

NEW ORLEANS AREA HEALTH DISPARITIES INITIATIVE

CONFERENCE AGENDA

June 12, 2006

8:00am – 5:30 pm
Hilton New Orleans Riverside
2 Poydras Streets
New Orleans, Louisiana

8:00am – 8:30am

Continental Breakfast

8:30am – 9:00am

Welcome and Purpose of Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

- Deeohn Ferris, J.D., Sustainable Community Development Group, Inc.

Welcoming Remarks

- Gail Christopher, DN, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies
- Phil Tegeler, J.D., Poverty and Race Research Action Council
- Robert Zdenek, DPA, Alliance for Healthy Homes

A Review of the Day's Activities

- Deeohn Ferris, J.D.

9:00am – 10:00am

Panel: Promoting Health Justice: Opportunities in Healthy Rebuilding of the New Orleans Area

Perspectives on the History and Culture of the New Orleans Area

- Keith Weldon Medley, Author, "We as Freemen: Plessy v Ferguson"

Deadly Waiting Game: Addressing Environmental Health Disparities in Communities of Color

- Robert Bullard, PhD., Environmental Justice Resource Center

Investments in Human Capital and Healthy Rebuilding in the New Orleans Area

- Shelia Webb, PhD., Center for Empowered Decision-Making

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10:00am – 10:45am

Health Disparities In Context: What Are The Conditions That Led To The Creation Of Health Disparities In Greater New Orleans And Opportunities For Change?

Plenary Discussion Moderator: Deeohn Ferris, J.D.

10:45am – 11:00am -- Break

11:00am – 11:30am

Presentations:

Action/Strategy Agenda for Rebuilding Healthy Communities:

What Are The Immediate Priorities That Need To Be Met And Opportunities To Ensure Healthy Rebuilding For All New Orleans Communities?

Healthy Rebuilding: Strategies To Meet Community Needs

- Video: "A Tale of Two Cities" EXCELth, Inc.

Long Term Needs Identified Through Community-Based Participatory Research – Rapid Evaluation and Action for Community Health in Louisiana: A Model for Assessing and Implementing Community Priorities

- Ben Springgate. M.D., MPH, Robert Wood Johnson Scholars Program

11:30am – Noon

Table Discussion: What Strategies Do We Need to Achieve Our Long-Term Goals? How to Reconcile Meeting Immediate Needs and Opportunities With Long-Term Planning?

- Important partnerships
- Local group needs and national group' roles
- Priorities for the next (three/six/nine) months

Noon – 12:30pm

Tables Report-Back/Plenary Discussion Moderator: Deeohn Ferris, J.D.

12:30pm – 1:30pm

Luncheon

Invocation

Luncheon Speaker – Gloria WilderBraithwaite, M.D., MPH

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1:40pm – 2:15pm

Panel: Analysis of a Post-Hurricane New Orleans Area Case Study: Health Disparities, Health Care and Access – Planning, Challenges And Opportunities In The Rebuilding Process

Panelists:

- Michael Andry, EXCELth, Inc. -- Moderator
- AlMarie Ford, LCSW, LA Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Mental Health
- Charlotte Hutton, M.D., LA Department of Health and Hospitals, New Orleans Adolescent Hospital
- Monir Shalaby, M.D., Medical Director, EXCELth, Inc.
- Ranie Thompson, J.D., New Orleans Legal Aid Society
- Beverly Wright, PhD., Deep South Center for Environmental Justice

2:15pm – 3:30pm

Small Groups -- Discussion of Case Study:

What Does The Case Study Suggest Are The Primary Issues For Rebuilding A Healthy New Orleans For All Communities? What Strategic Opportunities Exist That We Should Be Taking Advantage Of To Address These Issues And Short- And Long-Term Goals?

- 1) identifying a few (small number) priority issues to work on next;
- 2) some (also small number) demands that go with these issues (or at least some principles to guide the work); and
- 3) some sort of (very basic) structure through which the work can be carried out collaboratively; and
- 4) identifying what external and internal (to New Orleans) resources are available to support #3.

3:30pm – 3:45pm -- Break

3:45pm – 5:30pm

Small Groups Report-Back/Plenary Discussion: Next Steps

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- What are the commitments outside groups can make to this effort?
- What kind of structure can we create to continue this effort?
- Are there any issues we can identify as primary issues to work on?
- How do we develop a list of Demands around the primary issues identified

5:30pm — Adjourn

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Additional Priority Issues/Needs

- Health and health care delivery infrastructure
- Communications, social networks and institutions
- Community organizing, engagement
- Mobility, transportation
- Children's health and vulnerable populations (e.g., elderly, chronically ill, disabled)
- Worker safety and health
- Immigrant populations
- Legal, advocacy implications
- Schools issues
- Intersection of Employment/Jobs, Education, Community Development

Small Group Facilitators

Joann Hale, Church World Service

Al Huang, J.D., Natural Resources Defense Council

Judith May, Reach 2010: At the Heart of New Orleans

Lynne Wolf, J.D., Center for Social Inclusion

Bob Zdenek, DPA, Alliance for Healthy Homes

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