
First Annual Healthcare Summit

November 17-20, 2010
Sofitel Lafayette Square
Washington, DC



Agenda

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Welcome Reception**
Location: ICI Restaurant, Sofitel

Cocktails & Light Fare

Thursday, November 18, 2010

7:45 am – 8:45 am **Breakfast**
Location: Madeleine Room

General Session Location: Paris Ballroom

9:00 am – 9:10 am **Welcome**

Susan Crosby
President Emeritus
Women In Government

9:10 am – 9:55 am **Preterm Infants – The Challenges & Costs**
Facilitated by: Senator Katie Dorsett
Chair
Women In Government Board of Directors
North Carolina State Legislature

Jennifer Howse, PhD
President
March of Dimes Foundation

The birth of a baby should be a joyful event but for half a million families each year whose babies are born too soon, they are faced with worry and fear. Premature birth is the leading cause of infant mortality and is costing our communities, states, and nation billions of dollars. Topics covered will include the challenges of combating this common, serious, and costly issue and the headways being made to reduce the incidence including through legislative and regulatory actions.

9:55 am – 10:25 am

Developing Relationships with State Offices of Women’s Health

*Facilitated by: Representative Kim Rosen
Vice Chair
Women In Government Board of Directors
Maine State Legislature*

Senator Nan Orrock

Member
Women In Government Board of Directors
Georgia State Legislature

Jessica Hardy, RN, MPH

Director, Office of Women’s Health
Alabama Department of Public Health

The Office of Women’s Health (OWH) creates and sponsors innovative programs focused on the health of women, and the education of medical professionals that women trust. Women in state legislatures can utilize the resources they provide, and work together with women from the OWH to promote awareness for healthy women.

10:25 am – 11:00 am

Healthcare Reform & Its Impact on Women

*Facilitated by: Representative Barbara Marumoto
Treasurer
Women In Government Board of Directors
Hawaii State Legislature*

Lisa Codispoti, MA, JD

Senior Counsel
National Women’s Law Center

Federal healthcare reform makes significant changes in existing disparities in coverage and cost to women, as well as access to affordable healthcare. Among other changes, healthcare reform bans gender ratings; prohibits coverage denials and exclusions for women with pre-existing conditions; and provides expanded coverage to more women.

11:00 am – 11:15 am **Morning Break**

11:15 am – 12:15 pm **Lupus & Its Impact on Women's Health**

*Facilitated by: Representative Terri Austin
Secretary
Women In Government Board of Directors
Indiana State Legislature*

Arthur Weinstein, MD, FACP, MACR

Chief of Rheumatology
Washington Hospital Center

Sandra Raymond

President & Chief Executive Officer
Lupus Foundation of America, Inc.

Lupus is an acute and chronic autoimmune disease in which the immune system causes inflammation and damage to virtually every organ system in the body. Lupus typically strikes young women of childbearing age, often causing complications in the mother's health and increasing the risk of miscarriages, death or premature birth.

12:15 pm – 12:45 pm **Post-partum Depression & Maternal Health**

*Facilitated by: Representative Mary Sue McClurkin
Immediate Past Chair
Women In Government Board of Directors
Alabama State Legislature*

Wendy Davis, PhD

Program Director
Postpartum Support International

According to Postpartum Support International, many women experience some mild mood changes during or after the birth of a child, while more than 15 to 20 percent of women experience more significant symptoms of depression or anxiety. With access to screening and treatment, however, women and their families do not have to continue to suffer.

12:45 pm – 2:00 pm **Networking Lunch**

Location: Bobby Van's Restaurant

General Session Location: Paris Ballroom

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm

The Importance of Folate Supplements in Women’s Health

*Facilitated by: Representative DebraLee Hovey
Member
Women In Government Board of Directors
Connecticut State Legislature*

Paula Castaño, MD, MPH

Assistant Clinical Professor in Obstetrics & Gynecology
Columbia University

Sheila Sjolander, MA

Chief, Bureau of Women’s & Children’s Health
Arizona Department of Health Services

According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, folate is an important part of a healthy diet, especially for women of childbearing age. Yet most young women do not meet the Recommended Dietary Allowances for folate, and disparities in consumption of folate exist among ethnic groups, with very low rates of consumption among Hispanic women. State legislators can help to raise awareness among young women and increase access to folate and other vital nutritional supplements.

