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Food is Medicine: Harvard Law School's Center for Health Law & Policy Innovation Presents Policy Roundtable on Integrating Food Interventions into Healthcare

WASHINGTON, DC (December 2, 2015) – The Center for Health Law & Policy Innovation (CHLPI) of Harvard Law School will host *Beating Type 2 Diabetes: Integrating Food Interventions into Healthcare*, the final event of a 3-part series aimed at improving the federal response to diabetes.

The event will bring together a wide range of diabetes stakeholders, ranging from government agencies to advocacy leaders, to discuss how federal food and health policy can improve nationwide health outcomes for people at risk for or living with type 2 diabetes.

“There is increasing awareness among healthcare providers and advocates that food can play a crucial role in helping people with diabetes and prediabetes stay healthy and avoid hospitalizations and emergency room visits,” said Robert Greenwald, JD, Director of CHLPI and Clinical Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. “With this roundtable, our hope is to engage decision-makers and ignite a federal response that could reduce healthcare costs and—more importantly—significantly improve the lives of many diabetes and prediabetes patients. For people with diet-related chronic illness, food is medicine.”

The roundtable will feature presentations from the following experts on their innovative food-based interventions for the prevention and management of type 2 diabetes:

- **Seth Berkowitz, MD, MPH**
Instructor in Medicine for Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School
- **Kim Prendergast, RD, MPP**
Executive Director for MetroWest Free Medical Program and Consultant for the National Diabetes Initiative at Feeding America

- **Simon Pitchford, PhD**
Chief Executive Officer for Project Open Hand
- **Gus Schumacher**
Vice President of Policy and Founding Board Chair for Wholesome Wave

Additionally, the event will feature a presentation on findings from the Providing Access to Healthy Solutions (PATHS) Report, *Beating Type 2 Diabetes: Recommendations for Federal Policy Reform*. The report was developed by CHLPI with the support and guidance of people living with and at risk for diabetes; health and social service professionals; food providers and producers; government officials; and other stakeholders. The report was released on May 20 of this year. To access the report, click [here](#).

PATHS is part of the Together on Diabetes™ Initiative, a major endeavor launched by the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation (BMSF) in 2010. In this initiative, BMSF supports community-based organizations across the United States that are working to improve the health outcomes of people living with type 2 diabetes by strengthening patient self-management education, community-based supportive services, and broad-based community mobilization.

About PATHS: The PATHS initiative is led by the Center for Health Law & Policy Innovation of Harvard Law School. PATHS works to strengthen federal, state, and local efforts to improve type 2 diabetes treatment and prevention through the development and implementation of strategic law and policy reform initiatives that can bolster these efforts, including federal and state-level research reports. Visit www.diabetespolicy.org for more information.

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