Ninth Annual National Summit on Health Disparities/
CBC Health Braintrust Meeting and Awards Dinner

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OVERVIEW

1. Key facts about the Joint Center, the Energy and Environment Program and Commission to Engage African Americans on Climate Change

2. Bridging health and environmental research and advocacy – Barriers and Successes (CA)

3. National Environment Health Partnership Council

4. Partnership with National Minority Quality Forum – Launched today!

5. Bridging health and environmental policy and research – Your guidance needed!
Mission:
The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies is a leading research and public policy organization that identifies critical issues and elevates new voices to the policy discussions. We are expanding Energy and Environment Program.

Organization:
• Non-partisan: Board Members include former Rep. J.C. Watts (R) and Donna Brazile

• Convener of National Policy Alliance – trusted by Black elected leaders across the country

• $8 million annual budget, staff of 30+ people

• Best known for work on addressing health disparities, digital divide, civic engagement

• Research, Polling, Convening in DC and priority states
President Obama meets with members of the National Policy Alliance in February 2011. Joint Center’s President, Ralph Everett, is pictured two seats to the President’s right.
COMMISSION TO ENGAGE AFRICAN AMERICANS

Civil Rights

Industry

Environmental

Government

Academia
• Dr. Georges Benjamin, President, APHA
• Ben Jealous, Executive Director, NAACP
• Carolyn Green, CEO, EnerGreen Capital
• Phaedra Ellis, President, Green For All
• Dr. Warren Washington, Scientist, NCAR
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New Report Ranks the Cities, States Failing to Protect Most Vulnerable from Dirty Air

Top 10 List of Companies that Pollute in Most Disadvantaged Neighborhoods

AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS – A new study released today is one of the first to use newly available data from the Environmental Protection Agency to track which states and metropolitan areas have the biggest gap between the health risk from toxic air pollution faced by people of color and the poor compared to their proportion of the population.

......ten worst metropolitan areas who are failing to protect minorities and the poor from dirtier air than the rest of the population breathes:

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Most African Americans in this country live in urban areas. ...the administration just initiated standards for power plants and *those standards are going to save 11,000 lives a year.*

Just one contaminated plot in such a neighborhood can make it a place where businesses don't want to grow or invest. *One dollar spent on cleanup in those communities means $19 in private-sector economic growth,* because you remove that barrier to economic opportunity.
Clean Air Rules (just one example!):
Excellent return on investment and health care cost savings
Preparing for More Weather Disruption

Minority Vulnerability

• Katrina
• Heat Waves
• Coastal Communities

We need to weigh in more and better prepare
Dr. Richard Jackson, MD, MPH  
Professor and Chair of Environmental Health Science - UCLA School of Public Health

- Director, National Center for Environmental Health – Nine Years  
- State Health Officer for California for a year and a half

“I’ve become increasingly convinced that I’m sitting at the end of the disease pipeline waiting for somebody to come in the door with obesity-related diabetes, with injuries related to a bad urban design.... Asthma and even heart disease are related to very poor air quality.”

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Designing Healthy Communities - PBS
Partly funded from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Projects of the Network of Ethnic Physician Organizations

Below are a list of different Network of Ethnic Physician projects. Click on the title to view.

- **Health Information Technology Resource Center**
  The purpose of NEPO Health Information Technology (HIT) Resource Center is to provide NEPO physicians with the tools and resource information needed when considering whether or not to implement an electronic health record (EHR) system.

- **Cancer Screening Project**
  Survey Finds Ethnic Californians Lag Behind in Cancer-Screening - Ethnic Physicians and the Ethnic Media Team Up to Raise Awareness

- **Health Disparities Action Plan - Type 2 Diabetes Focus**
  The Network of Ethnic Physician Organizations (NEPO) health disparities action plan provides a framework that gives voice to communities of color to address health disparities and provides a vehicle for ethnic physician leaders to address these issues.

- **Diabetes Health Disparities Convening Report**
  Ethnic physicians and their organizations play important roles in promoting the health of diverse communities. Minority physicians are more likely to practice medicine in communities with a higher percentage of ethnically diverse members. While most minority patients in California still receive care from a health provider of a different ethnic background, minority physicians in California often provide a bridge to greater language and cultural understanding between their colleagues and their communities. Ethnic physicians have a high level of credibility.
Example of progress – but a baby step ....
The medical community’s voice matters

CARB estimates the benefits in reduced hospitalizations, asthma attacks and other health problems would be between $48 billion and $68 billion over the next 15 years.
Total Anti-Environment Votes Under GOP House Majority in the 112th Congress

191
Votes targeted at the Environmental Protection Agency: 114
Votes to block actions that prevent pollution: 84
Votes targeted at the Department of Energy: 31
Votes to undermine protection for public lands and coasts: 20
Votes to defund or repeal clean energy initiatives: 26
Votes to block actions that address climate change: 27
Votes to dismantle the National Environmental Policy Act: 18
Votes to dismantle the Clean Water Act: 28
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*Note: The costs and benefits associated with standards of performance for petroleum refineries are in millions, and therefore appear close to 0 on the scale of this figure.
Partnership Council to create unified voice on environmental health

by Audrey on Apr 12, 2012 ‒ 10:01 am

In the past few years the field of environmental health has celebrated tremendous achievements. But budget cuts, workforce shortages and political rancor have hampered progress. A group of environmental and public health leaders has come together to address environmental health challenges and bring a unified voice and leadership to the field.

Last week marked the first meeting of the National Environmental Health Partnership Council, coordinated by APHA. It represents a diverse group of 25 organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Lung Association, National Resources Defense Council and Association of Public Health Laboratories. The group's chief goal is to strengthen the field's capacity to tackle environmental health threats and drive action to improve public health.
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL
24 PARTNERS – CDC CONVENED

American Academy of Pediatrics (Sonya Clay, Assistant Director, Federal Affairs)

National Association of County and City Health Officials (Dave Dyjack, DrPH, CIH *.
Deputy Executive Director)

The Mount Sinai Hospital (Maida Galvez, MD, MPH, Associate Professor, Preventive Medicine, and Pediatrics)

University of California, Los Angeles (Dick Jackson, MPH *, Professor and Chair, Environmental Health Sciences)

Children’s Environmental Health Network (Nse Obot Witherspoon, MPH *, Executive Director)

American Lung Association (Katherine Pruitt, Assistant Vice President, Program Service)
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JOINT CENTER TEAMS WITH NATIONAL MINORITY QUALITY FORUM TO OFFER DATA ON HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS TO LAWMAKERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS
Concluding ...

Integrating health and environmental policy, advocacy and research:

- Venues for bridging silos
- Shaping the research agenda
- How to accelerate information sharing
- Examples to emulate, pitfalls to avoid
- Vision, for example >>>>
Health Policy

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- Health Information Technology
- Comparative Effectiveness Research
- Data Collection
- Universal Coverage
- Minority Health Professionals
- Health Care Safety Net
- Disparities
- Medicare Reimbursement
- Accountable Care Organizations
- Medical Liability and Malpractice Insurance
- Healthy People 2020

Health Information Technology
WE WANT YOUR INPUT
Joint Center Annual Dinner
May 1st, 2012
Washington, DC
Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed

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Partners: Alliance to Save Energy
A Quiet History HUGE Success!

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Improvements Since 1973 Have Reduced Annual Energy Consumption by 52 Quads in 2008

Alliance to Save Energy, June 2009