3:00 pm

Wrap Up

Susan Crosby

President Emeritus
Women In Government

6:00 pm

Meet in Lobby to Depart for Offsite Dinner

6:30 pm – 8:45 pm

Offsite Reception & Dinner

Location: 101 Constitution Avenue – Rotunda Room

*Hosted by ACLI
Kimberly Olson Dorgan
Senior Executive Vice President, Public Policy
American Council of Life Insurers*

The Honorable Virginia Foxx (NC) INVITED

United States Congress

The Honorable Debbie Halvorson (IL)
United States Congress

Christine Baze
Executive Director
TheYellowUmbrella Organization

Friday, November 19, 2010

7:45 am – 8:45 am **Breakfast**
Location: Madeleine Room

General Session Location: Paris Ballroom

9:00 am – 9:45 am **Adult Immunization: Vaccines, Policies, & the Curse of Innumeracy & Denialism**
Facilitated by: Representative Kathy Hawken
Member
Women In Government Board of Directors
North Dakota State Legislature

Gregory Poland, MD
Director, Vaccine Research Group
Mayo Clinic

In the US, up to 50,000 or more adults die of vaccine-preventable disease each year. For this reason, a host of vaccines are recommended based on age and/or risk-factors. Unfortunately, vaccine coverage rates are low among adults, and among the reasons are vaccine fear and anti-vaccination biases and dis-information. In this talk we will examine root issues of anti-vaccination thinking, and particularly address issues of innumeracy, denialism, and heuristic thinking. We will also address possible solutions to this dilemma.

9:45 am – 10:30 am **Prescription Drugs: Innovative Approaches to Access & Affordability**
Facilitated by: Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk
Eastern Regional Director
Women In Government Board of Directors
Maryland State Legislature

Roba Whiteley, MA
Executive Director
Together Rx Access

Jeffrey Lewis
President
Heinz Family Philanthropies

This session will discuss patient access to prescription medications, with a specific focus on private sector programs to increase access to prescription drugs for low-income patients, legislative options addressing insurance coverage and co-pays, and Medicare 340B pricing.

10:30 am – 10:45 am **Morning Break**

10:45 am – 11:15 am **Prescription Drugs: Patient Education, Monitoring & Compliance**

*Facilitated by: Representative Patti Bellock
Midwestern Regional Director
Women In Government Board of Directors
Illinois State Legislature*

David Charles, MD
Chief Medical Officer
Vanderbilt Neuroscience Institute

This session will discuss patient access to prescription medications, with a specific focus on patient education, compliance and monitoring, including discussion of concerns regarding pharmacies switching or making substitutions without consulting the prescribing provider.

11:15 am – 12:00 pm **Impacts of Federal Healthcare Reform Implementation**

*Facilitated by: Representative Terri Austin
Secretary
Women In Government Board of Directors
Indiana State Legislature*

Stacey Mazer
National Association of State Budget Officers

Katharine Witgert, MPH
Program Manager
National Academy for State Health Policy

Federal healthcare reform is bringing many changes which will require states to address: universal coverage; cost containment and affordability; coverage expansion; individual mandates; and regulations regarding denial of coverage for pre-existing conditions. This session will provide an update on implementation and the latest findings from state budget officers.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **Networking Lunch**
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1:15 pm – 2:00 pm **Long-Term Care Insurance**
Facilitated by: Representative Mary Sue McClurkin
Immediate Past Chair
Women In Government Board of Directors
Alabama State Legislature

Senator Delores Kelley
Maryland General Assembly

Miriam Krol
Vice President
American Council of Life Insurers

The panel will discuss the role of long term care insurance in planning for one's retirement security, and encouraging people to use private sector LTC products to fund their future needs, in lieu of relying on public entitlement programs, such as Medicaid. The discussion will focus on the important distinctions between "health care" and "long term care, as well as the state regulatory framework for the product (NAIC Long Term Care Insurance Model Act and Regulation), as well as federal framework (HIPAA, Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 enabling Partnerships, Pension Protection Act enabling "combo" products).

