



Bursting Out of Our Seams: Confronting the Challenge of Obesity in Our Communities

Saturday, March 31, 2007

Morning Session: UMDNJ-New Jersey Dental School (Oral Health Pavilion)

Afternoon Session: UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School (B556)

PROGRAM – MORNING SESSION

Location: UMDNJ-New Jersey Dental School (Oral Health Pavilion)

- 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast and Registration**
- 9:00 a.m. **Opening Plenary Session and Welcome**
Dr. Bruce C. Vladeck, Interim President, UMDNJ
Congressman Donald M. Payne (10th Congressional District)
Members of Congress:
Rep. Julia Carson (IN); Rep. Yvette Clarke (NY); Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (TX);
Rep. Edolphus Towns (NY)
Ms. Maria Vizcarrondo, Director, Child and Family Well-Being, City of Newark
Additional Acknowledgements

Dr. Diane R. Brown, Executive Director, Institute for the Elimination of Health Disparities, UMDNJ – School of Public Health, and Conference Co-Chair
- 9:35 a.m. **Overview of Obesity in New Jersey**
Dr. Fred M. Jacobs, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services
- 9:55 a.m. **Guest Speaker**
Dr. Reed V. Tuckson, Senior Vice President of Consumer Health and Medical Care Advancement, UnitedHealth Group

10:15 a.m. **Panel Sessions**

I. Local Issues on Weight Prevalence and Cultural Perspectives on Body Image, Oral Health Pavilion – Room B961

Moderator: Dr. Shawna Hudson, Assistant Professor, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, and Director, Community Research, The Cancer Institute of New Jersey

Presenters:

Ms. Erica Sison, Epidemiologist, Newark Department of Health & Human Services

Dr. Margaret Kilibwa, Clinical Assistant Professor, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Dr. Denise M. Williams Johnson, Psychologist

II. Community Access to Quality Foods, Oral Health Pavilion – Room B963

Moderator: Ms. Jessica Morse, Associate Director, Community Agencies Corporation of New Jersey

Presenters:

Dr. Maritza Jauregui, Assistant Professor, The Richard Stockton College of NJ

Ms. Joyce Smith Carter, President/Executive Director, Quest Ink, Inc.

Ms. Charmaine Ruddock, Project Director, Bronx REACH 2010 Coalition

III. Public Policy's Role in Reducing Obesity, Oral Health Pavilion – Room B965

Moderator: Mr. Joseph Martinez, Former New Jersey State Medicaid Director

Presenters:

Dr. Kennedy Ganti, Health Policy Fellow, Office of NJ Assemblyman Dr. Herb Conaway

Ms. Linda J. Holmes, Executive Director, Office of Minority and Multicultural Health, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services

Dr. Rufus L. Caine, Jr., Associate Professor, UMDNJ-New Jersey Dental School and UMDNJ-School of Public Health

IV. Reducing Childhood Obesity I: Public Policy and Broad-Based Strategies, New Jersey Medical School – Room B556

Moderator: Dr. Tania Mason-Eastmond, Medical Director, Newark Department of Health & Human Services

Presenters:

Dr. Philip M. Bonaparte, Chief Medical Officer, Horizon NJ Health

Dr. Robert L. Johnson, Interim Dean, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School

Dr. Marguerite Leuze, Supervisor Health Services, Newark Public Schools

Dr. Dwayne C. Proctor, Senior Program Officer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

11:15 a.m. **Break**

11:30 a.m. **Panel Sessions**

V. Dispelling Diet Myths, Oral Health Pavilion – Room B961

Moderator: Dr. Julie K. O’Sullivan Maillet, Associate Dean, UMDNJ-School of Health Related Professions

Presenters:

Dr. Thomas J. Kersting, Author and Psychotherapist

Ms. Joan Lytle, Public Affairs Specialist, NJ Food and Drug Administration

Ms. Kathleen Morgan, Associate Professor, Rutgers Cooperative Extension

Dr. Diane Radler, Assistant Professor, UMDNJ-School of Health Related Professions

VI. Promoting Physical Activity in Our Neighborhoods, Oral Health Pavilion – Room B963

Moderator: Ms. India Larrier, Consultant, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey

Presenters:

Ms. Kim Thompson-Gaddy, Environmental Justice Coordinator, New Jersey Environmental Federation

Ms. Sharon Z. Roerty, Director for Community Programs, National Center for Bicycling and Walking

Ms. Leigh Ann Von Hagen, Project Manager, Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center-Rutgers University

VII. Work Site Solutions and Wellness Programs, Oral Health Pavilion – Room B965

Moderator: Ms. Norma Pendleton, Diversity Officer, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey

Presenters:

Dr. K. Andrew Crighton, VP/Chief Medical Officer, Prudential Financial

Dr. Riva Touger Decker, Professor and Program Director, UMDNJ-School of Health Related Professions

Dr. Premila Kumar, Senior Clinical Manager for Disease Management Programs, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey

Dr. Felicia Pharagood-Wade, Medical Director, United Health Care

VIII. The Efficacy of Surgery and Pharmaceutical Approaches to Weight Loss, New Jersey Medical School – Room B552

Moderator: Ms. Darlene L. Cox, President/CEO, UMDNJ-University Hospital

Presenters:

Dr. Valentine J. Burroughs, Chief Medical Officer, North General Hospital

Dr. Gus J. Slotman, Professor, UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine

Mr. Joseph Martinez, Former New Jersey State Medicaid Director

Ms. Karen Licitra, Company Group Chair, Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Johnson & Johnson

IX. Reducing Childhood Obesity II: Some Evidence-Based Strategies, New Jersey Medical School – Room B556

Moderator: Dr. Rebecah Wilks, Congressional Fellow, Office of Congressman Donald M. Payne

Presenters:

Mr. Geoffrey Bakelmun, District Manager, Pan Asian Network Group

Dr. Kathleen Burke, Assistant Dean, Joint Nursing Programs, UMDNJ-School of Nursing and Ramapo College

Dr. Starr Eaddy, Assistant Professor, William Paterson University

Ms. LeShonda Wallace-Easterling, UMDNJ-Division of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Dr. Eric Schwartz, Chief Medical Officer, Henry J. Austin Health Center

PROGRAM – AFTERNOON SESSION

Location: UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School (B556)

12:30 p.m. **Luncheon, Grand Foyer, New Jersey Medical School**

1:15 p.m. **Obesity Initiatives**

Ms. Karen Licitra, Company Group Chair, Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Johnson & Johnson

Special Presentation

Ms. Annette Hubbard, Community Advisory Board, Institute for the Elimination of Health Disparities, UMDNJ-School of Public Health

1:30 p.m. **Guest Speaker, New Jersey Medical School – Room B556**

Dr. Arthur Agatston, Cardiologist, Associate Professor and Author University of Miami Medical School

1:50 p.m. *Ms. Benita Perkins, Fun and Fitness Activity, Bennie Girl Productions, Inc.*

2:00 p.m. **CBC Town Hall Forum and Open Public Testimony**

Presiding: Congressman Donald M. Payne

Members of Congress

Medical and Public Health Policy Experts

Community Leaders and Residents

Faith-Based Leaders

4:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

Congressman Donald M. Payne

Dr. Diane R. Brown, Institute for the Elimination of Health Disparities, UMDNJ-School of Public Health