

## 2021 National Health Policy Conference (NHPC) Themes

### **Confronting Racism and Inequities in Health**

- The role of structural racism in poor health outcomes
- Solutions to dismantle structural racism
  - Lessons from COVID and public health
  - Engagement with community partners
  - Local, state, and federal policy solutions
- Improving the health of diverse populations
- Explicit and implicit bias in healthcare
  - Impact on patient experience and other outcomes
  - Impact on providers (e.g., mental health, wellbeing, workforce, etc.)
  - Impact on scholarship and the scientific community

### **Ethical Responsibility of Health Systems: What Role for Transparency, Efficiency, and Capacity**

- Impact of COVID/rethinking care delivery: from PPE to revenue and future infrastructure to prevention
- Consumer-focused pricing and coverage transparency
- Models to address upstream determinants of health and improve equity
- Eliminating waste and low-value care/prioritizing high-value care
- Meaningful measurement of safety, quality, and satisfaction

### **The New Federalism: State and Local Actions in the Era of COVID**

- Access, coverage, and payment in uncertain times and uncertain resources/economies
- Evolution of Medicaid expansion
- Addressing old and new challenges in long-term care/nursing homes
- Deficiencies and reforms of our social safety net
- Care in the home and beyond – addressing physical, mental, and social needs
- Navigating the world of approvals, guidance, and testing

## Cross Cutting Themes for NHPC and Health Datapalooza

### **Developing Real Public Trust in Institutions**

- Acknowledging, understanding and addressing mistrust
- Focus on data, evidence, and expertise
- Communications and storytelling in a crisis

### **Acknowledging the Global Context**

- Learning from the experience of other countries
- Intersectionality of public health, national, and international policy during a global pandemic
- Globalization, equitable access, and rethinking supply chains