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## Hsu Assumes AFDO/RAPS Healthcare Products Collaborative Expanded Leadership

(March 6, 2023) — In the newly announced role of Chief Collaboration Officer, Timothy Hsu will take an expanded leadership role in continuing the work of the AFDO/RAPS Healthcare Products Collaborative, effective immediately. Hsu has served as the Collaborative's Healthcare Technology Innovation Director since joining the organization in March 2022, and he leads the Artificial Intelligence workgroups and teams that comprise the AI Global Initiative.

The AFDO/RAPS Healthcare Products Collaborative is a joint venture established in 2022 between the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) and the Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society (RAPS). Continuing and expanding upon Xavier Health's legacy, the Collaborative supports idea sharing, innovation, and action across the global healthcare products community by fostering purpose-driven discussions between regulators, industry, academia, and thought leaders about the most pressing issues facing the industry.

Hsu will oversee the execution of the Collaborative's events portfolio, which includes the [MedCon Conference](#), [AI Summit](#), [Combination Products Summit](#), and [PharmaLink Conference](#). The events are known for their unique blend of mission and values that guide purpose-driven community building and innovative solutions to make a difference in patients' lives.

"We are excited to centralize the leadership of the Collaborative's efforts with Timothy's experience over the last year. He will continue to utilize his clinical, administrative and operational, and health technology experiences to connect teams and individuals," says Steven Mandernach, AFDO Executive Director. "AFDO and RAPS see his ability to translate across all of the Collaborative's events and the strategic committees that support them as invaluable in leveraging the natural synergy that occurs in every part of

what we do. His diversity of experience in the healthcare field provides Tim with the ability to strategically navigate the future of all our efforts.

“We have been fortunate to have the expertise of Program Lead Cynthia Culmo as we executed Combination Products Summit and PharmaLink in 2022,” continues Mandernach. “We are thankful for her work on the Collaborative’s behalf while we found a long-term structure for the Collaborative and its events.”

“Timothy’s past involvement with the AI working groups, the AI Summit, and now MedCon, makes him a natural choice to guide the collection of AFDO/RAPS initiatives into the future,” says Brian Savoie, RAPS Sr. Vice President, Education & International Programs. “We look forward to continuing to create, cultivate, and inspire new scholarship in the AI and medical products arena. We are fortunate that Timothy will be a key partner in advancing these initiatives.”

Hsu has served across the clinical, operational, and administrative spectrums in healthcare systems ranging from pediatric, academic, research, and community hospitals. His roles in healthcare systems have included work in strategy, planning, perioperative, service line, and population health divisions. Before joining the AFDO/RAPS Healthcare Products Collaborative, Hsu was Product Manager in Clinical Intelligence at Premier Inc., where he was the product owner of Service Line Analytics, Cost Accounting, Patient Analytics, and Clinical Professional Partnerships. He was the market research strategist for healthcare market futures at GBBN Architects.

#### **About the AFDO/RAPS Healthcare Products Collaborative**

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