

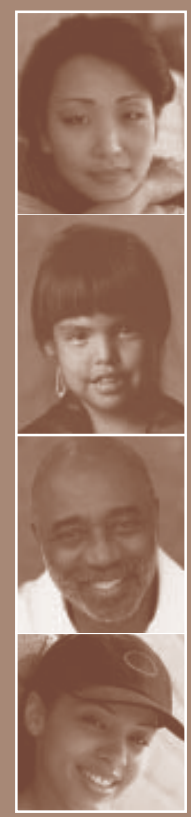
New England Regional Minority
Health Committee

presents the 4th

New England Regional
Minority Health Conference

Eliminating HEALTH DISPARITIES by 2010

Assessing Our Impact
Meeting the Challenge



April 10, 11, 12, 2005

Holiday Inn by the Bay
88 Spring Street
Portland, Maine

New England Regional Minority Health Committee
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Augusta, Maine 04333-0011

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Call for Abstracts

ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES BY 2010: Assessing Our Impact Meeting the Challenge

Our Mission

To provide a regional and multi-disciplinary forum to identify and target activities that will eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in health by 2010.

Conference Overview

This meeting is a key regional component of the national initiative to eliminate within the next decade the health disparities that persist among certain racial/ethnic/linguistic population groups including African-Americans, Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. These disparities include but are not limited to Cancer, Diabetes, Heart Disease, HIV/AIDS Infections, Immunizations, Environmental Health and Infant Mortality.

Participants attending the 2005 conference will review the progress of state plans and further develop the objectives initiated during the 1999, 2001 and 2003 Conferences. These plans, implemented in each of the six New England States, focused on removing barriers to health access and identifying better practice models to improve health outcomes.

Audience

The target audience includes:

- federal, state and local policy makers
- government health officials
- health care managers and executives
- community-based health care providers
- health professionals in practice and education
- public and private insurers
- consumers
- educators and researchers
- consultants
- students
- business sector representatives
- advocates and outreach workers

Call for Abstracts

We are soliciting abstracts for workshops for the New England Regional Minority Health Conference to be held on **April 10, 11 and 12, 2005**. The conference seeks to enhance participants' skills, demonstrate new approaches, and equip individuals to mobilize community networks that effectively address health disparities. We will select abstracts based on how well they contribute to and support the conference theme: Eliminating Health Disparities by 2010: Assessing Our Impact, Meeting the Challenge. Deadline for abstract submission is **October 8, 2004**.

We encourage presenters to focus on cross cutting topics such as:

Policy and Implementation:

- Access & Advocacy
- Healthy People 2010
- Federal, Regional, State and Local Policy
- Cultural Competence
- Racial & Ethnic Data Policy

Research Issues:

- Data Collection and Use
- Current Research Findings
- Research and Evaluation Methods for Special Populations
- Community Participatory Research

Systems and

Organizational Issues:

- Access & Advocacy
- Community Based Organization as a Change Agent
- Regional Networking and Collaboration
- Sustainability and Capacity Building
- Workforce Development
- Institutional Racism/Bias
- Tribal Relations
- Faith-based Initiatives

Health Care Practices:

- Prevention & Treatment Services
- Traditional Practices
- Complementary Medicine
- Alternative Medicine
- Healing Through the Arts

Categorical Health Issues:

- Aging
- Disabilities
- Environmental Health
- Genetics
- Mental Health
- Alzheimer's
- Oral Health
- Population Affairs
- Rural Health
- Substance Use/Abuse
- Tobacco Use/Prevention/Policy
- Violence/Injury Prevention
- Family Planning

Specific Diseases/ Health Issues:

- Asthma
- Cancer
- Cardiovascular/Hypertension
- Diabetes
- Hepatitis
- HIV/AIDS
- TB
- Childhood Lead Poisoning
- Overweight/Obesity

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Deadline for abstract submission is **October 8, 2004**. Abstracts submitted after October 8, 2004 will only be considered under exceptional circumstances.

Submit the abstract electronically and send a hard copy via mail.

