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NICU Parent Appointed New Chair of CPQCC Health Equity Taskforce "Within the NICU" Subcommittee

CPQCC is thrilled to announce that as of January 2022, Ashley Randolph will assume the role of Chair of the CPQCC <u>Health Equity Taskforce</u> "Within the NICU" Subcommittee for a two year term.

Mrs. Randolph is the Founder of <u>Glo Preemies</u> and Co-Founder of the <u>Alliance for Black NICU Families</u>. She is also an accomplished author and speaker and was named Mrs. America Virtuous Woman of 2021. Mrs. Randolph, a NICU parent, is passionate about advancing equity for NICU families of color. Mrs. Randolph's appointment marks the first time that CPQCC has appointed a NICU parent to head one its committees and represents our firm commitment to promoting <u>families as the foundation of high quality, inclusive NICU care</u>.

Mrs. Randolph has had a long-standing relationship with CPQCC, providing her critical insight to a wide range of projects. In 2018, she co-authored CPQCC's <u>Health Equity Tip Sheet</u>, which outlines ten strategies for promoting a more equitable and inclusive NICU environment. Mrs. Randolph also played a critical role in planning a family-centered panel for CPQCC's <u>Improvement Palooza 2021</u>, which focused on advancing anti-racism in the NICU through teamwork and family-centeredness.

The CPQCC Health Equity Taskforce is a multidisciplinary, multi-stakeholder effort that engages providers and family representatives from across the state and includes leadership from both CPQCC and CMQCC. Members convene once a month to identify and define taskforce priorities. Three subcommittees have been formed to tackle issues of equity within a specific area of focus: disparities in care delivery between NICUs; disparities in care delivery within NICUs; and disparities during the transition to home.

CPQCC is excited about the opportunity to partner with Mrs. Randolph again as she chairs the "Within the NICU" health equity subcommittee and looks forward to the thoughtful and innovative ideas she will bring to this work.