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FCC TO HOLD BROADBAND HEALTH CONFERENCE IN TEXAS

Connect2HealthFCC Task Force Partnering with University of Houston Law Center to Host Policy Conference Focused on Broadband and Mental Health

Washington, D.C. – On May 18, 2016, the Federal Communications Commission’s Connect2Health Task Force will travel to Houston, Texas to highlight how broadband-enabled health technologies can improve access to mental health care and to discuss associated policy issues. Hosted by the University of Houston Law Center’s Health Law & Policy Institute, *Broadband Prescriptions for Mental Health*, will explore how connected environments can be used to improve mental health and will spotlight the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine’s efforts in this area.

The event is part of the Connect2Health^{FCC} Task Force’s “Beyond the Beltway Series” to reach out broadly about the transformative power of broadband technologies and next-generation communications services to improve access to health and care services throughout the country, especially in rural and underserved areas. The Task Force has held previous Beyond the Beltway events in Charlottesville, Virginia; Jackson and Ruleville, Mississippi; Miami and Jacksonville, Florida; Cleveland, Ohio; and Detroit, Michigan.

WHAT: *Broadband Prescriptions for Mental Health:*
A Policy Conference hosted by the University of Houston Law Center and the Connect2Health^{FCC} Task Force

The conference will feature FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn; University of Houston Law Center Dean Leonard M. Baynes; Former Astronaut and CEO of Vesalius Ventures Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr.; University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine Dean Francisco Fernandez; and the Connect2Health^{FCC} Task Force, among others. Topics and demonstrations will include the role of broadband-enabled mental health solutions in providing greater access for underserved communities, the impact of connected environments on behavioral health and social isolation, other cutting-edge applications in telepsychiatry, and more.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 18, 2016

WHERE: Bates Law Building, University of Houston Law Center, 4604 Calhoun Road, Houston, TX 77204-6060

WHO: Policymakers, industry leaders, health technology innovators, consumer advocates, clinicians, rural health organizations, and others interested in leveraging technology to

help address and improve mental health. Please register online at <http://www.law.uh.edu/fcchealth>.

QUESTIONS: For program and logistics questions, please contact Roger Goldblatt at Roger.Goldblatt@fcc.gov or Allison Winnike at anwinnik@central.uh.edu. For media inquiries, contact Katie Gorscak at Katie.Gorscak@fcc.gov or Carrie Criado at cacriado@uh.edu.

Exhibit space is also available at no cost for entities who offer broadband-enabled digital health technology solutions, especially as they relate to mental and behavioral health. To request participation, contact Kate Gigliotti at kgigliotti@central.uh.edu or Roger Goldblatt at Roger.Goldblatt@fcc.gov or 202-418-1035, by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2016.

An event agenda, providing additional details, will be released at a later date. Details also will be posted on the Connect2Health^{FCC} Task Force website: <http://www.fcc.gov/health> and <http://www.law.uh.edu/fcchealth>.

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