



11th ANNUAL EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

MAY 7 - 9, 2009

GAYLORD NATIONAL RESORT & CONVENTION CENTER
NATIONAL HARBOR, MARYLAND

AGENDA

Thursday, May 7, 2009

6:30 pm **RECEPTION**

7:00 pm **DINNER**

7:00 pm – 7:10 pm **OPENING REMARKS**

Mary Brooks Beatty
President, Women In Government

7:10 pm – 7:25 pm **WELCOMING COMMENTS**

Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk
Maryland State Legislature
Eastern Regional Director, Women In Government Board of Directors
Eastern/Southern Regional Host

Senator Yvonne Miller
Virginia State Legislature

8:10 pm **CLOSING REMARKS**

Delegate Aisha Braveboy
Maryland State Legislature
State Director, Women In Government
Eastern/Southern Regional Host

Friday, May 8, 2009

8:00 am – 9:00 am **BREAKFAST**

9:00 am – 9:05 am **WELCOME**

Mary Brooks Beatty
President
Women In Government

9:05 am – 9:20 am **WELCOME TO MARYLAND**
Facilitated by: Mary Brooks Beatty

Secretary Gloria Lawlah
Secretary of Aging
Maryland Department of Aging

9:20 am - 10:00 am **ENDOMETRIOSIS: BARRIERS TO TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSIS
AND EFFECTS ON THE WORKFORCE**

*Facilitated by: Senator Karen Morgan
Utah State Legislature
Immediate Past Chair, Women In Government Board of Directors*

Robert Wild, MD
Department of OB/GYN
University of Oklahoma

Rochelle Latkanich, MSN, FNP-BC, MBA, NEA-BC
Board Member
Endometriosis Association

Endometriosis is a poorly understood disease by the medical profession and the general public. Affecting primarily women, this session will focus on raising awareness of this disease in your state and the debilitating effects of the disease on women's personal and professional lives.

Q & A – 10 Minutes

10:00 am – 10:30 am

STRATEGIES FOR STATE LEVEL MENTAL HEALTH REFORM

*Facilitated by: Senator Katie Dorsett
Senate Majority Whip
North Carolina State Legislature
Vice Chair, Women In Government Board of Directors*

Andrew Sperling

Director of Legislative Advocacy
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

This session will address NAMI's *Grading the States 2009* report on care for adults with serious mental illness. This will include examples of state strategies to improve care.

Q & A – 10 Minutes

10:30 am - 10:45 am

BREAK

10:45 am – 11:15 am

ADOLESCENT WELL VISIT

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

Elizabeth Ryan

Academy for Educational Development, (Representing CDC)

Delegate Kris Amundson

Virginia General Assembly

A recent research report found that while most adolescents visit physicians regularly, the examinations they receive often do not adequately assess their health risks. The adolescent well visit is one important tool in the prevention of future chronic disease. This session will focus on the CDC's efforts to promote adolescent health and recent legislative action in Virginia.

Q & A – 10 Minutes

11:15am – 12:00 pm

STIMULUS DEMYSTIFIED

Facilitated by: Mary Brooks Beatty

David Parkhurst

Director and Legislative Counsel
Economic Development and Commerce Committee
National Governor's Association

Judy Solomon
Senior Fellow
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

This session will provide an overview of the complex and controversial stimulus funding now filtering to the states. How this funding will affect state budgets and what mechanisms state legislators can use to effectively implement policies to put this funding in action.

Q & A – 10 Minutes

12:00 pm - 1:00pm

NETWORKING LUNCH

1:10 pm – 1:40 pm

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF CONGESTION

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

Nick Ramfos
Director, Commuter Connections
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

This session will include an overview of the eastern regional transportation problems and the effects this has on constituents and the environment. This will include information on state programs regarding high occupancy vehicle lanes, mass transit, rideshare and telework to help mitigate congestion costs.

