9th Annual Leadership Awards Dinner

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DEAR COLLEAGUES:

Our Annual Leadership Awards Dinner brings to a close the Spring Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust and Seventh Annual Health Disparities Leadership Summit. We are very pleased that you can join us as we acknowledge and celebrate outstanding achievements among a select group of individuals who have contributed to improving the health of all Americans. Thank you for your support and participation.

Over the past two days we have learned that, notwithstanding the passage of health-reform legislation, more must be accomplished to reduce the health disparities and inequities seen across this country. We have learned that a growing number of Medicare beneficiaries are low consumers of benefits and that a predictable percentage of these low consumers become some of the most costly beneficiaries. We have learned that the increased participation of emerging populations is essential to ensure that the outcomes of clinical trials can be translated into more effective clinical practice. We have learned that there are critically important subpopulations—such as adolescents and residents of public-housing communities—whose unique health and health-care challenges must be addressed as we move forward. We have learned about how we can achieve health equity by leveraging resources and expertise across all federal agencies and offices. We have learned that there are tools available to map disease prevalence, isolate disease disparities, and target communities in need. And, last but very imperative, we have learned about the importance of ensuring that all forthcoming health-care-reform measures are fully implemented to ensure that we continue to take steps toward achieving health equity in this nation. Through our collaborative efforts, significant progress can be made to reduce the health-care-disparity gap, and we hope that you—as we have—leave knowing that together, we can do it!

Tonight we pay special homage to a distinguished group of individuals who have made important contributions to reducing disease disparities and who have fought tirelessly to bolster community-centric health-improvement efforts and to achieve health equity. While each has taken a different pathway, they share a common bond of seeking solutions, finding answers, and implementing ideas and plans. We offer gratitude this evening for their diligence and efforts by recognizing their accomplishments, which inspire us all.

We thank our partners, our sponsors, and all of you for your continued support and commitment. Your efforts have helped to make the Summit and the Awards Dinner a success.

We hope you enjoy your evening.

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Donna M. Christensen
Member of Congress

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President and Chief Executive Officer
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Anne L. Peters, MD

Charles Richard Drew Award
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Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Award
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J.C. Watts, Jr.
Rev. Al Sharpton
Gary Puckrein, PhD

PRESENTATION OF HONORS
Mary Eliza Mahoney Award
Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard

SPEAKER
Stuart Hameroff, MD

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Susan La Flesche Picotte Award
Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz

SPEAKER
Kathleen Sebelius
Secretary of US Department of Health and Human Services

PRESENTATION OF HONORS
Lifetime Achievement Award
Congressman Danny K. Davis

SPEAKER
Phylicia Rashad

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CLOSING REMARKS
Congresswoman Donna Christensen
Gary Puckrein, PhD

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The National Minority Quality Forum (formerly the National Minority Health Month Foundation) was instrumental in launching National Minority Health Month, supported by a resolution from the U.S. Congress and recognized by many states.

The Concurrent Resolution (H. Con. Res. 388) signed by the U.S. Congress on October 3, 2002, states that “a National Minority Health and Health Disparities Month should be established to promote educational efforts on the health problems currently facing minorities and other health disparity populations” and that “the President should issue a proclamation recognizing the immediate need to reduce health disparities in the United States and encouraging all health organizations and Americans to conduct appropriate programs and activities to promote healthfulness in minority and other health disparity communities.”

“Many Americans are not aware that there is a minority health month,” says National Minority Quality Forum President and Chief Executive Officer Gary Puckrein, PhD. “We have a shared responsibility to bring national attention to this issue that impacts so many citizens. A national, annually recognized month will help raise awareness and prompt initiatives to bridge the health gap.”
Learn more about what we’re doing to improve patient health.
BERNARDO ALBERTO HOUSSAY AWARD

Born in Argentina in 1887, Bernardo Alberto Houssay received the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1947 for his discovery of the part played by the hormone of the anterior pituitary lobe in the metabolism of sugar. The Bernardo Alberto Houssay Award recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding contributions toward the elimination of diabetes in emerging populations.

Anne L. Peters, MD

Anne L. Peters is a nationally and internationally respected diabetologist and one of bestdoctors.com’s Best Doctors in America. She is Professor of Medicine and Director of the University of Southern California Clinical Diabetes Programs. Dr. Peters treats a spectrum of patients, from Hollywood producers, writers, and stars who frequent her clinic in Beverly Hills (and lots of “regular” people as well) to the poor who populate her free diabetes clinic in East Los Angeles. She serves as the Principal Investigator for two major National Institutes of Health studies that are based in East Los Angeles, where she works with her team to prevent diabetes in the surrounding communities. Her leadership has been instrumental in the development of a countywide diabetes program developed through the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Dr. Peters’ research has been published in leading medical journals, including JAMA, Annals of Internal Medicine, American Journal of Medicine, and Diabetes Care, and she has been quoted in, among others, the Los Angeles Times, Wall Street Journal, and New York Times. She is author of the book Conquering Diabetes. Formerly Chairperson of the American Diabetes Association Council on Health Care Delivery and Public Health, Dr. Peters speaks nationally and internationally. She has appeared on Larry King Live, Dateline, CNN, E.R., and the Discovery Channel, among others.
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CHARLES RICHARD DREW AWARD

