AGENDA

Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care
Sheraton Downtown Nashville, 623 Union Street, Nashville
September 22, 2003

Moderated by:
David Gergen, Director, Center for Public Leadership, and Professor of Public Service, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

8:30  Welcome from Vanderbilt/Meharry
   ▪ PonJola Coney, MD, Dean - Meharry School of Medicine

Introduction to the Forum series
   ▪ Barry Bloom, PhD, Dean – Harvard School of Public Health

8:40-8:55  State of the Issue – A National Overview of Disparities in Health Care
   ▪ Joseph Betancourt, MD, MPH – Sr. Scientist, Institute for Health Policy and Director of Multicultural Education, Massachusetts General Hospital-Harvard Medical School

8:55-9:40  Individual Testimony – Real Life Experiences
   ▪ James Lawson – Chairman, Zoning Committee; Deputy Director, Meharry-Vanderbilt Alliance
   ▪ Navita W. Gunter – Founder and CEO, Surgical Cancer Coalition of Tennessee

9:40-9:50  National Poll results
   ▪ David Blumenthal, MD, MPP – Director, Interfaculty Program for Health Systems Improvement; Harvard University and Director of the Harvard Forums on Health

9:50  Welcome and Introduction of Congressman and Mayor
   ▪ Steven G. Gabbe, MD, Dean – Vanderbilt School of Medicine

9:50-10:00  National Legislative Perspective
   ▪ Congressman Jim Cooper, JD – 5th district, TN

10:00-10:05  Nashville Welcome
   ▪ Mayor William Purcell

10:05-11:10  Spotlight on Innovative Initiatives
   ▪ Meharry/Vanderbilt Alliance – Clifton Meador, MD, Executive Director
   ▪ Nashville Metro Public Health Department - Stephanie Bailey, MD, Director of Health
- Baltimore Men’s Health Center - Nicole Rolley, PhD, Director of Community Health Policy, Baltimore City Health Department
- Hablamos Juntos - Yolanda Partida, MSW, DPA, National Program Director

11:10-11:20  **Break**

11:20-12:25  **Viewpoints Panel**
- Elizabeth Williams, Ph.D., Deputy Commissioner, Director Disparity Elimination, Tennessee Department of Health
- Congressman Jim Cooper, JD – 5th district, TN
- Glenn Flores, MD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Medical College of Wisconsin
- Linda Wright Moore, Health and Medical Journalist
- Gordon Bonniman, Civil Rights Lawyer

12:25  **Final Word**
- David Blumenthal, MD, MPP