RACIAL DISPARITIES IN BREAST CANCER SURVIVORSHIP: Engaging a National Healthcare Forum to Enact Change

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Dr. Karen Winkfield received her PhD from Duke University in 2004 and her MD from Duke in 2005. She completed her residency training in Radiation Oncology at Massachusetts General Hospital in 2010. Dr. Winkfield also completed the Medical Scientist Training Program sponsored by the NIH and completed training in the Harvard Radiation Oncology Program. She is board certified by the American Boards of Radiology and Radiation Oncology. Dr. Winkfield is a national expert in community engagement with research focused on the design and implementation of programming to reduce sociocultural and economic barriers that contribute to disparate health outcomes for racial/ethnic minorities and underserved populations. Her goal is to empower the community with knowledge and encourage policymakers to invest in initiatives designed to eliminate inequities in the health care delivery system.

Dr. Lisa VanHoose is an Associate Professor and Program Director in the Physical Therapy Department at the University of Louisiana Monroe. Dr. VanHoose received her PhD in Rehabilitation Science and MPH from the University of Kansas Medical Center. Her Bachelor of Science in Health Science and Master of Science in Physical Therapy were completed at the University of Central Arkansas. She is a Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Oncologic Physical Therapy. As a NIH, PCORI, and industry funded researcher, Dr. VanHoose investigates socio-ecological models of cancer related side effects with an emphasis on minority and rural cancer survivorship. She has been an advocate for movement of all persons, including the elimination of social policies and practices that are barriers to movement friendly environments. Dr. VanHoose served as the 2012-2016 President of the Academy of Oncologic Physical Therapy of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Dr. Sheryl Gabram is Professor of Surgery for Emory University School of Medicine. From a research perspective, she is the Co-Principal Investigator on the MERCK Foundation Award entitled the: “Alliance to Advance Patient-Centered Cancer Care”. She completed medical school at Georgetown University, surgical residency at the Washington Hospital Center, and a fellowship at the University of Connecticut, Hartford Hospital. In 1996, she received her M.B.A. from the University of Connecticut School of Business. Her current research focuses on decreasing disparities of breast cancer care through a community education outreach program and providing access to high quality care for breast cancer patients in the Grady Health System, an inner-city public hospital in Atlanta. She has over 100 peer reviewed journal publications. Dr. Gabram is a breast cancer survivor, TurningPoint board member and is passionate about breast cancer survivorship and improving health equity.

Dr. Janae Finley received a degree in Exercise Science in 2008 from Georgia State University. She graduated with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Emory University in 2012. She has volunteered in a number of settings, including as a volunteer in the Grady Hospital System and in other wellness and rehabilitation settings in the Atlanta area. She worked as an orthopaedic physical therapist for 6 years and has advanced training in kinesiotaping as well as certification in Instrument Assisted Soft Tissue Mobilization and in the management of Parkinson’s disease. Dr. Finley has specialized in breast cancer rehabilitation at TurningPoint Breast Cancer Rehabilitation in Atlanta since 2019 and applies her broad experience in the orthopaedic field to patient care at TurningPoint. She is a breast cancer survivor and brings a patient perspective into caring for and connecting with patients.