Born on June 3, 1904, Charles Richard Drew developed the first blood bank and established the American Red Cross Blood Bank, of which he was the first director. The Charles Richard Drew Award is given to an organization or individual for meritorious work in the area of cardiovascular health in emerging populations.

KEITH C. FERDINAND, MD, FACC, FAHA
Charles Richard Drew Award

Keith C. Ferdinand, MD, Clinical Professor, Cardiology Division, Emory University, and Chief Science Officer, Association of Black Cardiologists, was previously the Medical Director of Heartbeats Life Center and Professor of Clinical Pharmacology at Xavier University College of Pharmacy in New Orleans, LA. Dr. Ferdinand currently serves as the Principal Investigator of the Healthy Heart Community Prevention Project, a cardiovascular-risk program that targets African American and other high-risk populations. Healthy Heart is a nationally recognized model for community-based health screening and intervention. Dr. Ferdinand was also the host and producer of Health Issues 2000, a community cable talk show, and previously produced You and Your Health, a local radio talk show in New Orleans. Dr. Ferdinand was a member of the ALLHAT Data Safety and Monitoring Board and Chair of Section Four of the Sixth Report of the Joint National Committee. He was a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Minority Populations for the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and a member of the National High Blood Pressure Education Program Coordinating Committee. He was director of the NHLBI Physician’s Health Network, a program that educated physicians and the lay population on cardiovascular risk reduction. He is past president and a former member of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, past president of the Orleans Division of the American Heart Association, and past chair of the Board of Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc.
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MARY ELIZA MAHONEY AWARD

Born in 1852, Mary Eliza Mahoney was the United States’ first black professional nurse. She graduated from the New England Hospital for Women and Children Training School for Nurses in 1879. The Mary Eliza Mahoney Award recognizes an individual or organization that has made outstanding contributions in promoting access to health care in emerging populations.

CONGRESSWOMAN LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

Mary Eliza Mahoney Award

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, the representative of California’s 34th Congressional District, is a political pioneer. In 1999, the congresswoman became the first Latina in US history appointed to the House Appropriations Committee, one of the most powerful committees in Congress. As a member of the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, the congresswoman oversees funding for all the health-related programs and agencies of the federal government, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health. A national leader in public-health and prevention efforts, the congresswoman also co-founded the bipartisan Congressional Study Group on Public Health to educate members and staff about public-health issues. In recognition of her efforts to promote public-health and prevention initiatives, the congresswoman was recently named Chairwoman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Health Care Task Force. In this role, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard is committed to ensuring that any health-care reform package must do the following: prioritize public-health and prevention efforts to save lives and bring down costs; address and eliminate the underlying causes of health disparities, which threaten the health of communities across the nation; and focus on models of health care that result in healthier families at lower health-care costs. Born and raised in Boyle Heights in Los Angeles, the congresswoman is the eldest daughter of Lucille Beserra Roybal and the late Honorable Edward R. Roybal, who served as a Member of Congress for 30 years. The 1965 graduate of the California State University at Los Angeles is married to Edward T. Allard III.
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STUART HAMEROFF, MD

Stuart Hameroff, MD, is Professor of Anesthesiology and Psychology and Director of the Center for Consciousness Studies at the University of Arizona in Tucson. He works full time as a clinical anesthesiologist at University of Arizona Medical Center, a busy trauma hospital. His research deals with mechanisms of anesthesia and how the brain produces consciousness. He teamed with Sir Roger Penrose to develop the controversial Orch OR (orchestrated objective reduction) theory of consciousness based on quantum computation in microtubules within brain neurons. Dr. Hameroff has published over 100 articles and several books and appeared in the film *What the Bleep?*, and he organizes the biennial “Toward a Science of Consciousness” conferences in Tucson. His Web site is http://www.quantumconsciousness.org.
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SUSAN LA FLESCH PICOTTE AWARD

Born in 1865 in the Omaha tribe, Susan La Flesche Picotte was the first Native American woman to earn a medical degree. The Susan La Flesche Picotte Award recognizes an individual or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to women’s health in emerging populations.

