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

FINAL Agenda (04/06/2010)

Meeting Objectives:
• To assess progress to date in addressing health disparities since 2000
• To consider the scope and effectiveness of efforts to address social determinants in reducing disparities
• To determine what we still need to learn about efforts to address social determinants, reduce disparities, and promote health equity, and move successful models to scale

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

8:45 – 9:00 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

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Panel: What progress has been made in reducing health disparities?
A Historical Perspective
Moderator: Bill Vega

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

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

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.  Break

10:45 – 12:00 p.m.  Panel: Federal Perspectives on Reducing Health Disparities
Moderator: Mildred Thompson, Roundtable Co-chair

John Ruffin, 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

Questions and Discussion

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  Working Lunch

1:00 – 1:25 p.m.  Current Programs Addressing Social Determinants
Moderator: Pattie Tucker, Roundtable member

The First Lady’s Initiative to Combat Childhood Obesity
Susan Sher, J.D.
Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady

Questions and Discussion

1:25 – 2:15 p.m.  Panel: Current Programs Addressing Social Determinants at the Local Level
Moderator: Pattie Tucker

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

California Endowment Building Healthy Communities Program
Mary Lou Fulton
Program Officer, Communications and Media
The California Endowment
Diana Ross (via telephone)
Collaborative Director, Mid-City Community Advocacy Network

Questions and Discussion

2:15 – 2:30 p.m.  Break

2:30 - 3:45 p.m.  Panel: What do we still need to learn about reducing health disparities?
Moderator: Winston Wong, Roundtable member

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

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

Dennis Andrulis, Ph.D., M.P.H.
Senior Research Scientist
Texas Health Institute

Questions and Discussion

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.  Panel: Health Care Reform Legislation and Health Disparities: Where are we Now?
Moderator: Bill Vega

Kelly Whitener
Health Policy Advisor
Senate Committee on Finance

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

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

Questions and Discussion

5:00 p.m.  Adjourn