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm **New Tools for Improving Allocation of Medical Resources**
Facilitated by: Senator Nan Orrock
Member
Women In Government Board of Directors
Georgia State Legislature

Gary Puckrein, PhD
President & CEO
National Minority Quality Forum

Healthcare costs, particularly those in diabetes treatment, are being influenced by the underserved, not the uninsured. Through the use of tools developed by the National Minority Quality Forum, however, policymakers can make decisions based on data, and align resources where their availability will be most effective in treating diabetes and managing healthcare costs.

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

Cosmetic Procedures Sales Tax

*Facilitated by: Representative Barbara Marumoto
Treasurer
Women In Government Board of Directors
Hawaii State Legislature*

Valerie Ablaza, MD, FACS

Partner & Corporate Vice President
The Plastic Surgery Group

Assemblywoman Mary Pat Angelini

New Jersey General Assembly

Richard Schrader

State & Local Tax Consultant

New Jersey was the first state to pass a tax on cosmetic medical procedures but repealed it after an unsuccessful attempt at trying to implement and enforce it. Since then, at least eight other states have considered similar legislation and rejected it. With state budgets still in crisis, however, some states may revisit this idea in the coming legislative sessions. New Jersey stakeholders will share their insights on New Jersey's experience.

3:15 pm – 4:00 pm

Policy Initiatives That Impact Pain Management & Care-Giving

*Facilitates by: Representative Kim Rosen
Vice Chair
Women In Government Board of Directors
Maine State Legislature*

Micke Brown, BSN, RN

Director of Communications
American Pain Foundation

As we work to improve pain care in America, we must be certain not to contribute to the prescription drug abuse problem. Key initiatives, like state-based opioid guidelines/limitations, mandatory continuing medical education and prescription drug monitoring programs, are now underway and could serve as useful tools. Done wrong, however, these policies can harm people living with pain whose ability to live a life of quality and dignity could be unjustly damaged. What can state legislators do to be part of solution to improve pain care?

4:00 pm

Wrap Up

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Saturday, November 20, 2010

7:30 am – 8:30 am **Breakfast**
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8:45 am – 9:30 am **HPV & Cervical Cancer Campaigns Update**
Facilitated by: Senator Katie Dorsett
Chair
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Representative Patti Bellock
Illinois State Legislature

Michelle Whitlock
Director, Pearl of Wisdom Campaign
Women's Cancer State Chair, Tennessee Cancer Coalition

Deborah Arrindell
Vice President, Health Policy
American Social Health Association

This session will provide updates on legislative and grassroots efforts to raise awareness of HPV and cervical cancer, increase access to screening and treatment, and encourage vaccination against HPV.

9:30 am – 10:00 am **National Breast And Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Update**
Facilitated by: Representative Patti Bellock
Midwestern Regional Director
Women In Government Board of Directors
Illinois State Legislature

Kelley Daniel, PhD
Senior Specialist, State & Local Campaigns
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

Mona Shah, MA
Associate Director, Federal Relations

American Cancer Society Action Network

This segment will focus on a CDC program which provides access to breast and cervical cancer screening services to underserved women.

10:00 am – 10:30 am **Health Effects of Daylight Savings Time**

*Facilitated by: Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk
Eastern Regional Director
Women In Government Board of Directors
Maryland State Legislature*

Representative Anna Fairclough

Alaska State Legislature

For years scientists have debated whether daylight savings time creates adverse health effects. Some studies suggest that it contributes not only to sleep deprivation as one adjusts to the immediate change, but that over time, daylight savings also interferes with the body's natural nocturnal rhythm and could potentially contribute to other health concerns.

10:30 am – 11:00 am **Adoption of E-Health Records: Implementation & Impact on States**

*Facilitated by: Representative Kim Rosen
Vice Chair
Women In Government Board of Directors
Maine State Legislature*

Jessica Kahn, MPH

Technical Director
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Michelle Mills

Technical Director
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

This session will provide an overview of the key legislative and policy changes states may need to make regarding adoption of e-health records, with a primary focus on the potential impact of e-health records on states' Medicaid and Medicare programs and budget.

11:00 am

Wrap Up and Adjourn

Susan Crosby
President Emeritus
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