2007 Women’s Health Policy Summit

Building Multicultural Women’s Health:
Setting an Agenda for Los Angeles

The Hotel Sheraton
Los Angeles Downtown
Thursday, May 24, 2007
7:30am - 5:30pm
Welcome!

It is our pleasure to welcome you to Los Angeles County’s third Women’s Health Policy Summit, “Building Multicultural Women’s Health: Setting an Agenda for Los Angeles.” This year’s Summit builds upon the work started with the first Summit a decade ago when women’s health leaders, experts, researchers, advocates, health practitioners and policymakers came together for the first time to make recommendations on important women’s health policy issues. Progress has been made but in the multicultural society we live in, there are many challenges in ensuring all women receive quality health care.

The Board of Supervisors has declared May is Women’s Health Month, an especially appropriate time to discuss and evaluate the issues and concerns facing women today.

This Summit provides an exciting opportunity to initiate recommendations that will make a difference in improving health care for women, especially low income women of color. We know that the day will be thought-provoking and incite an interesting, creative dialogue and recommendations that will ultimately lead to a reduction in the health disparities that currently exist.

We thank you for your passion and commitment, and your willingness to share your expertise and experience to build a better, healthier Los Angeles.

Best wishes for a successful 2007 Women’s Health Policy Summit.

Gloria Molina  
Supervisor, First District  
Honorary Chair

Yvonne B. Burke  
Supervisor, Second District  
Honorary Chair
Dear Summit Participant,

On behalf of the Department of Public Health, I am pleased to welcome you to an action-oriented day where you will discuss the most current public health issues affecting women, especially women of color, to develop policy recommendations aimed at improving women’s health and well-being.

As women’s health leaders, you know that the promotion and protection of public health involves a wide range of factors, especially in our diverse county. As we assess the health of women in Los Angeles County, we take into account both social and environmental determinants which are at the root of existing health disparities. The Women’s Health Policy Summit will address the social and physical environment with themes including Healthy Lifestyles and Chronic Disease Prevention, Reproductive Health and the Environment, Immigrant Women and Health, and Healthy Aging and the Social Determinants of Health. Working together, we form a powerful collaborative to actively address these determinants with the goal of reducing health disparities.

The Department of Public Health welcomes the opportunity to forge stronger partnerships with the communities we serve and we greatly appreciate your active participation today. We are calling upon your expertise as healthcare leaders, experts, providers, researchers and advocates to develop short term, measurable, priority policy recommendations that seek to address the root causes of health disparities and improve the health status of all women in Los Angeles County.

As we build multicultural women’s health and well-being, we build healthier people in healthier communities. Thank you in advance for your hard work today!

Sincerely,

Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
Director and Health Officer
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
In 1997, the Los Angeles County Commission for Women with the support of the Board of Supervisors convened the first L.A. County Women’s Health Policy Summit which resulted in 101 recommendations to improve the health status of women. Included was a recommendation to establish a county Office of Women’s Health (OWH). In 1998, upon a motion by Supervisor Yvonne Burke unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors, the OWH was created. The OWH convened a second Summit in 1999 to report on the progress of the recommendations and best practices in women’s health. The 2007 Summit will identify current gaps, trends and future steps to improve the health status of women, especially low-income women and women of color.
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REGISTRATION AND HEALTHY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
8:00 - 8:30 am  PROMISING PRACTICES POSTER SESSION
8:30 - 9:00 am  WELCOME
The West African Welcome Circle
Crystal Crawford, Esq., Executive Director, California Black Women's Health Project
Mistress of Ceremony
Denise Dador, ABC 7 Health News Specialist
Welcoming Remarks:
Honorary Chairs
Gloria Molina, Board of Supervisors, Supervisor, 1st District
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Jonathan E. Fielding, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer
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Ellen Eidem, MS, Director, Office of Women's Health
9:00 - 10:30 am  MORNING PANEL: “Achieving Equitable Health”
Moderator:
Diana Bontá, RN, DrPH, Vice President of Public Affairs, Kaiser Permanente's Southern California Region
Panelists:
Gail C. Christopher, DN, Vice President for Health, Women & Families
Joint Center for Political & Economic Studies
Antonia Hernández, JD, President, California Community Foundation
Marjorie Kagawa-Singer, PhD, RN, MN, Professor, UCLA School of Public Health and Department of Asian American Studies
10:30 - 10:45 am  STRETCH / BREAK
Antronette (Toni) Yancey, MD, MPH, Associate Professor, Department of Health Services and Co-Director, Center to Eliminate Health Disparities, UCLA School of Public Health
10:45 - 12:15 pm  BREAKOUT WORKGROUPS
Workgroup participants will hear presentations and then discuss and develop priority recommendations. Attendees will participate in the same workgroup in a.m. and p.m.
WORKGROUP 1 - Healthy Aging & the Social Determinants of Health
Examining the impact of social conditions on aging including poverty, language, race, economic status, the environment and access to preventive care and treatment.