CONGRESSWOMAN DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ
SUSAN LA FLESCH PICOTTE AWARD

Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz represents Florida’s 20th Congressional District, which encompasses parts of the state as far north as Fort Lauderdale and as far south as Miami Beach. Before joining the US Congress, she was first a Representative and later a Senator in the Florida Legislature. Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz serves on the House Committee on Appropriations, which, in conjunction with its Senate counterpart, makes funding decisions on every discretionary program in the federal budget. She serves as a “Cardinal,” chairing the Legislative Branch Subcommittee. She also serves on the House Judiciary Committee, which handles issues ranging from terrorism to protection of civil liberties. As a Chief Deputy Whip, Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz works to help advance important legislation. This role places her on the leadership team of the House of Representatives. In her first term, Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz served as a Senior Whip, the only freshman chosen to serve on the Whip team. In March 2009, after she announced her own battle with breast cancer, Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz introduced the Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act, or EARLY Act (H.R. 1740), a piece of legislation that directs the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to develop and implement a national education campaign about the threat that breast cancer poses to all young women and the particular heightened risks of certain ethnic, cultural, and racial groups. She was born in Long Island, NY, and received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from University of Florida. She and her husband, Steve, live in Weston, FL, with their three children.
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Kathleen Sebelius was sworn in as the 21st Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on April 28, 2009. As Secretary, she leads the principal agency charged with keeping Americans healthy, ensuring that they get the health care they need, and providing children, families, and seniors with the essential human services on which they depend. She oversees one of the largest civilian departments in the federal government, with nearly 80,000 employees. Since taking office, Secretary Sebelius has been a leader on some of the Obama administration’s top priorities. As the country’s highest-ranking health official, she has been a powerful voice for reforming our health-insurance system. She has also been charged by the President with coordinating the response to the 2009 H1N1 flu virus. And under her leadership, HHS has provided a wide range of services, from health care to child care to energy assistance to help families weather the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. Secretary Sebelius has answered President Obama’s call to form partnerships across government to improve the lives of Americans. She is Co-Chair, with Agriculture Secretary Vilsack, of the President’s Food Safety Working Group. With Attorney General Holder, she chairs the new Health Care Fraud Prevention and Action Team (HEAT). She has teamed up with Education Secretary Duncan to improve early childhood education. And as part of President Obama’s Year of Community Living, she is working with Housing and Urban Development Secretary Donovan to improve the lives of seniors and people with disabilities who wish to live at home.
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CONGRESSMAN DANNY K. DAVIS
Lifetime Achievement Award

Danny K. Davis was chosen by the people of the Seventh Congressional District of Illinois as their Representative in Congress on November 5, 1996. He has been reelected by large majorities to succeeding Congresses, most recently to the 111th Congress. In the 111th Congress, Congressman Davis serves on the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Congressman Davis is a Member of the Congressional Black Caucus, Co-Chairman of the Community Health Centers Caucus, Co-Chairman of the Congressional Sugar Caucus, the Progressive Caucus, the India Caucus, the Steel Caucus, the Art Caucus, and the Hellenic Caucus, to name a few. His initiative to quadruple the Access To Jobs Program funding in the 105th Congress and his Bipartisan American Community Renewal Act and New Markets Initiative in the 106th Congress, designed to bring investment and jobs to economically impacted communities, are examples of his successes. Other major legislative successes include the Suicide Prevention Act, the Sickle Cell Anemia Prevention and Treatment Act, and the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act. Congressman Davis hosts several weekly television and radio shows, and he produces regular written reports to every household in the district. In addition, he maintains weekly office hours in the district and is widely sought after as a speaker at district events. He sponsors more than 40 town-hall meetings each year.
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SPEAKER

PHYLICIA RASHAD

Best known as Clair Huxtable from *The Cosby Show* and the first black actress to win a Tony Award for a dramatic leading role, Phylicia Rashad is a committed advocate for children, women’s issues, and fine arts. Ms. Rashad earned two Emmy Award nominations and a People’s Choice Award for Favorite Television Female Performer during her eight years on *The Cosby Show*. She has also produced and performed in a number of other television programs. Successful on the stage as well, Ms. Rashad completed a leading role in the New York production of *Blue* and has starred on Broadway in *Into the Woods*, *Jelly’s Last Jam*, *Dreamgirls*, *The Wiz*, and *Ain’t Supposed to Die a Natural Death*. Most recently, she became the first black actress to win a Tony Award for a dramatic leading role, which she received for her portrayal of Lena Younger in the Broadway revival of *A Raisin in the Sun*. The daughter of a highly creative Houston family, Ms. Rashad graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in fine arts from Howard University. She supports the work of the PRASAD Project, an international charitable organization designed to help communities by giving them the tools and opportunities they need for self-reliance. Ms. Rashad is also committed to the mission of Children’s Hospital, which provides premium pediatric health care and services to children in the District of Columbia, and to RNT—Recruiting New Teachers. In addition to supporting these organizations, she is dedicated to communicating the importance of the fine arts in education.
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