

June 2, 2008

Dear Public Health Advocate:

The organizers of the 6th Annual Tri-Caucus Health Summit invite you to join members of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, Congressional Black Caucus, and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus to discuss health disparities among communities of color.

This year's Health Summit will bring together local communities, health experts and policymakers to learn from regional and local experiences that can inform national health policies and programs. To address shifting national priorities that accompany changes in presidential administrations, the Tri-Caucus Summit will seek to build consensus on policies that address health disparities, to develop strategies for advocacy at the federal level, and to engage communities of color in legislative action and outreach.

**The 6th Annual Tri-Caucus Health Summit
Houston Community College (HCC)
3100 Main Street
Houston, TX 77266-7517**

**July 19, 2008
7:00 am to 5:00 pm**

Houston was chosen to host the Tri-Caucus Summit because Texas has become a minority majority state – communities of color now constitute 52% of the state's population. Houston is among the top ten U.S. cities with the highest and most diverse Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander populations. In addition, there are local lessons to be learned related to the health care safety net, particularly in response to disasters (i.e., Hurricanes Katrina and Rita).

Enclosed is an agenda as well as an RSVP form. Please confirm your participation on or before July 7, 2008 by faxing the enclosed RSVP form to Annette Johnson at (281) 440-3771. Any further questions are welcome by Amelia Irmer at (415) 568-3332. We look forward to your participation.

Yours sincerely,



Rogene Gee Calvert

Local Planning Committee: Asian American Health Coalition; African American Health Coalition; Hispanic Health Coalition; Native American Health Coalition

Organizing Committee:

Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (Lead)
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations
Center for Research on Minority Health at MD Anderson Cancer Center
Families USA
Houston Asian American Health Collaborative
Kellogg Health Scholars Program at the Center for Advancement in Health
National Center for Primary Care at Morehouse School of Medicine
Out of Many, One



6th Annual Congressional Tri-Caucus Health Summit

July 18 – 19, 2008

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3100 Main Street
Houston, TX 77266-7517**

Agenda (as of 5/22/08)

The Congressional Tri-Caucus Health Summit will engage Congressional members and community members in dialogue pertaining to strategies and solutions that lead to the elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities.

Friday, July 18

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| 3:00 – 6:00 pm | Registration |
| 5:00 – 6:00 pm | Bus tour of the Texas Medical Center [By invitation only] |
| 6:00 – 9:00 pm | VIP Reception & Dinner [By invitation only]
Welcome and introductions |

Saturday, July 19

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| 7:00 – 8:30 am | Breakfast and Registration |
| 8:30 – 9:00 am | Welcome and introductions
Master of Ceremonies |
| 9:00 – 10:15 am | Opening Plenary – Minority Health Priorities, the First 100 Day Agenda
This session will explore strategies and challenges for integrating eliminating racial/ethnic health disparities legislation into the first 100 days agenda. Discussions will focus on national and local priorities and opportunities to win White House and Congressional leadership support. |

Agenda (as of 5/22/08)

- 10:15 – 11:30 am Regional Solutions to Health Disparities
In this session, each of the local minority health coalitions will highlight local strategies and solutions that can inform national policy making.
- 11:30 – noon Open Comment Period
- Noon – 1:30 pm Luncheon Session
Topic: Health Disparities – Direct Marketing of Communities of Color
Sponsor: American Legacy Foundation
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm “From the Ballot Box to the Hill!”
Local and national pollsters/communication experts and opinion leaders provide their perspective on how to translate and take advantage of the grassroots health movement to successful policy interventions. Specific focus will be on how communities of color can impact health care reform and national health policy dialogue.
- 2:30 – 2:45 pm Closing session

COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

- 7:00am – 5:00 pm
Community organizations will showcase their projects and work in a community fair setting for Congressional Members and other Tri-Caucus Summit participants.



RSVP FORM

6th Annual Tri-Caucus Health Summit

July 19, 2008

Houston Community College

3100 Main Street

Houston, Texas

Deadline to RSVP is July 7, 2008

(Please PRINT clearly)

Yes, I will be attending the Tri-Caucus Health Summit July 19, 2008.

Last Name First Name
Degree(s)

Title

Institution

Department

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Please FAX the Registration Form to Annette Johnson
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