



Office of Minority Health

Minority Health Events

April 2008

WHO IS THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH:

Minority Health was established administratively by the State Health officer in May, 1991. The Minority Health Office is located within the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health in the Alabama Department of Public Health.

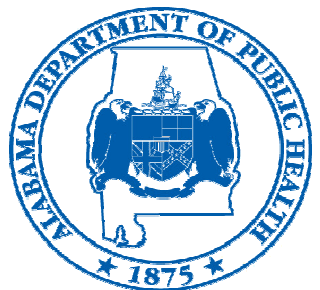
MISSION:

- ◆ Improve the health status of minority populations.
- ◆ Improve access to quality health care services for minorities and underserved populations.
- ◆ Promote minority presence and participation in health planning and policy formation.
- ◆ Enhance and promote public awareness of health care needs of minority populations.

WHAT THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH IS DOING:

- ◆ Assist community-based organizations, identify community resources and potential funding sources.
- ◆ Promote communication and interaction statewide to learn about problems, and to improve service access.
- ◆ Engage the communities by holding public meetings, community forums and participate in activities.

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APRIL IS NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

*“Access to care and treatment work,” Dr. Hataway said,
“We don’t have to accept the health disparity.”*

Dr. Jack Hataway, MD MPH, FACPM, Medical Director, Division of Chronic Disease Prevention, The Alabama Department of Public Health

7th Annual Diabetes and Obesity Conference

The Alabama Department of Public Health and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System will hold its’ Annual Diabetes and Obesity Conference April 2-7, 2008, at the Marriott Capitol Hill, Prattville, AL. Presentations will provide updates on Alabama diabetes and overweight statistics, nutritional and pharmacological updates, community resources, exercise and physical activity information, understanding caregiver needs, psychosocial aspects of coping with chronic disease, and intervention opportunities. Contact Kajuandra Harris-Huntley: (334) 844-2207; or online: <http://www.aces.edu/diabetesconf>.

1st Annual Women’s Imaging Conference

The University of South Alabama is having a conference at the Center for Women’s Health Diagnostic and High Risk Obstetrics on April 5, 2008, from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM, in the Atlantis Room/CWEB, in Mobile, AL. This program will be of particular interest to sonographers, Obstetricians and Gynecologists, medical students, residents, and others interested in the health care of women. Call Lindsey Gorum for information: (251) 415-1550.

National Stockpile Point of Dispensing (POD) Training

The Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) training session will be held on Sunday, April 6, 2008, at Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex in Birmingham, AL. The training overviews updated Pandemic Influenza and its’ deadly potential, new knowledge about the SNS Program; and more specifically, the Point of Dispensing (POD) information about medications dispensed to the public. Physical requirements necessary for the practical portion are minimal. For additional information contact Chris Hutto: (334) 206-3378, or by email: cshutto@adph.state.al.us.

UAB Health Disparities Research Symposium

The UAB Health Disparities Research Symposium will be held on Monday, April 7, 2008 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at the Doubletree Hotel, 808 20th Street South, Birmingham, AL. The Symposium highlights and promotes the research work of undergraduate, graduate, post-doctoral and faculty researchers in the field of Health Disparities in basic sciences research, clinical research and behavioral community-based research. For online registration or abstract submission information, visit the website: www.UABMHRC.com.

Poverty Task Force Discussion

Representative Patricia Todd will discuss the Poverty Task Force on April 8, 2008, from 9:00-10:00 AM at River Region United Way, 532 Perry St, Montgomery, AL. For more information contact VOICES for Alabama’s Children: (334) 213-2410 or (800) 444-KIDS (5437); or email: vfac@alavoices.org.

“Prevent, Promote and Protect: Partnering for Health and Preparedness”

The 52nd Annual ALPHA Education Conference (ALPHA) will host a conference, “Prevent, Promote and Protect: Partnering for Health and Preparedness” at the Doubletree Hotel in Birmingham, AL, from April 8-9, 2008. Register: <http://www.alphassoc.org/conference.html>, or contact Ricky Elliott: (251) 867-5765, ext. 239, or by e-mail: relliott@adph.state.al.us.

2008 UAB Comprehensive Nursing Conference

The UAB Hospital Medical Nursing CE Offering will be held on April 10-11, 2008, at the Wynfrey Hotel at Riverchase Galleria in Birmingham, AL. This conference offers participants a chance to: explore opportunities for optimizing patient-care delivery in health care environments. Identify

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state-of-the-art interventions for selected acute-care patients. Identify treatments supported by evidence-based practice for selected acute-care patient populations. Examine the characteristics of leadership excellence, values, and current issues in health care delivery. For more information visit the website at:

www.uabnursing.org/nursingconference.

Breast Cancer Roundtable

The American Cancer Society next meeting will be on April 17, 2008 at the ACS Birmingham office from 11:00-2:00. Did you know the American Cancer Society currently funds nearly \$4 million in cancer research in Alabama? For questions or feedback please contact Pam Bostick at (334) 875-6160, or send an email to:

www.Pam.Bostick@cancer.org

Our Health, Our Profession, Our Future

The American Academy of Physical Therapy's 2008 Annual Conference is planned April 17-20, at the new Renaissance Hotel & Spa in Montgomery. The 2008 conference theme: Our Health, Our Profession, Our Future, will feature a special session titled, "Town Hall Meeting"; and is themed, "*Reversing the Diabetic Trail in Minorities*", being held on Saturday, April 19, 2008. Contacts: Dr. Aristotle Kirkland: (334) 339-2306, or Dr. Tiffany Crutcher: (334) 207-0369.

