

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Retired Rear Admiral Deborah Parham Hopson Joins The MayaTech Corporation**

*Silver Spring, Maryland* (December 1, 2018) - The MayaTech Corporation, a leading national applied social science research, technical assistance, and communications company, has engaged Dr. Deborah Parham Hopson as Senior Vice President for Public Health Systems Innovation. Dr. Hopson will also serve as Senior Public Health Scientist, providing guidance to MayaTech's portfolio of health-related projects on infectious and chronic disease prevention and treatment, family planning, health workforce development, and public health legislation and policy.

Prior to joining The MayaTech Corporation, Dr. Hopson served as a Rear Admiral in the US Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and senior health advisor to the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in the US Department of Health and Human Services. She provided expert guidance on national and global public health issues, programs, policies, and initiatives with a particular emphasis on HIV/AIDS in the U.S., Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean. She also led the HIV/AIDS Bureau at HRSA where she managed the multi-billion dollar Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program's funds for medical care, treatment and support services for over 500,000 uninsured and underinsured people living with HIV in the United States and U.S. Territories.

Dr. Hopson is an accomplished author and has served on several national advisory panels, including the Board of Directors of the National Quality Forum, the Federal Coordinating Council for Comparative Effectiveness Research, and the Advisory Committee of the Uniformed Services University Graduate School of Nursing. Dr. Hopson's academic background includes a B.S. in nursing and health from the University of Cincinnati, and both a MSPH in health policy & administration and Ph.D. in health policy & management from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is the current board chair of the Patient Advocate Foundation, a member of the Montgomery County Hospice Board of Directors, and a former vice chair of the Montgomery CARES Advisory Board. Dr. Hopson is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and member of Sigma Theta Tau, the international nursing honor society.

"We are excited to have Dr. Hopson join our team at a time when systemic public health challenges increasingly require strategic solutions that integrate knowledge assets from past initiatives with emerging systems-level models and tools," said Dr. Jean-Marie Mayas, MayaTech CEO. "Deborah couples her rich career experiences in health program leadership and management, public and community health, nursing, clinical quality improvement, and strategic planning with MayaTech's more than three-decade history of helping design, manage, and evaluate federal public health policies and programs."

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