1. Abstracts for consideration must be **150 words or less using Times New Roman 12 point font**.
2. **ALL** Program Committee decisions are final.
3. **NO** fees or honoraria will be provided.
 - **Single Author Presenters:** Registration fee is waived for the day you are presenting your workshop.
 - **Panel Presenters:** Only one conference registration fee is waived per panel group (a panel groups consists of 2 or more presenters)

If you are a presenter on one day and plan to attend any of the other conference days, you must register and pay conference fees.

4. Presenters must use one of the following three outlines to format the submission.

Outline A - Single Author Workshops

- Topic Description
- Issues to be discussed
- Learning objectives
- Solutions, Methods, Models and/or Examples
- Bibliography of at least 6 references

Outline B - Panel Workshops

- Topic Description
- Objective
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions
- Bibliography of at least 6 references
- List of all presenters

Outline C - Skill Building Session Workshops

- Topic Description
- Objectives
- Methods
- Skills
- Knowledge
- Bibliography of at least 6 references
- List of all presenters



Call for Abstracts Application Form

Deadline Date for Receipt: October 8, 2004

Each presenter must complete and sign this application form. For panel groups, please submit all completed forms as one package and designate a contact person on behalf of your panel group.

Name: _____

Please check: SINGLE AUTHOR PRESENTER
 PANEL PRESENTER
Are you the panel group contact person? Yes -or- No

Title (include professional degree/license/certificate):

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number _____

E-Mail: _____

Abstract Title: _____

Topic: (Please indicate one from topic list on Page 3)

Number of Presenters 1 () 2 () 3 () 4 () 5 ()

Format - Check One:

- Outline A - Single Author Workshop
- Outline B - Panel Workshop
- Outline C - Skill Building Workshop

Signature: _____

Please mail required forms by deadline date to:

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Registration materials will follow.

Abstract Check List

The abstract is **electronically submitted** and a hard copy is included with the abstract submission form.

- Brief biography (2-4 sentences) for each presenter for use in conference brochure
 - Each presenter's full resume/CV for CEU/CME applications.
 - Included is a brief summary of presenters professional experience/ areas of expertise related to this presentation; to include qualifications such as previous publications presentations
 - The submission form indicates the **topic**, and **presentation format**. All slots are scheduled for 90 minutes.
 - The abstract is no longer than 150 words in Times New Roman 12 point font.
 - Include a brief summary of presenter(s) professional experience/ areas of expertise related to this presentation, such as previous publications/presentations.
 - Complete all information on the call for abstract guidelines (page 4) and application form (page 5) and sign.
 - Incomplete** abstract submission forms and those not in accordance with the guidelines may not be reviewed or considered.
- Those submitting abstracts will be notified of the committee decision by **November 15, 2004**.*
- Include a printed list of equipment needed to be supplied. Available items are easels, overhead projector, slide projector, and VCR/TV.

Note: Presenter must bring his/her own Power Point Presentation equipment and/or LCD if needed.



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Sponsors

The "**Eliminating Health Disparities by 2010**" conferences are sponsored by the New England Minority Health Committee. The Committee is a collaboration between federal, state and local partners working towards sustainable, focused and joint efforts that address disparities in health outcomes.

Current partners include: Acadia Health Education Coalition, ALANA Community Organization, American Diabetes Association, American Cancer Society, American Muslim Society of Maine, Cancer Information Service-New England Region, Capitol Workforce Partners, Center for Tobacco Independence, City of Portland, Connecticut Department of Public Health, CT AHEC Program, CT Association of Directors of Health, Inc., CT Multicultural Health Commission, Critical Mass, DHHS-Administration on Aging, Fleet (NH), Foundation for Educational Advancement, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation, Imani Health Institute, Latino Health & Community Services, Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Primary Care Association, Massachusetts DHP-Office of Minority Health, Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester, New England HIV Education Consortium, New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, New Hampshire Minority Health Coalition, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, Rhode Island Department of Health, Rivier College, The Stubblefield-Tave Group, US Department of Health and Human Services-Office of Minority Health-Region 1, US Department of Health and Human Services-Office of Aging-Region 1, US Department of Health and Human Services-Office of Civil Rights-Region 1, University of New England, Vermont Department of Health, and Women In Need, Inc.

