

Opening General Session Thursday, July 21, 2011



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Todd Park has served as HHS's Chief Technology Officer since August 2009. In this role, his mission is to be a change agent and "entrepreneur-in-residence," helping HHS harness the power of data, technology, and innovation to improve the health of the nation. Prior to joining HHS, Mr. Park cofounded Athenahealth and co-led its development into one of the most innovative health IT companies in the industry. He also cofounded Castlight, a web-based health care shopping service for consumers.

Mr. Park has also served in a volunteer capacity as a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, where he focused on health IT and health reform policy, and as senior health care advisor to Ashoka, a leading global incubator of social entrepreneurs, where he helped start Healthpoint Services, a venture to bring affordable telehealth, drugs, diagnostics, and clean water to rural India. Mr. Park graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Harvard College with an A.B. in economics.

The opening general session will close with the presentation of two NACCHO professional awards: The Maurice "Mo" Mullet Lifetime of Service Award was established to honor current or former local health officials for noteworthy service to the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) that reflects the commitment, vigor, and leadership exemplified by Mo's distinguished career. Please join us in congratulating this year's inaugural honoree, Dr. Maurice Mullet.

The Samuel J. Crumbine Consumer Protection Award was established in order to provide recognition of excellence and continual improvement in a comprehensive program of food protection at the local level. The award was named in honor of Samuel J. Crumbine, a pioneer public health officer who helped invent the fly swatter and pushed through laws banning public spitting and the common drinking cup in the state of Kansas, all of which helped control the spread of communicable diseases. Please join us in congratulating this year's honoree, Toronto Public Health, Ontario, Canada.