

Health Disparities and Inequities: Mobilizing a Regional Response

April 18, 2008

8:45 Welcome and Opening Remarks (Admin 110)

9 a.m. **Keynote:** Brian Gibbs, Ph.D., Senior Research Scientist, Director of the Program to Eliminate Health Disparities, Department of Health Policy and Management, Harvard School of Public Health:

“From Freedom to the Fight: Community-Academic Solutions to Reduce Disparities in Health and Health Care”

Concurrent Sessions: 10:15-11:30 a.m. (Admin 110)

Urban Environmental Health Issues:

Chair: Jorge Lizarraga, Ph.D., Diversity Faculty Fellow, WSU Vancouver

- Kari A Lyons, Health Educator, Multnomah County Health Department
- Mara Gross, Policy Director, Coalition for a Livable Future, **“Health Impacts of the Columbia River Crossing”**
- Jeri Sundvall-Williams, Office of Neighborhood Involvement, City of Portland; Board Member, Organizing People Activating Leaders (OPAL)
- Steve Stuart, Clark County Commissioner (District 3)

Geriatric Health Issues (Multimedia Building 217)

Chair: Nancy Pare, Executive Director, Free Clinic of SW Washington

- William Gaynor, M.P.H., Director of Planning, Center for Healthy Aging, Oregon Health Sciences University, Co-Director, Oregon Geriatric Education Center
- D’Norgia Price, Director, Urban League of Portland Multicultural Senior Services
- Christine Lao, M.A., Chief Operation Officer, Asian Health and Service Center

Mental Health Care (Multimedia Building 6)

Chair, Claudia D’Allegri, Vice President Behavioral Health, Seamar Community Health Centers

- Nancy Parker, MM, CMHS, Director, Columbia River Mental Health Center, **“Mental Health Care for the Working Poor”**
- Steve Kutz, R.N., M.P.H., Manager, Cowlitz Indian Health Services Clinic
- Garfield De Bardelaben, Ph.D., Avel Gordly Center for Healing
- Pierre Morin, M.D., Ph.D. Clinical Director, Lutheran Community Services NW

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (Roundtable) (Admin 129)

Chair, Tricia Tillman, Program Manager, Multnomah County Health Equity Initiative

- Charlene Addy McGee, President, Portland NAACP, Health Educator, Multnomah County Health Department, African American STD Disparities Elimination

Program

- Khalil Edward, Brother to Brother Program Director for the Unity Project of Portland
- Stephanie Craig Rushing, MPH, Director, Project Red Talon, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
- David Heal, MSW, LCSW, HIV Program Director, Clark County Public Health

11:30-12:30 Lunch:

Plenary Session in the Firstenberg Commons with discussion focused on identifying the most pressing issues bearing on public health issues in the region. Facilitated by Prof. Brian K. Gibbs, with comments by John Wiesman, Director, Clark County Health Department, and Lorenzo Poe, Chief Policy Advisor to Ted Wheeler (Chair of the Board, Multnomah County Commissioners).

12:45-2 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

Chronic Disease (Admin 110)

Chair: Earl Ford, Executive Director, Vancouver NAACP

- James L. Mason, Ph.D., Regional Manager, Diversity Education and Cultural Competency, Providence Health and Services, **“Diversity in the 21st Century: Implications for Health Professionals”**
- Joe Finkenbonner, R.Ph., MHA Executive Director, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
- Sonia Manhas, M.S.W., Multnomah County Health Department, **“A Coalition-Building Approach to Address Obesity”**
- Barbe West, Executive Director, Healthy Choices, **“The Community Report Card”**

Prenatal/Pediatric Care (Multimedia Building 6)

Chair: Elizabeth Soliday, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Psychology, WSU Vancouver

- Shafia Monroe, Certified Midwife, Founder and CEO, International Center for Traditional Childbearing, **“The Full Circle Doula: Reducing Infant Mortality and Saving Babies”**
- Rachael Smith Banks, Health Educator, Healthy Birth Initiatives Program, Multnomah County Department of Public Health
- Marni Storey, Public Health Services Manager, Clark County Public Health
- Tom Weiser, M.D., M.P.H., Medical Epidemiologist, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Service, **“Maternal and Child Health Disparities in Northwest Tribal Communities in Idaho, Oregon and Washington”**

Health Care for the Homeless Roundtable: “Counting the Dead: The Lethal Consequences of Homelessness” (Admin 129)

Facilitator: Marvin Mitchell, President of the Board, *Street Roots*, Director, Julia West House

- John Duke, M.D., Outside In Clinic
- Representatives of the Women’s Housing Equality and Enhancement League
- Craig Lyons, Executive Director, Vancouver Council for the Homeless

Substance Abuse and Treatment: “Debunking Myths about Substance Abuse and Treatment” (Multimedia 217)

Chair: Clay Mosher, Associate Professor Sociology, WSU Vancouver

- Phyllis Stewart, Outpatient Manager, Native American Rehabilitation Association
- Felix I. Rodriguez, Ph.D., Research Investigator, Washington State Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, **“Is Treatment Effective for Methamphetamine Users: Findings from Washington State?”**
- Cleve Thompson, Clark County Department of Community Services

Concurrent Session: 2:30-3:45

Rural Environmental Health Issues (Admin 110)

Chair: Brian Tissot, Ph.D., Professor of Earth and Environmental Science, WSU Vancouver

- Ramon Ramirez, President, Pineros Y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste
- Stephanie Ann Farquhar, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Community Health, Portland State University, **“Occupational Exposures and Discrimination among Indigenous Farmworkers in the Willamette Valley”**
- Jeremy Fivecrows, Columbia River Intertribal Fisheries Commission **“Fish Consumption and Health Risks Among Columbia River Tribes”**
- William E. Lambert, Ph.D., Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Oregon Health Sciences University, **“Health Benefits and Toxic Risks of Fish Consumption in Native Communities”**

Health Care for the Uninsured (Multimedia 6)

- John Nusser, M.D., Director, Residency Program, Southwest Washington Medical Center; Board Member, Free Clinic of Southwest Washington
- Diana Rashid, Community Organizer, Washington Community Action Network, **“Opportunities for Health Care Reform in Washington State”**
- Ellen Pinney, Executive Director, Oregon Health Action Campaign, **“Health Workers Impacting Health Policy”**

Health Care in the Justice System (Admin 129)

- Tara Herivel, J.D., co-editor (with Paul Wright) of *Prison Nation*, *The Warehousing of America’s Poor*, and *Prison Profiteers, Who Makes Money from Mass Incarceration*, **“Privatization of Prison Medical Care”**
- Rodie Renn-Lasher, M.S., ARNP, Renn and Associates
- Caylor Roling, Prison Program Director, Partnership for Safety and Justice

Health Care for Veterans (Multimedia 217)

Chair, Melody Rasmor, M.S., R.N. Washington State University Vancouver
Panel TBA

3:45-4:45 Keynote Panel: “Policy Advocacy Strategies that Work”

Facilitated by Jeri Sundvall-Williams, City of Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement, Board Member OPAL (Organizing People Activating Leaders).

Panelists include:

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Marcus Mundy, President and CEO, Urban League of Portland

Ellen Pinney, Executive Director, Oregon Health Action Campaign

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4:45-5:30 Reception (Admin 130)