



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

March 27, 2008 8:59 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

Dianne 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

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

Susan Sered, Center for Women's Health and Human Rights, Suffolk University

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11:30-11:40 AM

Stretch Break

11:40-11:50 AM

VOICES OF THE UNHEARD

Voices Story

Voices Story

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

1:20-1:30 PM

Voices Story

Voices Story

1:30-1:55 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”

2:00-3:30 PM

WORKSHOPS AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS I: “Health Care Across the Life Span”

Workshop A

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS ROOM

**Health Care and
Young Women**

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

Speakers:

- **TiElla Grimes**, Program Associate, YWCA Boston
- **Kierra Johnson**, Choice USA
- **Hortencia DoRosario**, Community Activist
- **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
- **Makeda Kamara, CNM, MPH, MEd** Director IMANI Family Life Center, Women's Health Specialist, Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center, Boston

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:

- **Jemea Dorsey, MPH, CEO**, Center for Black Women's Wellness, Atlanta
- **Lisa Summers, CNM**, Health Policy Advisor, National Partnership for Women and Families
- **Julie Winokur**, Filmmaker, Talking Eyes Media

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: "Issues in Women's Health Care"

Workshop F

KOTZEN MEETING CENTER 1

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

Why Isn't Health Care Considered a Human Right?

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KOTZEN MEETING CENTER 1

**Making Our Health
Care Culturally
Competent**

Moderator:

Eesha Pandit, Raising Women's
Voices

Speakers:

- **Rebecca Fox**, The National
Coalition for LGBT Health
- **Juanita Lara**, 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, and Director,
Low-Income Access Program,
National Institute for Reproductive
Health
- **Michele Stranger-Hunter**,
Executive Director, NARAL Pro-
Choice Oregon

Workshop I

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS ROOM

**Why Isn't Health Care
Considered a Human Right?**

Moderator:

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

Speakers:

- **Martha Livingston**, Vice
President, NY Chapter, PHNHP,
Associate Professor of Health and
Society, SUNY College at Old
Westbury
- **Anja Rudiger**, Human Right to
Health Program Director, National
Economic and Social Rights
Initiative/ National Health Law
Program
- **Diana Salas**, Associate Director,
Women of Color Policy Network,
Wagner School of Public Service,
New York University, Member NYC
Latina Advocacy Network-NLIRH

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

MODERATOR:

Cindy Pearson, National Women’s Health Network

PANELISTS:

Susan Sherry, Deputy Director, Community Catalyst

Judy Waxman, Vice President, National Women’s Law Center

Loretta Ross, Director, SisterSong

Steffi Woolhandler, MD, MPH Co-founder, Physicians for a National Health Program

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:

- **Shauna Heckert**, Executive Director, Feminist Women’s Health Center of CA
- **Jessica Rotthaar**, Project Manager, Health Access, CA
- **Rachel Rosen DeGolia**, Director, Universal Health Care Action Network (UHCAN)

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**, 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

Speakers:

- **April Taylor**, Health Care for All of Massachusetts
- **Niki Conte**, Director of Outreach for Commonwealth Care, Boston, MA

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
- **Janice Werbinski, MD**, President, American College of Women’s Health Physicians

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11:30-12:30 PM

WORKSHOPS AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS IV: "Lessons in Health Advocacy"

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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 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)

Workshop P

KOTZEN MEETING CENTER 1

**Honing Your Message to
Generate Interest**

Moderator:

Laura Kaplan, Author

Speakers:

- **Ellen Ratner,** Talk Radio News Service, Political Editor, DC Bureau Chief, *Talkers Magazine*
- **Kelley Chunn,** Kelley Chunn & Associates, Boston
- **Mardge Cohen MD,** Medical Director, Women's Equity in Access to Care and Treatment (WE-ACTx), Principal Investigator, Women's Interagency HIV Study (WIHS)CORE Center, Chicago

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

Workshop R

KOTZEN MEETING CENTER 2

**Women of Faith
Mobilize for Health
Care Reform**

Moderator:

Barbara Kavadias
Director of Field Services
Religious Coalition for
Reproductive Choice

Speakers:

- **Rev. Judy Deutsch,** Mass Cares and UUA
- **Rev. Linda Walling,** Faithful Reform in Health Care
- **Rev. Penny Willis,** United Church of Christ, Director Multicultural Programs, Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

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!"