Workgroup Leaders:
Michelle L. Geller, MD, Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
Monika White, PhD, President and CEO, Center for Healthy Aging
Toni Yancey, MD, MPH, Associate Professor, Department of Health Services and Co-Director, Center to Eliminate Health Disparities, UCLA School of Public Health
BREAKOUT WORKGROUPS (cont’d)

WORKGROUP 2 - Reproductive Health & the Environment
Addressing the impact of exposure to environmental contaminants on reproductive health with a particular focus on low income communities.

Workgroup Leaders:
Martha Arguella, Director, Health & Environmental Programs
Physicians for Social Responsibility

Rocio L. Cordoba, JD, Executive Director, California Latinas for Reproductive Justice

Tracey Woodruff, Acting Director, Program on Reproductive Health & the Environment
UC San Francisco, Department. of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences,
National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health

WORKGROUP 3 - Universal Healthcare & Women’s Health
Analyzing the various health care reform proposals in California and recommending fundamental principles that must be included in a comprehensive health plan addressing girls and women’s health/mental health throughout their lifespan.

Workgroup Leaders:
The Honorable Abbe Land, Councilmember, City of West Hollywood
Co-CEO, The Los Angeles Free Clinic

Barbara Masters, Public Policy Director, The California Endowment

Alina Salganicoff, PhD, Vice President & Director, Women’s Health Programs
Kaiser Family Foundation

WORKGROUP 4 - Adolescence & Healthy Relationships
Examining the factors contributing to healthy and unhealthy relationships and the physical and mental well-being of racially and ethnically-diverse adolescent girls.

Workgroup Leaders:
Cynthia Davis, MPH, Program Director, University HIV/AIDS Education & Outreach Projects
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science

Sarah Guerry, MD, Medical Director, STD Program, L.A. County Department of Public Health

Susan J. Rabinovitz, MPH, Associate Director, Division of Adolescent Medicine
Children’s Hospital, Los Angeles

WORKGROUP 5 - Immigrant Women & Health
Examining ways to incorporate culturally and linguistically-appropriate health care for foreign-born women who face numerous obstacles in accessing care including language and culture, economic hardship, and fear of authority.

Workgroup Leaders:
Miya Iwataki, Director, Office of Diversity Programs, L.A. County Department of Health Services

Gerrie Rosen, PhD, Director of Refugee Safehaven, African Community Resource Center

Beatriz Solis, MPH, Senior Regional Program Manager, The California Endowment

WORKGROUP 6 - Violence & Health
Focusing on the prevention of community-based and interpersonal violence including such factors as unsafe neighborhoods, physical and mental abuse, depression and low self esteem.

Workgroup Leaders:
Kay Buck, Executive Director, Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST)

Crystal Crawford, Esq, Executive Director, California Black Women’s Health Project

Olivia Rodriguez, Executive Director, Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council
BREAKOUT WORKGROUPS (cont’d)

WORKGROUP 7 - Racism, Multiculturalism & Health
Examining the impact of institutional racism and the social environment on the physical and mental health of racially and ethnically-diverse women.

