

2007 Minority Health Disparities Summit

Addressing Health Disparities: Moving Beyond Hope to Action

May 16-18, 2007 – Tampa Convention Center



Background of Minority Health Summit

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) Office of Minority Health (OMH) 2007 Minority Health Disparities Summit's theme was "Addressing Health Disparities: Moving Beyond Hope to Action." The summit focused on the 2007 initiative from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health that empowers communities to take action and develop a common agenda to end health disparities.

OMH collaborated with DOH Women's Health Team to bring the 2007 Governor's Conference on Women's Health and 2007 Minority Health Disparities Summit to the Embassy Suites/Tampa Convention Center during the same week (May 14-18, 2007). OMH offered two health disparity sessions on May 16 in the areas of breast and cervical cancer and prenatal care as part of its pre-summit activities at the Women's Health Conference. The OMH pre-summit activities will also include a lunch featuring Byllye Avery, founder of the Avery Institute for Social Change.

Overview of the Minority Health Summit

Audience: The 2007 Minority Health Disparities Summit brought together a wide range of local, state, federal and territorial governmental agencies and private-sector partners. Attendees included: Closing the Gap and State Partnership Grant Program grantees; Federal, state and local public health professionals; Physicians, nurses, nutritionists, dietitians, pharmacists, and health educators; Academic and research staffs from educational institutions; and Minority health advocates and community leaders.

Supporting State Agencies: The following state government agencies provided speakers, information and resources for the 2007 Minority Health Disparities Summit: Agency for Health Care Administration, Brevard County Health Department, Florida Department of Education, Florida Department of Elder Affairs, Florida Department of Health Bureau of HIV/AIDS, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Hillsborough County Health Department, Orange County Health Department and Miami-Dade County Health Department.

Summit Speakers: Featured plenary speakers included U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Deputy Assistant Secretary of Minority Health Garth Graham, M.D., M.P.H.; Commonwealth Fund Senior Program Officer Anne Beal, M.D., M.P.H.; Harvard School of Public Health Director of Public Health Practices Deborah Prothrow-Stith, M.D.; and Award-winning actress, singer and producer, Sheryl Lee Ralph, who is also the celebrity spokesperson for the National Minority AIDS Council.

Minority Health Town Hall Meeting: OMH gathered community input on health issues that impact racial and ethnic populations in Florida at its Minority Health Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, May 16th. The town hall meeting was held at First Baptist Church of College Hill. This meeting was facilitated by the Reducing Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Advisory Committee. Legislators, community leaders and Summit participants discussed the current health status of minority populations in Florida and formulated methods to reducing the health gaps. The Town Hall Meeting was free and open to the public.

Sponsors: The following organizations were sponsors of the 2007 Minority Health Disparities Summit: Access Health Solutions; WellCare; American Medical Depot; Florida Department of Health Women's Health; H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute; Health Council of South Florida, Inc.; Florida Dental Association; American Health Association; University of South Florida Health; Florida Department of Corrections and Miami Children's Hospital.

Minority Health Summit Stats

430 Attendees	13 Breakout Sessions
43 Exhibitors and Vendors	Over \$38,000 Collected in Revenue
6 Plenary Sessions	More than 450 hours of Continuing Education Credits
32 Poster Presentations	Awarded to Attendees

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