



10th ANNUAL SOUTHERN 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

11:15 am – 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 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

TELEWORK: SOLUTIONS FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND LIFE-WORK BALANCE

*Facilitated by: Senator Nan Orrock
Georgia State Legislature
Member, Women In Government Board of Directors*

Sara Hendricks, AICP
Senior Research Associate
Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR)
University of South Florida

This session will include an overview of the Southern Regional transportation problems and the effects this has on constituents and the environment. This session will focus on how telework programs promote a healthy life-work balance such as Georgia’s “Work Away” program.

Q & A – 10 Minutes

1:40 pm - 2:10 pm

BLUE COLLAR GOES GREEN!

*Facilitated by: Representative Annie Mobley
North Carolina State Legislature
Southern Regional Director, Women In Government Board of Directors*

Stephen Shelton
Executive Director
Louisiana Clean Tech Network (LCTN)

This session will inform legislators how to create policies that advance and support the creation of green jobs in their states. It will include what these new jobs are, how can they benefit the state economically and environmentally in the short and long-term, stimulus funding opportunities and a discussion of effective green job policy and legislation on the books in the region.

Q & A – 10 Minutes

2:10 pm – 2:25 pm

BREAK

2:25 pm - 2:55 pm

A BALANCED ENERGY PORTFOLIO: GEORGIA INITIATIVES

Facilitated by: Senator Nan Orrock

Representative Karla Drenner, PhD

Georgia State Legislature

Member, Energy Committee and Utilities and Communications Committee

This session will present state legislators with the on-going efforts in Georgia to introduce a balanced energy portfolio. A focus on alternative energy sources available in the South as well as economic and environmental benefits will be presented. Obstacles and tactics to overcome them will be addressed.

Q & A – 10 Minutes

2:55 pm - 3:00 pm

WRAP UP

Mary Beatty Brooks

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

9:10 am – 10:00 am

PATHS TO POWER

Facilitated by: Mary Brooks Beatty

Senator Sharon Weston Broome

Louisiana State Legislature

Senate President 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

RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

Facilitated by: Senator Katie Dorsett

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

10:25 am - 10:40am

BREAK

10:40 am – 11:10 am

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY USE

Facilitated by: Senator Nan Orrock

Representative Mary Brandenburg

Florida State Legislature
Natural Resource Committee

This session will focus on Florida’s recently enacted Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU) legislation H.B. 7135. The Florida plan addresses how energy efficiency provides for cost savings for consumers and businesses and requires utilities to produce power from renewable sources such as wind and solar.

Q & A – 10 Minutes

11:10 am – 11:40 pm

VETERANS AND POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

Facilitated by: Senator Katie Dorsett

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

11:40 am - 12:10 pm

THE OBESITY EPIDEMIC – POLICIES FOR PREVENTION

Facilitated by: Representative Annie Mobley

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

12:10 pm – 12:15 pm

MEETING WRAP UP

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