NBC 13 Health and Wellness Festival

April 19-20, 2008 at the Birmingham Jefferson County Civic Center (BJCC). For information, call: (205) 933-1313, or visit: www.nbc13.com. For booth or sponsor information, contact Ronda Garvin: Rgarvin@wvtm.com.

Brazos Abiertos (Open Arms)

Brazos Abiertos will take place Sunday, April 20, 2008 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at Shelton State Community College, Tuscaloosa, AL. This event provides opportunities for local and growing Hispanic communities to come and gain awareness together about Tuscaloosa/Northport resources/services. Contact Teresa Costanzo: (205) 462-1000 for sponsor or booth information.

Joy to Life Foundation's 7th Annual Walk of Life (5K Run/Walk & Kid's Dash)

The walk is the major fundraiser and is intended to raise awareness and dollars to help pay for free mammograms for women less than 50 years of age. The Walk is being held on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at Cramton Bowl, Montgomery, Alabama. For race information call: (334) 284-LIFE; or visit: www.joytolife.org.

Juvenile Justice Landscape

At this meeting, Danielle Lipow, representing the Alabama Youth Justice Coalition, will discuss the juvenile justice landscape on April 22, 2008, from 9:00-10:00 AM at River Region United Way, 532 Perry St, Montgomery, AL. For more information contact VOICES for Alabama's Children: (334) 213-2410 or (800) 444-KIDS (5437); or email: vfac@alavoices.org.

ASNA's Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities

The Elizabeth Morris Clinical Education Sessions-FACES '08 will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, in Montgomery, AL. The requested topics that will be discussed are any clinical focused topic, innovative teaching techniques, technology, and research. Contact April Bishop: memberasna@bellsouth.com, or (334) 262-8321; or visit the web: www.alabamanurses.org.

"Promoting Linguistic and Cultural Competence and Eliminating Ethnic Disparities in Systems of Service"

Alabama Cooperative Extension System's Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs unit is gearing up for its conference on April 24. The event will be held from 8 AM to 3 PM at the Holiday Inn, Downtown Huntsville, Alabama; and the event is designed to educate urban and rural service organizations and citizens about linguistic and cultural barriers many immigrants face, particularly the nation's growing Hispanic population. Register online: <http://www.aces.edu/urban/UrbanRuralRegister08.pdf>, or fax the registration form: to: (256) 372-5840. Call: Susan Glover: (256) 372-4946; Wendi Williams (256) 372-4953 or Jean Dwyer (256) 372-4950; or e-mail: williw1@aces.edu; or hallca1@aces.edu.

**University Prepares For Anniversaries
Surrounding Infamous Syphilis Study:
"75-35-10 Beyond Experimentation
Disclosure Commemoration Transformation"**

April 24-25, 2008, the Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care will commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the beginning of the U.S. Public Health Service Syphilis Study in Macon County, Alabama. Activities begin on Thursday, April 24, 2008, with an evening reception at 6 PM in the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center Atrium and Patio. On Friday morning, April 25, the lecture series begins with Dr. Annette Dula as the principal presenter, along with other panelists from the bioethics community. For information call Beverly A. Ebo: (334) 725-2319.

**CASTINGKIDS® and Junior BASSMASTER®
"Catch & Release" Event**

Montgomery Area Committee for Children and Youth Having Diabetes, along with Southeastern Diabetes Education Services and STEPS to a Healthier Alabama; and hosted by Central Alabama Junior BASSMASTERS (CAB). The CASTINGKIDS and Junior BASSMASTER "Catch & Release" fishing event for Montgomery and Tri-county area Children and Youth having diabetes will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2008 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at Lagoon Park. All families that have diabetic children living in the Montgomery and tri-county regions are welcome to come and participate in this event. Advance Registration by 4/15/2008: FREE at:

www.southeasterndiabetes.org; or call Donna or Terry (205) 402-0415; or email: info@southeasterndiabetes.org. On-site registration fee is \$5.00 per family.

Advocacy Training Workshops

Childcare Education Resources and VOICES for Alabama's Children will present two free 2-1/2 hour advocacy training sessions being offered on April 28, 2008: an afternoon session from 1:00-3:30 PM; and an evening (repeat) session from 6:30-9:00 PM. The meetings will be held at Childcare Education Resources, 1115 Church Street—Suite F, Huntsville, AL 35801.

To register to attend this free training contact Angela Kimbrell: angela@certraining.org, or call Childcare Education Resources: (256) 536-6731; or for additional information: (800) 444-KIDS (5437), or (334) 213-2410, ext. 100; or e-mail: vfac@alavoices.org. CEU's will be offered through the Board of Social Work Examiners.

Prevent Teen Pregnancy Conference

The Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy announces its' 5th Annual Conference being held on April 29, 2008 from 8:30-3:30 PM at the Bradley Lecture Center, Children's Hospital, Birmingham, AL. Presenters include Dr. Doug Kirby, ETR, Ms. Mary Martha Wilson, Healthy Teen Network, and Coach Tony Pierce, Fathers in Touch. Registration deadline: April 22; and the fee is \$65. To print a registration form visit: www.acptp.org. For more information contact Jamie Keith: (334) 265-8004, or email: acptp@bellsouth.net.

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