Q & A – 10 Minutes

1:40 pm - 2:10pm

VETERANS AND POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

Facilitated by: Representative Kim Rosen

Jennifer Cabe, MA
Executive Director
Canyon Ranch Institute

This session will inform legislators on the effects of post traumatic stress disorder and programs to provide appropriate care to veterans.

Q & A – 10 Minutes

2:10 pm – 2:25 pm

BREAK

2:25 pm - 3:05 pm

DIVERSIFY YOUR STATE'S ENERGY PORTFOLIO – IT MAKES CENTS

Facilitated by: Senator Karen Morgan

Senator Virginia (Ginny) Lyons

Vermont State Legislature

Chair, Natural Resource Committee

This session will provide state legislators with sample policies and legislation on business incentives, homeowner incentives, balanced energy portfolios, and other programs that have worked to increase alternative energy use. It will also provide the basics of alternative energy use options along with short and long-term environmental and economic benefits to states.

Q & A – 10 Minutes

3:05 pm - 3:10pm

WRAP UP

Mary Brooks Beatty

President

Women In Government

Saturday, May 9, 2009

8:00 am – 9:00am

BREAKFAST

8:15 am - 8:45 am

STATE DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS AND REGIONAL BIDDING

Facilitated by: Senator Karen Morgan

Representative Kim Rosen

9:05 am – 9:25 am

MARYLAND AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Facilitated by: Senator Karen Morgan

Shari Wilson

Secretary of the Environment

Maryland Department of the Environment

9:25 am – 10:00 am

PATHS TO POWER

Facilitated by: Representative Kim Rosen

Delegate Adrienne Jones

Maryland General Assembly
House Speaker Pro Tempore

This presentation provides participants with women state legislator's experiences in obtaining a leadership role within their state. This may include strategic bi-partisan efforts, overcoming obstacles to advancing policy or legislation, and specific steps they took to achieve a leadership position in their state.

Q & A – 10 Minutes

10:00 am - 10:30 am

THE ECONOMIES OF RECYCLING: NEW YORK'S PROGRAM

Facilitated by: Senator Karen Morgan

Jennifer Kozlowski

Special Assistant for the Environment
Office of Governor David A. Patterson (NY)

Recycling has become a vital revenue producing program in some states. New York's recycling industry, which delivers \$10 billion in income and 30,000 jobs and other smaller scale programs will be discussed.

Q & A: 10 Minutes

10:30 am - 10:45 am

BREAK

10:45 am – 11:15 am

THE OBESITY EPIDEMIC – POLICIES FOR PREVENTION

Facilitated by: Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk

Debra Kibbe, MS

Director, Physical Activity and Nutrition (PAN) Program
International Life Institute (ILSI) Research Foundation

Obesity in America has become one of the leading health concerns, in part, due to its link to chronic disease such as diabetes, hypertension and stroke. This session will focus on public health policies and evidence-based interventions to promote healthy behaviors in children and youth as well as demonstrate a systems thinking model for guiding state-specific action to address obesity.

Q & A: 10 Minutes

11:15 am – 11:45 am

RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

Facilitated by: Senator Karen Morgan

Patience White, MD, MA

Chief Public Health Officer
Arthritis Foundation

Rheumatoid arthritis affects 1.3 million Americans. This session will provide information on the disease state and current research to find appropriate medical regimes.

Q & A – 10 Minutes

11:45 am – 12:20 pm

THE SAFE ZONE: A PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Facilitated by: Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk

Michael Bischof

President and Founding Member
Cynthia L. Bischof Memorial Foundation

Requiring domestic violence offenders to wear GPS monitoring systems can offer addition protection to victims. A GPS device can electronically alert the victim, local law enforcement officials and others that the offender has violated the protection orders. Specific features of the program and benefits to the victim and victim's family will be emphasized.

Q & A – 10 Minutes

12:20 pm – 12:25 pm

MEETING WRAP UP

Mary Brooks Beatty

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