Improve Public Health.”

II. WITNESSES

- Jonathan Leffert, MD, FACP, FACE, ECNU, President-Elect, American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists;
- Arthur Dean, Chairman and CEO, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America;
- Sonja L. Banks, President and COO, Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc.;
- R. Sean Morrison, MD, Professor and Vice-Chair, Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; Director, National Palliative Care Research Center; and,
- Brad Marino, MD, MPP, MSCE; Chair, Pediatric Congenital Heart Association.

III. Legislation

The following legislation will be examined at the hearing:

- H.R. 1192, National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission Act: The Subcommittee will be considering a manager’s amendment to H.R. 1192, which was introduced by Rep. Olson (R-TX). The amendment will establish a National Clinical Care Commission to evaluate and recommend solutions regarding better coordination and the leveraging of programs within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that relate to providing appropriate clinical care to those individuals with complex metabolic, autoimmune and insulin resistant diseases. Members of the Commission will come from within the Federal government and various additional stake holders. There is no new authorization of appropriations.

- H.R. 1717, Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Reauthorization Act: The STOP Act, introduced by Rep. Roybal-Allard (D-CA), includes a variety of reauthorizations within the Public Health Service Act aimed at preventing underage drinking. The legislation reauthorizes the Community-Based Programs to Prevent Underage Drinking, the Interagency Coordinating Committee to Prevent Underage Drinking, a national media campaign to prevent underage drinking, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention research on underage drinking, and provides grants to pediatric health care providers to reduce underage drinking. The total authorization of appropriations is \$18 million a year for FY2016-2020.
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- H.R. 1807, Sickle Cell Disease Research, Surveillance, Prevention and Treatment Act of 2015: This legislation, introduced by Rep. Davis (D-IL) and Rep. Burgess (R-TX), would increase research, surveillance, prevention, and treatment for Sickle Cell Disease within HHS. Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) is an inherited blood disorder that primarily affects one in five hundred African-American births. As an inherited blood disorder, SCD causes a blockage of small blood vessels leading to various health complications. This legislation promotes research, surveillance, prevention, and treatment, and emphasizes collaboration with community-based entities focusing on SCD. The legislation includes a new authorization of appropriations.
- H.R. 3119, Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act: This legislation, introduced by Rep. Engel (D-NY), directs HHS to award grants to improve the training of health professionals in palliative care. It increases education and awareness in the public through a national campaign on the benefits and services of palliative care. It also enhances research on palliative care through leveraging existing authorities and funds at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). This bill has new authorizations totaling \$49.1 million a year for five years from FY2016-2020.
- H.R. 3952, Congenital Heart Futures Reauthorization Act of 2015: Congenital heart disease (CHD) is the most common birth defect and the leading cause of infant mortality. Adults and children with CHD require specialized cardiac care and face a lifelong risk of permanent disability and premature death. This legislation, introduced by Rep. Bilirakis (R-FL), enhances research and surveillance at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, awards grants to further study CHD, and directs the NIH to report on their ongoing research efforts in this space. The legislation authorizes appropriations of \$4 million a year for FY2016-FY2020.

IV. STAFF CONTACTS

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