

URBAN INDIAN HEALTH SUMMIT

Summit Agenda

Thursday, January 13, 2011

U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, Congressional Meeting Room South,
Washington, D.C.

8:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

8:30 Opening Ceremony, Blessing and Welcome

- *Ralph Forquera, M.P.H., Seattle Indian Health Board – Facilitator*
- *Melbert Eaglefeathers, North American Indian Alliance – Blessing*
- *Michael Painter, J.D., M.D., Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – Welcome*

9:00 Urban Indian Health Organization Panel

An overview of the programs and key health reform issues that panelists are tracking in their regions, and a discussion surrounding uncertainties and ideas to prepare for reform implementation.

- *Jacob Bernal, Tucson Indian Center*
- *Jerilyn Church, M.S.W., American Indian Health and Family Services*
- *Jackie Mercer, Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest, INC.*
- *Donna Polk-Primm, Ph.D., Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition, Inc.*
- *Rodney Stapp, D.P.M., Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas*

10:00 – Break –

10:15

Health Reform Planning Panel

An update from government agencies on the status of health reform, a clarification on implementation strategies, a summary of outstanding issues and a description of how urban Indian health organizations fit into the reform agenda.

- *Mayra Alvarez, M.H.A., HHS Office of Health Reform*
- *Teresa Nino, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Office of External Affairs and Beneficiary Services*
- *Yvette Roubideaux, M.D., M.P.H., Indian Health Service*
- *Mat Kendall, M.P.H., Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT*

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:30

Comments from Congress

Key congressional staff discuss health reform and their ideas for ensuring inclusion of urban Indian health priorities in the reform agenda.

- *Richard Litsey, J.D., United States Senate Committee on Finance*
- *Allison Binney, J.D., United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs*
- *Steven Cha, M.D., M.H.S., House Committee on Energy and Commerce*

2:30 Health Disparities Reform Panel

A review of federal agencies' plans to eliminate health disparities through reform, and the important role partnerships and collaborations play between communities and federal agencies in implementation.

- *Garth Graham, M.D., M.P.H., Office of Minority Health*
- *John Ruffin, Ph.D., National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities*
- *Marcia Brand, Ph.D., U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration*
- *Sheila Cooper, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration*



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4:00 Facilitated Discussion

- *Maile Taualii, Ph.D. – Facilitator*

4:30 Summary and Closing Remarks

- *Ralph Forquera, M.P.H., Seattle Indian Health Board*

5:00 Summit Concludes

***Reception Immediately Following
U.S. Capitol Visitor Center***



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