

Health Care Reform: Challenges, Opportunities, and Strategies for Minority Communities

Friday, April 30, 2010
Dearborn, Michigan

Description

Racial and ethnic health disparities continue to plague this nation and our health care system. People of color in the United States are more likely to lack health insurance, to receive lower quality care, to suffer from worse health outcomes, and to die prematurely. The causes of these disparities are broad and complex. They range from societal issues like poverty, racism, and unhealthy environments, on one hand, to health system factors such as lack of health insurance, linguistic or cultural barriers, and limited access to health care facilities, on the other.

Community leaders know how to best address these inequities, and in collaboration with national partners, play critical roles in advancing health equity. Because national reform presents key opportunities for communities to address disparities, this forum will outline key federal health policies and its impact on states and local communities.

Who Should Attend

Individuals who have a major stake in the health and well-being of minority communities are invited to attend. We hope this discussion will give community leaders an opportunity to learn more about how federal reform proposals will affect their communities, as well as contribute to the discussion around its successful implementation. During this important conversation participants will share local lessons learned and suggestions for future success in eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities.

Please RSVP

We hope that you can join us for this important discussion which will take place on **Friday, April 30, 2010** at the **Arab American National Museum** (13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, MI). To register for this event, please forward the attached form to Ms. Nina Bakri at nbakri@accesscommunity.org or 6450 Maple, Dearborn, MI 48126. Please RSVP no later than **Friday, April 9, 2010**. For more information, please contact Adnan Hammad at (313) 216-2239.

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