



DIALOGUE ON DIVERSITY

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

PRESENTS ITS 2008 HEALTH CARE SYMPOSIUM

IF IT'S BROKE, CAN WE FIX IT?

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2008, 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

N.E.A. Auditorium, 1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

AGENDA

8:30 A.M. REGISTRATION (and Continental Breakfast)

9:15 WELCOME

Greeting: Rita Jaramillo, National Education Association

Introduction: Ma. Cristina C. Caballero, Dialogue on Diversity, Convenor

Welcome: Susan Scanlan, President, National Council of Women's Organizations.

MC: Jamillah Echevarria, Telemundo "Ultima Edicion"

9:30 Who Pays for What in the Universe of Healthcare?

Government, Private Insurance Plans, or Patients?

Prospects for legislative change: the Medicare model, the Medicaid model, and others. Cost of medical and health-care services. Employer and other group plans.

Jennifer Ng'andu, National Council of La Raza [invited]

Caya Lewis, Deputy Director for Health Policy, Office of Sen. Edward Kennedy

10:30 Special Topics

Mental Health: Michael Fitzpatrick, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness

Geriatrics: Yanira Cruz, National Hispanic Council on Aging

Migratory Populations: Dinah Wiley, National Immigration Law Center

Technology in the Delivery of Health Care Services: Shireen Mitchell, CEO, Digital Sisters, Inc.

BREAK

11:30 Cultural Specificity in Health Care Services -- Language, Culture, Economics

Monica Villalta, Director, Diversity Programs, Kaiser Permanente

Dr. Michael Royster, Director, Office of Minority Health, Virginia Department of Health, Advisor, PBS Documentary on Cultural Disparities in Health Care

12:30 p.m. Midday Session

Congressional Colloquium

Members of Congress: Disparities in U.S. Health Care by class and ethnicity

Rep. Lucille Roybal Allard, California [invited]

Rep. Mike Honda, California [invited]

Principal Midday Speakers -- Pharmaceuticals, New Technologies and Medical Practice
William Lucas, Vice President, Government Affairs, PhRMA
Dr. Elena Rios, National Hispanic Medical Association
Daniel Perry, Alliance for Aging Research and Wyeth Pharmaceuticals
Raul Damas, Senior Manager Public Affairs, Pfizer, Inc.

LUNCH

1:30 Roundtable: Health Care Access and Affordability: Women and Small Business
Stuart Butler, Heritage Foundation: Market Solutions and Consumer Choice
Albert Collazo, PhRMA: The Case of Pharmaceuticals
Stan Dorn, The Urban Institute: Tax, Insurance Considerations for Entrepreneurs

2:15 Roundtable: Prevention and treatment in some of the country's major health concerns
Moderator: Susan Wysocki, President, Nurse Practitioners for Women's Health
Alzheimer's Disease: Shelly Edwards, Alzheimer's Association
Cancer: Leslie Cooper, Ph.D., M.P.H., National Cancer Institute (NIH)
Kidney Disorders: Monique Cuffee, Minority Health Programs, American Kidney Fund
Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes: Cristina Rabadan-Diehl, Ph.D., M.P.H., National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NIH)

3:30 Adjournment

Registration free.

Continental Breakfast and Lunch are provided.

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