

Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Sixth Annual Health Disparities Conference

*“Optimizing the Health of Minorities During Economic Restructuring:
Politics, Economics and Health Equity”*

**Morgan State University, Student Center
Baltimore, Maryland
Tuesday, May 19, 2009
8:30 am – 3:00 pm
www.mdhealthdisparities.org**

*Co-sponsored by the Morgan State University School of Community Health and Policy &
University of Maryland College Park School of Public Health*

PURPOSE

The purpose of the conference is to recommend and discuss strategies for optimizing minority health care delivery and health outcomes during times of economic restructuring.

The conference is intended for minority communities, health departments, other governmental agencies, legislators, health providers, and the business and insurance industry.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

By taking part in the 2009 MHHD conference, participants will be able to:

- Discuss how health policy can ensure health equity during times of economic restructuring.
- Identify health literacy strategies that can improve minority health decision making.
- Describe how community-based interventions (e.g. community health workers) can support culturally appropriate health care as well as a cost savings to reduce health disparities and improve health in Maryland’s minority communities.
- Explain how establishment of patient-centered medical homes can lead to better health outcomes and coordination of care for minority populations.



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Maryland's Sixth Annual Statewide Minority Health Disparities conference took place on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at the Morgan State University Student Center in Baltimore. Conference co-sponsors included Morgan State University School of Community Health and Policy and the University of Maryland College Park School of Public Health. Approximately 320 individuals took part in the conference representing a wide range of public; private; community; academic; faith based; and local, state, and federal governments. The title and theme of the conference was *Optimizing the Health of Minorities During Economic Restructuring: Politics, Economics, and Health Equity* with discussions focusing on the areas of health literacy, community based health disparities interventions, and the patient-centered medical home.

The conference commenced with remarks from Congressman Elijah Cummings; Morgan State University President, Dr. Early Richardson; Dean of the School of Community Health and Policy at Morgan State University, Dr. Allan Noonan; Delegate Shirley Nathan-Pulliam; DHMH Secretary John Colmers; and MHHD Director, Dr. Carlessia Hussein. The keynote speaker was Dr. Mohammad Akhter, Executive Director of the National Medical Association.

Many other distinguished speakers and field experts participated in panels on health literacy, community-based health disparities interventions, and the patient centered medical home.

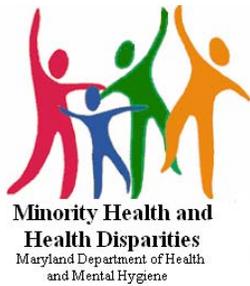
Dr. Dushanka Kleinman of the University of Maryland College Park moderated a panel discussion on health literacy that included Dr. William Smith, special advisor on innovation management; Dr. Bonnie Braun of the University of Maryland College Park; and Dr. Olivia Carter-Pokras of the University of Maryland College Park.

Mr. Terris King of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services moderated a panel discussion on community-based health disparities interventions that included Dr. Kim Sydnor of Morgan State University, Ms. Fredette West of the African American Health Alliance, and Dr. Jacqueline Scott of the National Academy for State Health Policy.

Ms. Frances Phillips of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene moderated a panel discussion on the patient-centered medical home that included Dr. Jonathan VanGeest of Morgan State University, Mr. Miguel McInnis of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers, Dr. Yvette Rooks of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and Dr. David Sharp of the Maryland Healthcare Commission.

Select conference presentations and handout materials have been posted to the MHHD Website, www.mdhealthdisparities.org.

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AGENDA

7:45 AM **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

8:30 AM **Opening**

- Carlessia A. Hussein, RN, DrPH, Director, Minority Health and Health Disparities, Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene
- Allan S. Noonan, MD, MPH, Dean of the School of Community Health and Policy, Morgan State University
- Earl S. Richardson, Ed.D, President, Morgan State University
- Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, U.S. House of Representatives, Seventh District, Maryland

9:15 AM **Greetings & Welcome**

- The Honorable Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, RN, BS, MAS
House of Delegates, District 10, Maryland General Assembly
- John M. Colmers, MPH, Secretary
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

9:45 AM **Keynote Address**

- Mohammad N. Akhter, MD, MPH
Executive Director, National Medical Association

10:45 AM **Break**



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11:00 AM Health Literacy

- Dushanka Kleinman, DDS, MSc.D, Moderator
Associate Dean for Research & Academic Affairs, School of Public Health, University of Maryland, College Park
- William A. Smith, PhD, Special Advisor on Innovative Management, Emeritus
- Bonnie Braun, PhD, Director, Herschel S. Horowitz Center for Health Literacy, School of Public Health, University of Maryland, College Park
- Olivia Carter-Pokras, PhD, Associate Professor, School of Public Health, University of Maryland, College Park

12:00 Noon Lunch – Musical Interlude

1:00 PM Community-Based Health Disparities Intervention

- Terris A. King, MS, Moderator
Deputy Director, Office of Clinical Standards & Quality, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- Kim D. Sydnor, PhD, Behavioral Health Sciences, Morgan State University
- Fredette West, MGA, Director, African American Health Alliance
- Jacqueline R. Scott, JD, ML, Senior Program Director, National Academy for State Health Policy

1:45 PM Break

2:00 PM Patient-Centered Medical Home

- Frances B. Phillips, RN, MHA, Moderator
Deputy Health Secretary, Department of Health & Mental Hygiene
- Jonathan B. VanGeest, PhD, Health Policy & Management, Morgan State University
- Miguel McInnis, MPH, Chief Executive Officer, Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers
- Yvette L. Rooks, MD, CAQ, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Family & Community Medicine
- David Sharp, PhD, Maryland Health Care Commission, Center for Health Information Technology

2:45 PM Conference Wrap-Up

3:00 PM End of Conference

