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Focus Group #2

Collaboration for Systemic Change

Philanthropic and health system agencies, corporations, city, county and state stakeholders

September 25, 2020

Guest Speaker

Somava (Soma) Stout, MD, MS

Vice President

Institute for Healthcare Improvement

Executive Leader of 100 Million Healthier Lives



Somava (Soma) Stout, MD, MS, Vice President, Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), is deeply committed to improving health, wellbeing, and equity globally. A global public health practitioner for more than 20 years, she has also worked as a safety net primary care internist and pediatrician.

She serves as Executive Lead of 100 Million Healthier Lives, convened by IHI, which brings together hundreds of partners across sectors and communities to support 100 million people globally to live healthier lives by 2020.

Dr. Stout has consulted with health system leaders from across the world in Guyana, Sweden, the UK, Singapore, Australia, Tunisia, and Brazil. Previously, she served as Vice President for Patient Centered Medical Home Development at Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), where she led a whole system transformation that garnered numerous national awards for achieving breakthrough results in health outcomes and cost. She also served as Co-Director of Leadership Development at the Harvard Medical School (HMS) Center for Primary Care, where she helped develop a cadre of change leaders across the system.

She continues as faculty at both CHA and HMS. In 2012, Dr. Stout was recognized as one of ten inaugural Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Young Leaders for her contributions to improving the health of the nation.

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