



Hear Us Now! Raising Women's Voices for the Health Care We Need

March 3, 2008 9:05 AM

THURSDAY APRIL 17, 2008

8:00-9:00 AM

BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION

9:00- 9:45 AM

OPENING GREETINGS PARESKY CONFERENCE CENTER

Susan Scrimshaw, PhD, President Simmons College

Judy Ann Bigby, MD, Secretary of Health and Human Services, State of Massachusetts

Diane Wilkerson, State Senator, MA

Nancy Norman, MD,MPH, Medical Director, Boston Health Commission

Byllye Avery, Founder and President, Avery Institute for Social Change
and Founder, Black Women's Health Imperative

"Why Are We Here?"

9:45-10:10 AM

OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Joycelyn Elders, MD, Former US Surgeon General for Health and Human Services, University of Arkansas

**"The Crisis in Our Health Care System: Why Don't We Have
Quality, Affordable Health Care for All?"**

10:10-10:30 AM

VOICES OF THE UNHEARD

Lula Christopher, Executive Director, Boston Black Women's Health Institute

Eesha Pandit, Raising Women's Voices

10:30-11:30 AM

PANEL I: "Uninsured or Under-Insured: Who is Left Out of the System Now?"

MODERATOR:

Lois Uttley, Director, The MergerWatch Project, Co-coordinator, Raising Women's Voices for the Health Care We Need

PANELISTS:

Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas, Director of Policy and Advocacy, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health

Tameshia Bridges, Senior Health Policy Specialist, Health Care for Health Care Workers Campaign, MI

Barbara Anthony, Executive Director, Health Law Advocates, Boston

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11:30-11:40 AM

Stretch Break

11:40-11:50 AM

VOICES STORY
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11:50 -12:50 PM

PANEL II: "WHAT DO WE MEAN BY WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE?"

MODERATOR:

Judy Norsigian, *Our Bodies, Ourselves*

PANELISTS:

Maureen Corry, Executive Director, Childbirth Connection

Claudia Morrissey, MD, MPH, President, American Medical Women's Association

Lorraine Hector*, Case Manager Dimock Community Health Center

12:50-1:20 PM

LUNCH PARESKY CONFERENCE CENTER

1:20-1:45 PM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND Q & A OVER LUNCH:

Miriam Yeung, Executive Director, National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum

"A Vision of Health Care for All"

1:45-1:55 PM

Voices Story
Voices Story

2:00-3:30 PM

WORKSHOPS AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS I

Workshop A

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS ROOM

**Health Care and
Sexuality**

Workshop B

FACULTY STAFF ROOM

**Making Our Own
Childbirth Choices**

Workshop C

KOTZEN MEETING CENTER 1

**Women As Family
Health Care Decision-
Makers, Coordinators**

Workshop D

KOTZEN MEETING CENTER 2

**Dependent Health
Insurance Status is a
Women's Issue**

Workshop E

LECTURE HALL C103

**Health Challenges Of
Women As We Age**

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Workshop A

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS ROOM

Health Care and Young Women

Moderator:

Miriam Yeung, Executive Director, National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum

Speaker:

- **TiElla Grimes**, Raising Women's Voices
- **Kierra Johnson***, Choice USA
- **Shaleice Goodman**, Roxbury Multi-Service Center Inc., Teens Networking Teens Program

Workshop B

FACULTY STAFF ROOM

Making Our Own Childbirth Choices

Moderator:

Joanna Rorie, CNM, MPH, Assistant Professor, Maternal and Child Health, Boston University School of Public Health

Speakers:

- **Kiki Zeldes***, *Our Bodies, Ourselves*
- **Elan McAllister**, Choices in Childbirth, NYC

Workshop C

KOTZEN MEETING CENTER 1

Women As Family Health Care Decision-Makers, Coordinators

Moderator:

Nashira Baril*, Director New England Center of Excellence in the Elimination of Disparities Boston Health Commission

Speakers:

- **Jamea Dorsey, MPH, CEO**, Center for Black Women's Wellness, Atlanta
- **Lisa Summers, CNM**, Health Policy Advisor, National Partnership for Women and Families
- **Carol Levine**, Caretakers Association

Workshop D

KOTZEN MEETING CENTER 2

Dependent Health Insurance Status is a Women's Issue

Moderator:

Eleanor Hinton-Hoytt, President Black Women's Health Imperative

Speakers:

- **Annie Farnsworth, PhD**, Interim Director, New Hampshire Women's Lobby & Alliance
- **Rebecca Fox**, The National Coalition for LGBT Health
- **Anita Raj***, Boston University School of Public Health

Workshop E

LECTURE HALL C103

Health Challenges Of Women As We Age

Moderator:

Catherine DeLorey, MD, Director, Women's Health Institute; Coordinator, Women's Universal Health Initiative

Speakers:

- **Amy Allina**, National Women's Health Network
- **Susan Neary*, PhD, APRN**, Assistant Professor Nursing Simmons College
- **Deane Beebe**, Communications Director, Medicare Rights Center

3:45 - 5:00 PM

WORKSHOPS AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS II

Workshop F

LECTURE HALL C103

Making Our Health Care Culturally Competent

Workshop G

LECTURE HALL C101

What's Often Left Out of Health Care Coverage? Alternative Medicine, Dental Care, and Mental Health Care

Workshop H

FACULTY STAFF ROOM

Strengthening and Expanding Medicaid: A Key Source of Women's Health Care

Workshop I

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS ROOM

Should We Be Required To Have Health Insurance?

* Invited

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Workshop F
LECTURE HALL C103

**Making Our Health
Care Culturally
Competent**

Moderator:

Eesha Pandit, Raising Women's
Voices

Speakers:

- **Rebecca Fox**, The National
Coalition for LGBT Health
- **Juanita Larah**, Make the Road,
NY
- **Susan Dooha**, Executive
Director, Center for Independence
of the Disabled, NY

Workshop G
LECTURE HALL C101

**What's Often Left Out
of Health Care Coverage?
Alternative Medicine, Dental
Care, Mental Health Care**

Moderator:

Susan Yanow, Reproductive Health
Consultant

Speakers:

- **Mary Ruggie**, Professor of Public
Policy, Harvard University's
Kennedy School of Government,
Author *Marginal to Mainstream:
Alternative Medicine in America*
- **Jamie Corliss**, Oral Health
Taskforce, Massachusetts
- **Emily Feinberg**, Professor,
Boston School of Public Health,
Department of Maternal and Child
Health

Workshop H
FACULTY STAFF ROOM

**Strengthening and
Expanding Medicaid:
A Key Source of
Women's Health Care**

Moderator:

Marlene Gerber Fried, Director,
Civil Liberties and Public Policy
Program, Hampshire College

Speakers:

- **Debbie Reid**, Staff Attorney,
National Health Law Program
- **Myra Batchelder**, NARAL Pro-
Choice New York
- **Michele Stranger-Hunter**,
Executive Director, NARAL Pro-
Choice Oregon

Workshop I
SPECIAL FUNCTIONS ROOM

**Who Should Be
Responsible for health
insurance: individuals,
employers or society?**

Moderator:

Ngina Lythcott, Associate
Dean of Students, BU School of
Public Health

Speaker:

- **Martha Livingston**, Vice
President, New York Chapter,
PHNHP, Associate Professor of
Health and Society, SUNY
College at Old Westbury

5:30-7:30 PM

RECEPTION COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT, TREMONT STREET, BOSTON

Buses will take participants to the reception from Simmons

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008

9:00-10:15 AM

PLENARY SESSION PARESKY CONFERENCE CENTER

**VOICES STORY
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* *Invited*

9:00–10:15 AM **PANEL III: “Moving Towards Action”** PARESKY CONFERENCE CENTER

MODERATOR:

Cindy Pearson, National Women’s Health Network

PANELISTS:

Judy Waxman, National Women’s Law Center

Loretta Ross, Director, SisterSong

Susan Sherry, Community Catalyst

10:15-11:30 AM **WORKSHOPS AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS III:**
“How Do I Become Involved?”