Workgroup Leaders:
Kimlin Ashing-Giwa, PhD, Director, Center of Community Alliance for Research & Education City of Hope
Jamesina Henderson, MBA, Chief Executive Officer, T.H.E. Clinic
Vickie M. Mays, Ph.D., MSPH, Professor of Psychology, Division of Life Sciences; Professor of Health Services, UCLA School of Public Health; Director, UCLA Center on Research, Education, Training and Strategic Communications on Minority Health Disparities

WORKGROUP 8 - Healthy Lifestyles & Chronic Disease Prevention
Emphasizing the relationship between a healthy lifestyle, chronic disease prevention and health disparities.

Workgroup Leaders:
Sylvia Drew Ivie, JD, Consultant, The California Endowment
Debra R. Judelson, MD, Medical Director, Women’s Heart Institute Cardiovascular Medical Group of the Southern California
Margaret Lynn Yonekura, MD, Director of Community Benefit, California Hospital Medical Center; Associate Professor, Clinical Obstetrics & Gynecology, UCLA

WORKGROUP 9 - Disability & Access
Identifying the misconceptions related to the health needs of disabled women to reduce the barriers encountered accessing comprehensive health care, including reproductive health.

Workgroup Leaders:
Donna Barras, MD, Medical Director, Center for Applied Rehabilitation Technology Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center
Janet Neal, Advocate and Chair, Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities
Yaga Szlachcic, MD, Chief of Cardiology Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

WORKGROUP 10 - Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity
Addressing the health and mental health needs of lesbian, bisexual and transgender women who are often marginalized in the healthcare system.

Workgroup Leaders:
Allison Diamont, MD, MSHS, Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of GIM & HSR, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA; Adjunct Natural Scientist, RAND Corporation
Susan Berke Fogel, JD, Healthcare Attorney, Advocate & Consultant
Surina Khan, Program Director, The Women’s Foundation of California

LUNCHEON

Keynote Speaker:
Vivian W. Pinn, MD - Associate Director for Research on Women’s Health and Director, Office of Research on Women’s Health, NIH, Department of Health & Human Services

Introduced by Janet Pregler, MD, Director, Iris Cantor-UCLA Women’s Health Center

Screening of Video: “Building Multicultural Women’s Health”

Introduced by Susan Berke Fogel, JD, Health Consultant and Chair, Summit Planning Committee
1:15 - 1:45 pm  BREAK / PROMISING PRACTICES POSTER SESSION

1:45 - 3:00 pm  BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Return to same workgroup to formulate recommendations.

3:15 - 4:45 pm  LISTENING PANEL
State and local legislators, policymakers and funders will hear the recommendations from the workgroups.

Moderator:
Terri A. Thorfinnson, JD
Chief, California Office of Women’s Health

Panelists:
Elaine Batchlor, MD
Chief Medical Director, L.A. Care

Diana Bontà, RN, DrPH
Vice President of Public Affairs, Kaiser Permanente’s Southern California Region

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Assemblymember, 57th District

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Executive Director, L.A. Best Babies Network

Mary Wiberg
Executive Director, State of California Commission on the Status of Women

Alina Salganicoff, PhD
Vice President and Director, Women’s Health Policy, Kaiser Family Foundation

4:45 - 5:00 pm  CALL TO ACTION

Juanita L. Watts, MD
Regional Coordinator for Women’s Health, Southern California Kaiser Permanente Group

5:00 - 5:30 pm  CLOSING RECEPTION

Debra R. Judelson, MD
Medical Director, Women’s Heart Institute, Cardiovascular Medical Group of Southern California and Chair, Women’s Health Policy Council

Refreshments and hors d’oeuvres will be served.
Diana Bontá, RN, DrPH joined Kaiser Permanente in October 2004 as Vice President of Public Affairs for the Southern California Region. Dr. Bontá is responsible for setting the Southern California region’s policy agenda, leadership and oversight of Public Affairs programs including support for Kaiser Permanente’s internal communications and reputation management. Previously, Dr. Bontá served as the Director of the Department of Health Services for the State of California. Appointed by California Governor Grey Davis, Dr. Bontá led initiatives to address critical public health issues and health protection programs for 35 million California residents.

