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AUPHA RECEIVES ACADEMYHEALTH’S INAUGURAL EXCELLENCE IN DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AWARD

WASHINGTON, DC, June 3, 2024 – The Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) is pleased to announce they have been named the recipient of AcademyHealth’s Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion Award. This award, AcademyHealth’s newest award, recognizes organized groups within health services and policy research (HSR) that have created a more diverse, inclusive, just, and welcoming experience and sense of community for their employees and/or members.

“I know I speak for the AUPHA Board and staff when I say how honored and humbled we are to be recognized by AcademyHealth for our efforts to embrace diversity and create an academic community where everyone feels included and valued,” said Dan Gentry, PhD, MHA, President and CEO of AUPHA. “But there is still much more work to do. Which is why DEIB will continue to be one of three top priorities for AUPHA, and we will continue our “yes and ....” strategy of having specific DEIB initiatives while integrating DEIB into everything else we do.”
The award will be presented to Dr. Gentry and other AUPHA members on behalf of AUPHA’s Board Committee on Diversity with Inclusion and AUPHA’s Cultural Perspectives and Inclusive Excellence Faculty Forum, at AcademyHealth’s Annual Research Meeting (ARM) on Sunday, June 30, 2024, at the Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, Maryland.

AUPHA is a global network of colleges, universities, faculty, individuals, and organizations dedicated to the improvement of healthcare delivery through excellence in healthcare management and policy education. Its mission is to foster excellence and innovation in health management and policy education, and scholarship. It is the only non-profit entity of its kind that works to improve the delivery of health services – and thus the health of citizens – throughout the world by educating professional managers at the entry level. AUPHA’s membership includes the premier baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral programs in health administration education in the United States, Canada, and around the world. For more information, please visit www.aupha.org.

Since its inception, AcademyHealth has been advancing this field by acting as an objective broker of information, bringing together stakeholders to address the current and future needs of an evolving health system, inform health policy and practice, and translate evidence into action. As the professional home and leading national organization for health services researchers, policymakers, and healthcare practitioners and stakeholders, AcademyHealth – together with its members – increases the understanding of methods and data used in the field, enhances the professional skills of researchers and research users, and expands awareness.