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Community Impact Champion

Willard Tanner is a native of Winston Salem, North Carolina where he graduated from R. J. Reynolds High School. Willard obtained the B.A. degree in Sociology from Winston Salem State University and the M.A. degree in Community Education from Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. He is married to the former Lizzie Brunson and they have one daughter and two granddaughters. (click here to read entire article)

First Lay Health Advisors Graduate

The first Lay Health Advisor graduation ceremony was held April 16, 2010 in the Davis Chapel of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston Salem, North Carolina. Dr. Jorge Calles, Rev. Francis Rivers, Dr. Rita Pichardo-Geisinger and Rev. Sharon Engebretson participated in the program as well as Dr. Ronny Bell, Director of the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity. The 10 Lay Health Advisors from area churches received their certificates presented by the training team that consisted of Dr. Calles, Rev. Rivers, Dr. Pichardo-Geisinger, Jaimie Hunter, Sarah Langdon and Winona Gilbert. (to read more about the LHA program, click here).

Ronny Bell Named to North Carolina American Indian Health Board

Ronny Bell, Ph.D, MS, Director of the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity, has been selected as a founding member of the North Carolina American Indian Health Board.

The Health Board, a part of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, is being assembled with the purpose of becoming a state-recognized, authoritative source on Indian health and to serve as a strong advocate for North Carolina Indian communities. The board members will work to establish by-laws, set policies, and determine goals and objectives to achieve recommended

outcomes.

David Mount Participates in First Health Policy Institute

David Mount, PSYD, MA, HSP-P, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine and Director of Community Outreach for the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity, is a participant in the first State Health Policy Institute (SHPI). The SHPI is a new initiative from the Society for Public Health Education, in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The participants will be trained in the critical nuances in state and local policy change, working with the media, sources of state and local chronic disease data, social determinants of health, and the latest research on systems changes to support healthy lifestyles. This training will allow them to then educate their state legislators and other key opinion leaders in chronic disease prevention and control.

Jennifer R. Gastelum Selected for Summer Medical Student Research

Jennifer R. Gastelum, Class of 2013 has been selected for funding by the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity to do summer research entitled "Examining Anxieity in Diabetes Diagnosis in Latinos". Dr. Jorge Calles will be her primary mentor. Congratulations and welcome Jennifer!

In Memoriam

Wilma Pearl Mankiller - Former Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Wilma has passed away. She served 12 years in elective office at the Cherokee Nation, the first two as Deputy Principal Chief, followed by 10 years as Principal Chief. She retired from public office in 1995. Among her many honors, she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Clinton.

Dorothy I. Height - A founding matriarch of the American civil rights movement whose crusade for racial justice and gender equality spanned more than six decades, died Tuesday, April 10, 2010 at Howard University Hospital. The cause of death was not disclosed. She remained active and outspoken well into her 90's and often received rousing ovations at events around Washington, where she was easily recognizable in the bright, colorful hats she almost always wore.

Benjamin Hooks - Benjamin L. Hooks, a champion of minorities and the poor who as Executive Director of the NAACP increased the group's stature, has died. He was 85. State Rep. Ulysses Jones, a member of the church where Hooks was pastor, said Hooks died at his home, following a long illness.

Upcoming Events

The Competitive Edge 2010: Excellence in Healthcare for a Diverse Community
May 7, 2010

SNMA Medical Excellance Banque - Old Town Club Winston Salem, NC
Contact: Natalie Banks - **nbanks@wfubmc.edu**
May 16, 2010

The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Program for Ethnicity, Culture, and Health Outcomes (ECHO)
16th Annual Summer Public Health Research Institute and Videoconference on Minority Health
June 8, 2010 - Webcast

Swimming Upstream
The Divison of Health Sciences presents Public Health Sciences distinguished speaker Ralph J. DiClemente, Ph.D.
Rollins School of Public Health
Emory University and Center for AIDS Research
June 29, 2010

Reports/Articles of Interest

Recent Healthcare Reform Legislation

National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Reports

Adult Death Rates Lowest in Iceland, Cyprus

Grant Opportunities

NAMME - Call for Proposals - September 15-10 2010

Academy for Health Equity -Call for Abstracts
- August 19-20, 2010

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Hope you have enjoyed this month's Health Equity Update. Please email with any comments or suggestions.

Sincerely,

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