

HealthCare Institute of New Jersey and Organon Held “Advancing Women’s Health” Forum, Featuring First Lady Tammy Murphy, Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman and Department of Human Services Commissioner Sarah Adelman

Trenton, December 17, 2024 — The HealthCare Institute of New Jersey (HINJ – www.hinj.org) and Organon (www.organon.com), with premier sponsor Novartis and supporting sponsor Ferring, hosted a forum on December 16 titled “Advancing Women’s Health” – a half-day seminar highlighting New Jersey’s life sciences’ commitment to women’s health and innovating new medical advances and treatments for women. HINJ, the leading voice of our state’s vibrant life sciences community, and Organon, an innovative New Jersey-based health care company focused on women’s health, held the event to identify ways in which the life sciences and other stakeholders can continue to remove barriers to care and address as-yet unmet health and medical needs related to women’s health.

Featured speakers included **First Lady Tammy Murphy, Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman,** and **Department of Human Services Commissioner Sarah Adelman.** Two panel discussions featuring patient advocates and life sciences representatives were also held.

First Lady Tammy Murphy stated, “Over the past seven years, it has been incredibly inspiring to watch Nurture NJ grow and to see the overwhelming support for New Jersey’s moms and babies from our community partners. We know that if we are truly going to solve New Jersey’s maternal health crisis, we must collaborate. Therefore, I am grateful to all the participants of today’s seminar, whose dedication to critical innovation is central to our work. And I am proud that these partnerships will be sustained after the Murphy Administration by our Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Authority, which will oversee a state-of-the-art Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Center located in the heart of Trenton. Together, we will make New Jersey the safest and most equitable state in the nation to deliver and raise a baby.”

“In one of the richest states in the richest country in the world, one with almost unlimited resources, many of our health crises are a policy choice and a policy failure,” said Rep. Watson Coleman. “But it’s a choice we no longer have to make and a failure we no longer accept. This year, 50 million Americans got access to health insurance through the Affordable Care Act - the most ever. This should rightly be celebrated. The percentage of Americans without insurance is at an all-time low. But that still leaves 25 million of our fellow Americans uninsured; about 1 in 13. Many more are underinsured. There is still much more work to be done in ensuring everyone has access to high quality, affordable medical care. And it will take all of us working together to protect the progress we’ve already made, especially when it comes to women’s health. I’m grateful to have such stalwart allies in this work. I know that together we can make a society without health disparities a reality.”

“Today’s discussions highlight New Jersey’s strong commitment to women’s health and simultaneously shows more still needs to be done to improve access, quality, and equity,” said New Jersey Department of Human Services Commissioner Sarah Adelman. “Fostering partnerships between community leaders, policymakers, patient advocates, and industry enhances New Jersey’s leadership in addressing women’s health challenges with respect and innovation.”

Loredana Cromarty, Head of U.S. State Policy and Government Affairs at Organon said, *“For far too long, the study of women’s health issues has been underfunded. Just 4% of all healthcare research and development is focused on women’s health, and women are still underrepresented in nearly all clinical trials. Organon’s mission is to create what has been missing in women’s healthcare, to improve everyday health for women around the world and we are proud to cohost today’s important discussion.”*

HINJ President and Chief Executive Officer Chrissy Buteas said, *“New Jersey’s life sciences are transforming lives globally by developing groundbreaking treatments and cures, all starting right here in our state,”* said HINJ President and CEO Chrissy Buteas. *“As a historic leader in advancing women’s health, this sector continues to innovate with therapies that raise awareness and deliver hope within the medical community. Today’s program participants embody that commitment, driving progress and shaping the future of medical care for women worldwide. We are deeply grateful for their contributions and unwavering dedication to improving lives.”*

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HINJ Advancing Women's Health 1.jpg – Chrissy Buteas Healthcare Institute of New Jersey President and Chief Executive Officer and First Lady Tammy Murphy who delivered the keynote speech.



HINJ Advancing Women's Health 2.jpg – Chrissy Buteas Healthcare Institute of New Jersey President and Chief Executive Officer; Angie Lee, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., Executive Medical Director Women's Healthcare, US Medical Affairs, Bayer U.S.; Bonnie Watson Coleman, U.S. House of Representatives; Allison Kovacs, MSc, Associate Director, Ferring Fertility Strategy – Reproductive Medicine & Maternal Health, Ferring Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Charlotte Owens, M.D., F.A.C.O.G, Senior Vice President and Head of Global Medical Affairs & Outcomes Research, Organon; and Loredana Cromarty, (moderator) Head of US State Government and Affairs and Policy, Organon.



HINJ Advancing Women's Health 3.jpg – Sarah Adelman, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Human Services (moderator); Beth Battaglini, RN-C, Chief Executive Officer, Healthy Woman; Barbara Collura, President and Chief Executive Officer, RESOLVE-The National Infertility Association; and Claire Gill, Chief Executive Officer, Bone Health and Osteoporosis Foundation and Founder of the National Menopause Foundation.