Ten Years Later: How Far Have We Come in Reducing Health Disparities?

Hosted by:
Roundtable on the Promotion of Health Equity and the Elimination of Health Disparities

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The National Academies’ Keck Center (Room 100)
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Washington, DC 20001

DRAFT Agenda (03/26/2010)

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Welcome, Introductions, Comments, etc.
Bill Vega, Ph.D., Roundtable Chair
Director, Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging
University of Southern California

8:45 – 10:15 a.m. Panel: What progress has been made in reducing health disparities?
A Historical Perspective
Moderator: Bill Vega

Brian Smedley, Ph.D.
Director, Health Policy Institute
Vice President, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies

David Williams, Ph.D., M.P.H.
Professor of African and African American Studies and of Sociology
Department of Society, Human Development, and Health
Harvard School of Public Health

Steven Woolf, M.D., M.P.H.
Director, Center on Human Needs
Professor of Family Medicine
Virginia Commonwealth University

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Remarks from the Assistant Secretary for Health
Moderator: Cara James, Roundtable member

Howard Koh, M.D., M.P.H.
Assistant Secretary for Health
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
11:00 – 12:15 p.m.  
**Panel: Federal Perspectives on Reducing Health Disparities**  
Moderator: Mildred Thompson, Roundtable Co-chair

**John Ruffin, M.S., Ph.D.**  
Director, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities  
National Institutes of Health

**Carolyn Clancy, M.D.**  
Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.  
Working Lunch

1:15 – 2:30 p.m.  
**Current Programs Addressing Social Determinants**

**Robert Wood Johnson Obesity Program:**  
**Mildred Thompson, M.S.W.**  
Director, PolicyLink Center for Health and Place  
Deputy Director, Robert Wood Johnson Center to Prevent Childhood Obesity

**President’s Task Force on Childhood Obesity:**  
**Susan Sher, J.D.**  
Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady

**California Endowment Building Healthy Communities Program:**  
**Mary Lou Fulton**  
Program Officer, Communications and Media  
The California Endowment

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.  
Break

2:45 - 3:45 p.m.  
**Panel: What do we still need to learn about reducing health disparities?**

**Dennis Andrulis, Ph.D., M.P.H.**  
Director, Center for Health Equality  
Associate Dean of Research  
School of Public Health  
Drexel University

**Anne Beal, M.D., M.P.H.**  
President, Aetna Foundation

**Paula Braveman, M.D., M.P.H.**  
Professor of Family and Community Medicine  
Director, Center on Social Disparities in Health  
School of Medicine  
University of California, San Francisco
3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Panel: Health Care Reform Legislation and Health Disparities: Where are we Now?

Bernardette Arrellano
Legislative Assistant
Office of House Representative Mike Honda (D-CA)

Craig Martinez, M.P.H.
Health Policy Advisor
Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee

Kelly Whitener
Health Policy Advisor
Senate Committee on Finance

5:00 p.m. Adjourn