Moving Beyond Health Disparity and Achieving Health Equity

African American Symposium
Graduate Center, The City University of New York,
365 Fifth Avenue at East 34th Street, New York, New York
February 9, 2012

Check-in & Networking Breakfast
7:45 am – 8:30 am

Symposium
8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Cooperation and Interdependence
New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute
African American Symposium

Moving Beyond Health Disparity & Achieving Health Equity: From Strategy to Action
Thursday, February 9th, 2012 - The Graduate Center, The City University of New York

Health disparities are deep and pervasive in New York State, as they are in almost every state in the nation. African Americans, as a racial and ethnic minority group, are disproportionately more likely to experience lower incomes, live in underserved communities, and have poorer health outcomes from birth to death. Across the lifespan, they suffer higher rates of disease and disability.

As is the case in other states, health disparities in New York State often occur along the lines of race, ethnicity, nativity, language ability, socioeconomic status, and geography, among other factors. Some racial and ethnic minority groups consistently experience poor health relative to majority-group New Yorkers:

• African American and Hispanic New Yorkers die prematurely at rates nearly twice that of white New Yorkers\(^1\).
• African American New York State residents experienced rates of infant mortality that were nearly 2.5 times higher than those of whites and Hispanics, and over three times higher than those of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.\(^2\)
• Statewide, African Americans experience HIV/AIDS mortality rates that are 13 times higher than those of whites, and Hispanics face HIV/AIDS mortality rates that are seven times higher than those of whites.\(^3\)
• Between 1995 and 2004, African Americans experienced asthma mortality rates that were over 3.5 and 4 times higher than those of whites.\(^4\)
• Cardiovascular disease, the leading cause of death in New York State, disproportionately claimed lives among African Americans (289 deaths per 100,000).\(^5\)

The NYSDOH AIDS Institute believes that the wide gaps in minority health can be reduced through collaboration with the medical and public health communities, corporate entities, academia, elected officials, consumers, advocacy organizations and others through cooperative planning, networking and action. The Symposium will convene and engage over 200 individuals from New York State who are actively involved in health equity initiatives and/or committed to addressing health disparities in their communities.

Purpose and Goals

The purpose of the symposium is to address racial and ethnic health disparities within African American communities in New York State. The goals of the symposium are to:

• Learn about health inequities, their root causes, and effective service models to address them;
• Obtain input from participants to formulate specific program and policy recommendations that will address racial and ethnic health disparities;
• Understand and apply specific tools that can aid in addressing health inequities in New York State; and
• Encourage the establishment of collaborative partnerships among symposium participants for the subsequent development and implementation of Community Action Plans that will assist in the reduction of racial and ethnic health disparities.

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Welcome and Introduction

Moderator:
Darrell P. Wheeler, PhD, MSW, MPH
Dean and Professor
Graduate School of Social Work
Loyola University Chicago

Speakers:
Humberto Cruz, MS
Director, AIDS Institute
New York State Department of Health

Yvonne J. Graham, RN, MPH
Associate Commissioner
New York State Department of Health
Director, Office of Health Disparities Prevention

9:05 am – 9:10 am
Dedication in Honor of Michael A. Dunham

La Mar Hasbrouck, MD, MPH
Ulster County Commissioner of Mental Health
Ulster County Public Health Director

9:15 am – 9:45 am
Morning Plenary:
The Landscape of Health Disparities Among African Americans
Keynote Speaker:
Marilyn Aguirre-Molina, EdD, MS
Founding Executive Director
CUNY Institute on Health Equity
Lehman College

9:50 am – 10:50 am
First Panel Presentation:
Reframing Public Policy
Presenters:
Michelle S. Batchelor, MA
Senior Manager, Health Equity
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors

Michelle S. Davis, PhD
Regional Health Administrator – Region II
US Department of Health and Human Services

Jaime R. Torres, DPM, MS
Regional Director – Region II
US Department of Health and Human Services

10:50 am – 11:00 am
Break

11:05 am – 11:35 am
Second Panel Presentation:
Moving From Statistics to Solutions
Presenters:
M. Monica Sweeney, MD, MPH
Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention & Control
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Carla Boutin-Foster, MD, MS
Associate Professor of Medicine
Associate Professor of Public Health
Weill Cornell Medical College
11:40 am – 12:00 pm
Special Presentation from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Health Equity

Kevin Fenton, MD, PhD, FFPH
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Director, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention

12:05 pm – 12:45 pm
Third Panel Presentation: Best Practices

Presenters:
Neil S. Calman, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer
Institute for Family Health

Rita Hubbard-Robinson, JD
Corporate Training Director
Community Health Education and Outreach
Erie County Medical Center

12:50 pm – 1:30 pm
Lunch/Program

Viewing of select footage from Unnatural Causes...Is Inequality Making Us Sick?

1:35 pm – 1:50 pm
Special Auditorium Performance

Mr. Brien Ling and students
Let’s Move - PS/MS 161
Don Pedro Albizu Campos School

1:50 pm – 2:05 pm
Call to Action

Michelle S. Davis, PhD
Regional Health Administrator - Region II
US Department of Health and Human Services

2:10pm - 3:45pm
Concurrent Break-out Sessions – Community Action Planning (CAP)

Facilitators:

Michelle S. Batchelor, MA
Senior Manager, Health Equity
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors

Bethsabet de Leon Justiniano, MA
Director, Bureau of Community Based Services
AIDS Institute
New York State Department of Health

Michael T. Everett, MHS
Capacity Building Assistance for Community Based Organizations Team Leader
Harm Reduction Coalition

Allen Kwabena Frimpong
Capacity Building Advisor
Harm Reduction Coalition

Tara Tate, MA
Director, Bureau of Community Support Services
AIDS Institute
New York State Department of Health

Adam C. Viera, MPH
Assistant Director of Training and Quality Assurance
Harm Reduction Coalition

1. Buffalo/Western NY (includes the following counties: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming)
   Rita Hubbard-Robinson, JD
   Corporate Training Director
   Community Health Education and Outreach
   Erie County Medical Center

2. Central NY (includes the following counties: Broome, Cayuga, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Livingston, Madison, Monroe, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Oswego, Schuyler, Seneca, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne, and Yates)
   Andrea Miles Ogunwumi
   Chief Executive Officer
   Economic Opportunity Program, Inc.
3. **Capital District Region/Northeastern**
   (includes the following counties: Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, and Washington)

   **Robert L. Miller, Jr., PhD**
   Director, Research Training and Education Center for the Elimination of Minority Health Disparities
   Associate Professor, School of Social Welfare
   University of Albany, State University of New York

4. **Mid- and Lower-Hudson** (includes the following counties: Dutchess, Sullivan, Ulster, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester)

   **La Mar Hasbrouck, MD, MPH**
   Public Health Director
   Ulster County Commissioner of Mental Health
   Ulster County Public Health Director

5. **Long Island** (includes the following counties: Nassau and Suffolk)

   **Gregson Hugh Pigott, MD, MPH**
   Director, Office of Minority Health
   Suffolk County Department of Health Services

6. **New York City** (including the following boroughs: Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island)

   **Kenneth Wilson, PsyD**
   Director of Community Partnerships
   Department of Pediatrics
   Albert Einstein College of Medicine
   of Yeshiva University

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**Closing Remarks**