Gail C. Christopher, DN is the Director of the Joint Center’s Health Policy Institute. She has broad experience in health, government innovation, diversity management and social policy, and is nationally recognized for pioneering work linking the health outcomes of underserved populations to the effects of chronic stress related to environmental, economic and social factors. Dr. Christopher was previously a guest scholar at the Brookings Institution. Prior positions also include Director of the Institute for Government Innovation at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government and Director of the Alliance for Redesigning Government. Her distinguished career and contributions to public service were honored by her election as a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration in 1996.

Crystal D. Crawford, Esq serves as CEO of the California Black Women's Health Project where she performs legislative, educational and policy advocacy to improve the health status of Black women and girls. Throughout her career, she has combined legal and policy approaches to civil rights and social justice issues. Ms. Crawford was born in Harlem, New York and graduated from Dartmouth College with a B.A. in history and sociology. She earned her J.D. from New York University Law School and gained litigation experience as an associate with premier corporate law firms in Los Angeles, Boston and New York. After a few years in the private for-profit sector, Ms. Crawford turned her attention to the non-profit sector, serving as Legal Director of the Alliance for Children's Rights. She is admitted to the bar in California, New York and New Jersey. Ms. Crawford serves on numerous boards and is a member of the Women's Health Council for the state of California.

Denise Dador, Eyewitness News Health Specialist joined ABC7 “EYEWITNESS NEWS” in July 1998. She brings a rich heritage and professional background to her “Healthy Living” features, which air regularly on the 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm editions of Eyewitness News. Ms. Dador has been honored by the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, the March of Dimes and the Sjogren's Foundation to name a few. Along with her health reporting duties, she has also covered major breaking news stories and received numerous excellence in journalism and community service awards. Among them, the prestigious Emmy in 1998 for outstanding news feature reporting from the Michigan chapter of the National Association of Broadcasters. Ms. Dador is also active on the board of the Los Angeles chapter of the Asian American Journalist Association.

Ellen Eidem, MS is the Director of the L.A. County Department of Public Health, Office of Women’s Health, responsible for strategic planning, and developing and managing programs to improve the health status of women, especially low income and underserved women. A longtime proponent of women’s health, Ms. Eidem began her career in women’s health in 1971. Previously, she served as Director of Programs and Administration at the Los Angeles Free Clinic, Director of Quality Improvement for the California Family Health Council, Manager of Planned Parenthood San Francisco and the Berkeley Women’s Health Collective, and a women’s reproductive health instructor and educator for the Office of Family Planning and the California Pacific Medical Center. Ms. Eidem is a member of the Women’s Health Council for the state of California and remains a passionate advocate for women’s health.

Susan Berke Fogel, JD is an attorney, advocate and consultant. She works with non profit organizations, labor unions, and funders on projects to advance reproductive justice, improve women’s health, and secure health access and quality for low income people. Previously, Ms. Fogel was the Legal Director of the California Women’s Law Center, a non profit policy and support center which works to secure justice for women and girls. She also teaches at the UCLA School of Public Health’s Bixby Program for Population and Reproductive Health.

Antonia Hernández, JD is nationally recognized for her commitment toward the betterment of underserved communities in Los Angeles and beyond. Ms. Hernández joined the California Community Foundation as President and Chief Executive Officer in 2004. Previously, she was president and general counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), a national nonprofit litigation and advocacy organization dedicated to protecting the civil rights of the nation’s Latinos through the legal system, community education, and research and policy initiatives.
Debra R. Judelson, MD is a board-certified cardiologist in private practice at Cardiovascular Medical Group of Southern California and Medical Director of their Women’s Heart Institute. She lectures nationally on heart disease and created the first program to train doctors on heart disease in women. She chairs the Policy Council for the LA County Office of Women’s Health and is Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at USC. Dr. Judelson was named a Local Legend by the NIH’s National Library of Medicine in 2005. She is lead author of The Women's Complete Wellness Book and is an author of the American Heart Association’s Evidence-based Guidelines for Cardiovascular Disease Prevention in Women: 2007 Update, published in Circulation, February 2007.

