NHIT LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT AGENDA

★ Tuesday, July 21, 2026
★ 1 – 5 PM
★ U.S. Capitol, Room S-115
U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski Room



Reimagining Health, Modernizing Care

1:00 PM **Welcoming Remarks**
Reimagining Health for the AI Economy: From Community Voice to National Impact
Luis Belén, Chief Executive Officer, NHIT

1:15 PM **Congressional Remarks**
U.S. Senator Tim Kaine (VA) - via video
Teri Weathers, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen (MD)

1:00 PM **Opening Keynote**
Quita Highsmith, Vice President, Population Health Center of Excellence, Genentech

1:35 PM **Trust at the Core: Advancing Population Health Through Responsible AI**
Moderator: Phylicia Porter, MPH, MSL, City of Baltimore Councilwoman
Panelists: Quita Highsmith, Vice President, Population Health Center of Excellence, Genentech
Abdul Shaikh, PhD, Global Leader for Population Health, Amazon Web Services (AWS)
Ángel Hoyos, CEO, Diversiva Health
Robert Williams, Founder, Elite Eight Strategies

2:20 PM **Building the AI-Ready Health Workforce: From Community to Clinical Care**
Moderator: Melody Gonzales, Founder, Hope & Power Strategies; Former Executive Director, White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence & Economic Opportunity for Hispanics
Panelists: Hansa Bhargava, MD, Emory University Tech Stars & The Hatchery Accelerator
Tracie Seward, Senior Director of Educational Pathways and Undergraduate Education, Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH)
Mimi Adu Serwaah, PharmD, NHIT INSPIRED Fellow
Sarah Zak, NHIT INSPIRED Intern and George Mason University Senior

3:05 PM **Scaling Community Innovation: Partnerships, Zones, and Trusted Data**
Moderator: Randi Woods, MBA,MSN, RN, Chief Executive Officer, STAR Community Health Solutions
Panelists: Nancy Ban, CEO, Mary's Center
Fred Butler, Jr., CEO, CIVDEF Group Inc.
Valery Maya, PhD, Senior Director of Business Development & Operations, Zocalo Health

3:50 PM **Closing Remarks**
A National Call to Action: Translating Collective Voice into Measurable Impact
Michael "MJ" Jackson, VP, Global Head of Industries, Docusign
Luis Belen, Chief Executive Officer, NHIT

4-5 PM **Networking Reception**

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