



## North Carolina Diabetes Advisory Council

### EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

#### **David “Skywalker” Thompson, 1972-75 Wolfpack Basketball Legend, Rallies for Wife’s Successful Diabetes Management during Launch of State Diabetes Guide**

*Dec. 4 Press Conference to Feature Thompson, Chair of NC Diabetes Advisory Council, Duke University Medical Center Endocrinologist, DHHS Deputy Secretary & More.*

Raleigh (Dec. 4, 2015) – On Friday, the North Carolina Diabetes Advisory Council (DAC), a collection of statewide patient and physician groups, health care providers, health systems and local leaders that promotes diabetes prevention and management as a health priority in the state, welcomes basketball icon David Thompson as its keynote speaker as it celebrates the launch of *North Carolina’s Guide to Diabetes Prevention and Management 2015-2020*.

Thompson, whose wife has diabetes, will not only emphasize the connection between physical activity and diabetes prevention and management but will also urge widespread adoption and use of the *State Diabetes Guide* as an effective tool to focus individual, clinical, community and societal efforts to prevent and manage diabetes.

The group will hold a press conference on Friday, Dec. 4, at noon, at the North Carolina Diabetes Advisory Council (DAC) December Meeting, (Cardinal Room, 5506 Six Forks Rd. in Raleigh) to officially launch the publication. The Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> press event will feature remarks from the following health care leaders and special guest:

- Dr. Ronny Bell – Chair, NC Diabetes Advisory Council; Director, Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center
- Dr. Susan Spratt – Assistant Professor of Medicine and Assistant Professor of Community and Family Medicine, Duke University School of Medicine
- David Thompson – Basketball Player, 1972-75 NC State University Wolfpack; Player, 1975-84 Denver Nuggets and Seattle Supersonics
- Dr. Randall Williams – Deputy Secretary of Health Services, NC Department of Health & Human Services

“I strive to make good choices and encourage others when I can,” said Thompson. “I fully support my wife in managing her diabetes, and I’m happy to demonstrate that commitment to the citizens of my home state by rallying for diabetes prevention and management as a health priority.”

WHO: David Thompson, NC Diabetes Advisory Council, NC Department of Health & Human Services

WHAT: Press conference to release *North Carolina’s Guide to Diabetes Prevention and Management 2015-2020*, guest address by Thompson

WHEN: Friday, Dec. 4, 2015 at noon

WHERE: NC DAC Meeting (5506 Six Forks Rd., Raleigh – Cardinal Room)

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To learn more about *North Carolina's Guide to Diabetes Prevention and Management 2015-2020*, visit: [www.diabetesnc.com](http://www.diabetesnc.com). For a list of NC DAC partners to access their diabetes prevention and management resources, visit: [http://www.diabetesnc.com/downloads/0615/DACmemberlist\\_6-15.pdf](http://www.diabetesnc.com/downloads/0615/DACmemberlist_6-15.pdf) .

### **About the North Carolina Diabetes Advisory Council**

The Diabetes Advisory Council (DAC) was created in 1988 as an advisory group to the Diabetes Prevention and Control program. The council works to reduce the burden of diabetes through coordination among the many stakeholders in diabetes control in North Carolina. For more information, visit:

<http://www.diabetesnc.com/> .

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