Marjorie Kagawa-Singer, PhD, RN, MN is a Professor at the UCLA School of Public Health and Department of Asian American Studies. Her clinical work and research has been in oncology, focusing upon the disparities in physical and mental health care outcomes of ethnic minority populations with cancer, primarily with the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. She serves on multiple local, state, and national committees addressing the impact of ethnicity on health care and health outcomes, and has published and lectured extensively on cross-cultural issues in health, cancer, pain, grief and bereavement, end of life decision-making, cancer survivorship, and quality of life. Dr. Kagawa-Singer also focuses her efforts on defining and developing standards of cultural competence in health care practice and research.

Vivian W. Pinn, MD is the first full-time Director of the Office of Research on Women’s Health at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), an appointment she has held since November 1991. In February 1994, she was also named Associate Director for Research on Women’s Health, NIH. Dr. Pinn came to NIH from Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C., where she had been Professor and Chair of the Department of Pathology since 1982, and has previously held appointments at Tufts University and Harvard Medical School. Dr. Pinn has long been active in efforts to improve the health and career opportunities for women and minorities. Her recent focus has been to raise the perception of the scientific community about the importance of sex and gender factors in basic science, clinical research, and health care.

Janet P. Pregler, MD is a board-certified general internist with a special interest in women’s health. She has lectured regionally and nationally on topics such as preventive care for women and primary care of the breast cancer survivor. Dr. Pregler is currently Director of the Iris Cantor-UCLA Women’s Health Center, and is Principal Investigator for the UCLA National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health, a contract awarded by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women’s Health. She is co-editor of the book “Women’s Health: Principles and Clinical Practice” and has developed materials on women’s health for the education of laypeople, medical students, and residents.

Terri A. Thorfinnson, JD is the Chief of the Office of Women’s Health within the California Department of Health Services, appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger. As Chief, she serves as the senior level policy advisor for the Director and the Department of Health Services on women’s health issues. A well-respected health policy advisor and consultant, Ms. Thorfinnson has served in numerous health policy positions including Senior Associate for Lia Margolis and Associates, consultant for her own consulting firm Progressive Strategies, and Policy Director for the California Primary Care Association.

Juanita L. Watts, MD is a board-certified Family Practice physician at Kaiser Permanente’s Glendale Medical Office. Her reputation as a leader in the field of women’s health has been earned through her commitment to advocacy and leadership. As Regional Coordinator for Women’s Health for Kaiser Permanente Southern California, Dr. Watts directs ongoing efforts to maintain excellence in women’s health care services for 3.1 million members in Southern California. She has also maintained a post as a clinical professor at USC for over 17 years. In addition, she serves on the L.A. County Office of Women’s Health Policy Council. She is a regular columnist in the Kaiser Permanente publication, “Partners in Health” and is an active community speaker through radio, television, and print. One of the foremost leaders in women’s health care, Dr. Watts is the only physician who has been a speaker at the California Governor’s Conference on Women four times over the past nine years - spanning the terms of three governors.

Antronette (Toni) Yancey, MD, MPH is currently Associate Professor, Department of Health Services, and Co-Director, Center to Eliminate Health Disparities, UCLA School of Public Health, and a nationally recognized leader in chronic disease prevention intervention. She returned to academia full-time in 2001 after five years in public health practice, first as Director of Public Health, Richmond, VA, and, subsequently, as Director of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Dr. Yancey has authored 100 scientific publications, including 60 referenced journal articles and editorials. She is a public health commentator on NPR affiliate, KPCC, and a poet/spoken word artist.
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