Workshop J

KOTZEN MEETING CENTER 1

**Grassroots Organizing
for the Health Care
We Need**

Moderator:

Anne Kasper*, Maryland Women’s Health Coalition

Speakers:

- **Eileen Schnitger***, Feminist Women’s Health Center of CA
- **Charlotte Roybal**, Executive Director, Health Action New Mexico
- **Kierra Johnson***, Choice USA
- **Jessica Rotthaar**, Project Manager, Health Access, CA

Workshop K

FACULTY STAFF ROOM

**Making Sure Reproductive
Health is included in
Health Care Reform
in Your State**

Moderator:

Amy Allina, National Women’s Health Network

Speakers:

- **Baylee DeCastro, PhD**, UCSF National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health
- **Andrea Miller**, Executive Director of NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts
- **Giovanna Rossi**, NWHAT, Governor’s Council on Women’s Health, New Mexico

Workshop L

CLASSROOM E305

**Advocating for Our Needs
Within the Mass Health Care
System: Connecting to
“The Connector”**

Moderator:

Lula Christopher, Boston Black Women’s Health Initiative

Speaker:

- **April Taylor***, Health Care for All of Massachusetts

Workshop M

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS ROOM

**Health Care Providers Take the
Lead in Urging for Reform**

Moderator:

Justina Trott, MD, New Mexico Center for Women’s Health Excellence, Women’s Health Service Family Care

Speakers:

- **Judy Bradford, PhD**, Fenway Community Health Center
- **Mary Lawlor, CPM, LM, MA**, President National Association of Certified Professional Midwives
- **Steffi Woolhandler***, MD, MPH Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard, Cofounder of Physician for National Health Program
- Local representative from Physicians for a National Health Program

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11:30-12:30 AM WORKSHOPS AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS IV

Workshop N

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS ROOM

**Lessons Learned:
Some State Models**

Moderator:

Elisabeth Ryden Benjamin*,
MSPH, JD, Community Service
Society of New York

Speakers:

- **Fawn Phelps**, Health Care for All of Massachusetts, MassACT
- **Charlotte Roybal**, Executive Director, Health Action New Mexico
- **Emily Blistein***, Planned Parenthood of New England

Workshop O

FACULTY STAFF ROOM

**Building Your Own
Health Reform Law – What
are the Key Elements
You Need To Consider?**

Moderator:

Kate Villers, President,
Community Catalyst

Speakers:

- **Christine Barber**, Senior Policy Analyst, Community Catalyst
- **Ella Hushagen**, Families USA
- **Ellen Shaffer, PhD MPH**, Co-Director Center for Policy Analysis on Trade and Health (CPATH)
- Board Member, National Women's Health Network

Workshop P

KOTZEN MEETING CENTER 1

**Honing Your Message
to Generate Interest**

Moderator:

Laura Kaplan*, Author

Speaker:

- **Ellen Ratner**, Talk Radio News Service, Political Editor, DC Bureau Chief, *Talkers Magazine*
- **Kelley Chunn***, Kelley Chunn & Associates, Boston

Workshop Q

LECTURE HALL C103

**Telling Our Stories:
Using the Truth of our
Lives to Change the
Health System**

Moderator:

Marsha Hurst, Co-editor, *Stories of Illness and Healing: Women Who Write Their Bodies!*, Columbia University

Speakers:

- **Juanita Larah**, Make the Road NY
- **Yvette Koch***, National Network of Abortion Funds, Providence, RI
- **Maggie Hoffman**, Project DOCC

12:30-1:00 PM

CLOSING PLENARY

Byllye Avery, Founder and President, Avery Institute for Social Change and Founder, Black Women's Health Imperative



"A Call to Action!"

* Invited