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Friday, August 26, 2011

5 pm  Introduction
Knight Center, Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University
Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., President, Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, AL
Dr. David E. Rivers, Assistant Professor and Director, Public Information and Community Outreach (PICO), Department of Library Science & Informatics, Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), Charleston, SC
Ms. Melinda Downing, Environmental Justice Program Manager, Legacy Management, U.S. DOE, Washington, DC

Session I. The Role of Government
5:15 pm  This session focuses on the intergovernmental relationship between federal, state and local governments.
Moderator: Ms. Alice Sams, President, Huntsville National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Huntsville, AL
Mr. Scott Hughes, Chief, Office of External Affairs, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Montgomery, AL
The Honorable Rod Scott, Alabama State Representative, 55th District, Birmingham, AL
The Honorable Johnathan Austin, Councilman, Birmingham City Council, Birmingham, AL
The Honorable Robert Avery, Councilman, Gadsden City Council, Gadsden, AL

6:15 pm  Keynote Address
Ms. Natalia Cales, Regional Outreach Specialist, Region IV, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Atlanta, GA

6:45 pm  Reception
Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., President, Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, AL
Dr. David E. Rivers, MUSC, Charleston, SC
Ms. Melinda Downing, U.S. DOE, Washington, DC
Dr. Helen T. McAlpine, Third President, J.F. Drake State Technical College, Huntsville, AL
Dr. Sabra C. Slaughter, Chief of Staff, Office of the President, MUSC, Charleston, SC

Saturday, August 27, 2011

8:30 am  Registration & Continental Breakfast
Knight Center, Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University

9 am  Opening & Welcoming Remarks
Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., President, Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, AL
Dr. David E. Rivers, MUSC, Charleston, SC
Ms. Melinda Downing, U.S. DOE, Washington, DC

Session II. Health Disparities/Health Issues
9:15 am  This session focuses on health disparities, especially the combined effects of diabetes, hypertension and obesity as known as the metabolic syndrome.
Moderator: Dr. Sabra C. Slaughter, Chief of Staff, Office of the President, MUSC, Charleston, SC
Mr. Tracy Doughty, Vice President of Operations, Emergency and Trauma Services, Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, AL
Mr. Ray Clark, Senior Partner, The Clark Group, LLC, Birmingham, AL
Dr. Thomas Ellison, Medical Services Director, Principal Investigator, PROJECT H.E.L.P. USA/MRC Bruno-Smithfield Community Health Center, Birmingham, AL
Ms. Jeannette Jordan, Owner, J&J Health Consultants, Goose Creek, SC

10:30 am  BREAK

Session III. Youth Issues and Challenges
10:45 am  This session focuses on the challenges experienced by youth in the community and the development of resources needed to meet these challenges.
Moderator: Mr. Patrick Grayson, Executive Director, Huntsville Youth Outreach, Huntsville, AL
Ms. Stephanie Malone, Executive Director, Huntsville Girls, Inc., Huntsville, AL
Dr. Kathrynn Engberg, Professor, Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, AL
Mr. Deon Gordon, Senior Consultant, InfoMedia, Hoover, AL
Ms. Lori Diaz, Executive Director, Holiday Help for Heroes, Huntsville, AL

12 pm  LUNCH
(The Honorable Tommy Battle, Mayor, City of Huntsville, AL.)

Session IV. Rural Economic Development, Housing, Transportation
1 pm  This session focuses on creating a plan to stimulate the retention, expansion and attraction of businesses/economic development to the community.
Moderator: Dr. David E. Rivers, MUSC, Charleston, SC
Ms. Rhonda Ridley, Esquire, Government Affairs for MARTA, Atlanta, GA
Mr. D. Scott McLain, CCIM, Coldwell Banker Commercial McLain Real Estate, Huntsville, AL
Ms. Carol Clarke, Co-Chair of Norwood Neighborhood Improvement Plan Steering Committee, Former Director of Birmingham Economic Development, Birmingham, AL

Session V. Next Steps, Wrap-Up and Evaluation
2:15 pm  Ms. Latecia M. Abraham, Program Coordinator, PICO, MUSC, Charleston, SC

Session VI. Information Fair
Representatives of federal, state and local agencies will be invited to bring resources and information and set up an information "booth" (partial listing below).

4Sight
AIDS Action Coalition
Community Care Network
Girls, Inc.
Health Education Linkage Programs (Project H.E.L.P.)
Holiday Help for Heroes
Huntsville Hospital
Huntsville NAACP
Madison County Volunteer Lawyers Program
Maximum Life Enhancement, Inc.
North Alabama African American Chamber of Commerce
Voice of the Poor

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