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## National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalitions Hold 13th Annual Meeting

**WASHINGTON, D.C., October 16, 2017** - On October 13-15, 2017 at The Liaison Capitol Hill, in Washington, D.C., the state representatives of the National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalitions (NASPCC) came together from all over the country for NASPCC's 13th Annual Meeting.

The gathering enjoyed a large turnout and involved a stellar group of sponsors, speakers and panelists bringing attention and focus to Prostate Cancer. The theme for this year's Annual Meeting was "Share, Learn and Lead".

Attendees who had recently watched Discovery Channel's "First in Human" about Phase 1 Clinical Trials taking place in Building 1 at NIH heard from Dr. James Gulley on Immunotherapy and Prostate Cancer, a subject of his work in Building 10. Dr. Ashley Ross from Dallas spoke on "Advances in Prostate Cancer"; Mark Vieth spoke about the CDMRP, an important medical research program of the Dept. of Defense; another topic was the USPSTF's Guidelines on Prostate Cancer Screening presented by Dr. Michael Zaragoza. Panel topics ranged from "Advanced Prostate Cancer" to "Genomic Testing" to "Meet the States" to "New Products and Advances Benefiting Prostate Cancer Patients".

Andrew Chesler of CancerCare spoke on "Emotional Issues in Prostate Cancer" and Thomas Kirk covered NASPCC's exciting new Workplan resulting from two Strategic Planning Workshops held in April and May of this year in Los Angeles. Two awards were presented, one for "Service to NASPCC", and one for "Outstanding Prostate Cancer Coalition of 2017". NASPCC President Merel Nissenberg of Los Angeles also received a Leadership Award from the organization.

NASPCC is a nation-wide not-for-profit organization comprised of state prostate cancer coalitions dedicated to saving men's lives and enhancing the quality of life of prostate cancer patients and their families, through awareness and education and the development of a public policy network.

Next year's 14th Annual Meeting of NASPCC is already being planned for October 12-14, 2018.

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