

Futuro Health CEO to Contribute Workforce Development Expertise at United Nations General Assembly Better Gambling Forum

Mental and behavioral health challenges a growing concern for global leaders

[SACRAMENTO, Calif.] – Futuro Health is proud to announce that CEO Van Ton-Quinlivan is invited to participate in the 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA80) <u>Better Gambling Forum</u> being held today in New York City. The forum convenes global leaders to address brain health topics including the rising public health and workforce challenges posed by gambling addiction. The Better Gambling Forum is hosted in partnership with the Brain Capital Alliance and the UN Brain Economy Summit.



Ton-Quinlivan will join international experts and policymakers to spotlight the urgent need for responsible gambling and a mental and behavioral health workforce equipped to respond to gambling-related harm. The invitation for UNGA arose from Ton-Quinlivan's speaking engagement at the G7 Canada Brain Summit back in June at which gambling addiction was a featured topic. Her panel remarks drew upon Futuro Health's expertise and recent partnership with the National Governors Association to strengthen state workforce pipelines for mental and behavioral health roles associated with prevention, treatment and recovery.

"I am honored to join this convening of global leaders," states Futuro Health CEO Van Ton-Quinlivan. "The UNGA80 invitation reflects Futuro Health's on-going commitment to anticipate and address critical healthcare workforce shortages in the United States."

The Better Gambling Forum is part of the UNGA80 agenda and aims to foster cross-sector collaboration to mitigate gambling harm through policy, education, and workforce development.

"Today, gambling is more embedded in our digital environments than ever before - blurring lines with gaming, social media, and entertainment. These shifts bring new opportunities, but also new risks," explains Harris Eyre, Physician-Scientist, Executive Director of the Brain Capital Alliance, and Lead and Senior Fellow at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy. "By bridging innovation with responsibility, and growth with safeguards, we can position gambling as a healthy form of entertainment - while ensuring we mitigate its risks and protect the most vulnerable."

To learn more about this event #UNGA80, visit here.

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