



## PARTNERSHIP for the ACCURATE TESTING of HORMONES

**STEERING COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER February 10, 2023**



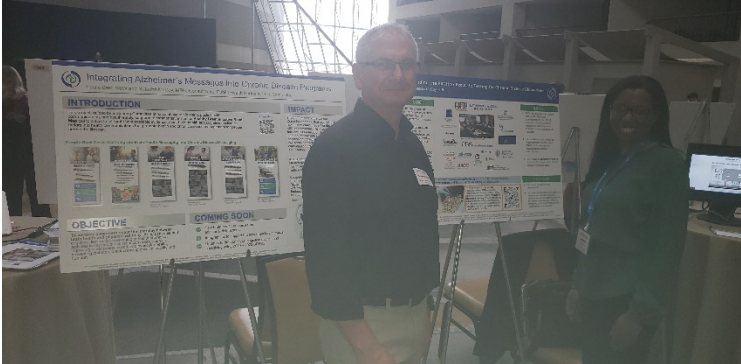
- **PATH Annual Steering Committee Meeting** – Please help us select an appropriate time for the PATH Steering Committee Meeting on Monday, April 24, 2023. **Please respond by February 17** and use the following link to share your preferred time: Scheduling link: <https://forms.gle/7pSkdbtmTmP7tFZq5>

### NEWS FROM STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- **AACC** – The AACC is looking for organizations to sign on to its attached letter urging Congress to provide the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention with the funding needed to improve pediatric reference intervals. The letter is the same as a letter sent last year, which many of you supported. **Action Requested by February 17th**: Please let Vince Stine (VStine@aacc.org) if your organization would like to be listed.
- **NACDD** – The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors completed the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual NACDD Program Success Showcase on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at the Omni Atlanta CNN Center in Atlanta, GA. Special guests included Ambassador Andrew Jackson

Young, Jr. and Dr. Karen Hacker, MD, MPH, Director of CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. NACDD received video statements from Senator Raphael Warnock and Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens.

Information on the Partnership for the Accurate Testing of Hormones coalition was presented by NACDD Senior Consultant and Project Lead, Natasha McCoy, MPH using a poster entitled "Finding the PATH to Accurate Testing for Chronic Disease Biomarkers." Poster featured logos for all PATH members; brief descriptions of the CSTLTS Partnership to Improve Laboratory Measurements of Chronic Disease Biomarkers project's goals, objectives, and outlook.



Caption: Dr. Hupert Vesper, CDC Division of Laboratory Sciences, and Natasha McCoy, National Association of Chronic Disease Directors, pose in front of the "Partnership to Improve Laboratory Measurements of Chronic Disease Biomarkers" project poster.

## PATH UPDATES

- **Biomarkers Virtual Roundtable** -To help advance PATH's agenda, the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) is partnering with the CDC's Division of Laboratory Sciences to host a virtual roundtable with public and private payers to explore opportunities to enhance patient care and efficiency through improved laboratory test quality and laboratory data application. Participants will receive information on the CDC Division of Laboratory Sciences' programs and services (i.e., Hormone Standardization Program), gather information on processes used for reviewing laboratory tests and testing quality, and better understand decision-making processes related to testing standardization. Please contact Natasha McCoy, MPH, NACDD, at [nmccoy\\_ic@chronicdisease.org](mailto:nmccoy_ic@chronicdisease.org) if you are interested in participating in the roundtable or know a representative or agency able to contribute to this discussion.

**If your organization has news to share about what it is doing related to hormone testing, please send to [mbecker@endocrine.org](mailto:mbecker@endocrine.org) so we can forward to the PATH Steering Committee and/or include in our next newsletter.**

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