

By: Senator L. Chesterfield

SENATE RESOLUTION

TO COMMEND THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES' CONFERENCE PRESENTATION OF A RESEARCH STUDY ENTITLED "AN EXTENDED FAMILY MODEL OF DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION TO REDUCE DISPARITIES IN A UNITED STATES PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY".

Subtitle

TO COMMEND THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES' RESEARCH STUDY ENTITLED "AN EXTENDED FAMILY MODEL OF DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION TO REDUCE DISPARITIES IN A UNITED STATES PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY".

WHEREAS, Peter O. Kohler, M.D., *Pearl McElfish, Ph.D.*, and Mandy Ritok of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences were invited to participate in the Engagement in Research Learning Lab featuring Project Engagement Structures at the annual meeting of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute on November 17-19, 2016, at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Extended Family Model of Diabetes Self-Management Education to Reduce Disparities in a United States Pacific Islander Community project, a research project led by Dr. Kohler, Dr. McElfish, and Ms. Ritok, was specifically selected to be highlighted at the annual meeting, featuring Project Engagement Structures as a project in which Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute has invested;



and

WHEREAS, the Marshallese population suffers from a significant and disproportionate burden of type 2 diabetes, and the rate of type 2 diabetes among the Marshallese is among the highest of any population groups in the world, at least four hundred percent (400%) higher than the general United States population; and

WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences team uses a Community-Based Participatory Research method to engage patients and stakeholders in the study and hypothesizes that an adapted Extended Family Model of Diabetes Self-Management Education based on the collectivist, family-centered values of the Marshallese community will result in better diabetes management outcomes compared with traditional Diabetes Self-Management Education; and

WHEREAS, this study by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is a major research project to be funded in Arkansas by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute since it was established by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 and parallels the belief of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute that combining patients and other stakeholders' experiences and passion for improving healthcare quality with the expertise of researchers will result in research that better meets the needs of the healthcare community,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate of the State of Arkansas congratulate and commend Dr. Peter O. Kohler, Dr. Pearl McElfish, Ms. Mandy Ritok, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute for outstanding partnerships to help change the culture of research itself by bringing together patients and other stakeholders from across the healthcare community to help drive more useful and relevant research about what works best, and for whom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy to Dr. *Kohler*, Dr. *McElfish*, Ms. Ritok, and Joe V. Selby, M.D., MPH, Executive Director of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute.

/s/L. Chesterfield