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ACHDCC ALLEN COUNTY Health Disparity Coalition

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2009 Annual Report and Program

"Broken Hearts: Heart Disease in the Minority Community"

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About Allen County Health Disparity Coalition (ACHDC)

The Coalition began as an informal volunteer group and has blossomed into a full-fledged formal volunteer organization started by Renetta Williams, MS, Executive Director, HealthVisions of Fort Wayne and ACHDC Facilitator. Ms. Williams believed that the second largest city and surrounding communities in Indiana needed to continue the past tradition of maintaining a coalition to address health disparities for priority populations. The mission of the ACHDC is a community-wide coalition with a vision of eliminating health disparity in Allen County. The objective is to advance the issue of health disparity more effectively than individual organizations can do independently.

The first meeting on January 15, 2004 was attended by fourteen individuals, representing thirteen organizations. Due to the belief that a lack of funding would impede success in achieving the worthwhile identified objectives, the group dwindled to ten individuals. The response by the faithful ten was to develop what some may have considered ambitious and impossible goals. These goals were:

- ✓ Develop a concept paper to revitalize the Lafayette Medical Center as a resource for the minority community.
- ✓ Develop a Research Entity to address health disparities.
- ✓ Provide job development/career opportunities in healthcare for minority students.
- ✓ Locate specialized healthcare professionals in Lafayette Medical Center develop additional healthcare partnerships.

Accomplishments in the first year included:

1. Collected and reported on existing data regarding health disparities
2. Developed a process and a structure to perform the needs assessment (subsequently a low income health needs assessment completed by St. Joseph Community Foundation, Parkview Foundation, and University of St. Francis)
3. From data analysis developed a prioritized framework for action to address the identified needs. The level of needs identified were: 1) The service receiver is primary; 2) Secondary would be the service providers; and 3) The resources for solutions (including strategic direction for problem resolution and identification of best practices/program models in other communities).

As a result of this shared vision and resources, 20 months later, the membership had grown to 45. Members of the coalition were recruited via professional relationships, personal invitation, and word of mouth. The membership consisted of the most powerful (executive directors of nonprofit organizations, foundations, hospitals, clinics, etc.) and the least powerful (grassroots organizations that work with people of color, the poor). These individuals are taking time out of their overly scheduled workday to address an issue at a level that exceeds the boundaries of their sphere of influence, as well as professional responsibilities. They are volunteering to collectively make a difference that will have a much greater and long lasting impact than they could do on their organizational level.

The ACHDC meets monthly on 4th Wednesdays, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. at the Fort Wayne Urban League conference room for 1½ to 2 hours. Participation is open to those interested in addressing and resolving issues related to health disparities. The coalition provides opportunities for organizational decision making. Any work done in subcommittees is presented at the Coalition meetings for group approval, rejection, or modification. The members take this task seriously and offer recommendations for garnering additional support, narrowing scope, and obtaining/pooling resources. At the end of each meeting, every member is given an opportunity to share details of upcoming events within their own organizations. This has proved to be quite valuable, particularly for health fairs and other initiatives. Additional partners have been secured as a result of these announcements. For those who are unable to attend monthly meetings, alternative methods of inclusion and contribution are offered.

Prevention Clinic Partner Organizations

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Raquel Aragon
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St. Joseph Medical Center
Sunshine Home Health Care
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Tobacco Free Allen County
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**Broken Hearts: Heart Disease in the Minority Community
Second Annual Meeting of the Allen County Health Disparity Coalition Agenda**

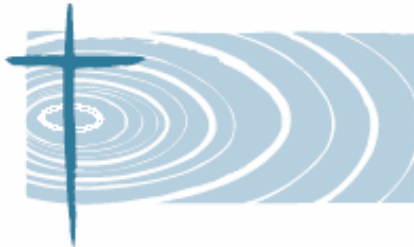
7:30 am	Welcome, Sponsor Recognition	Renetta H. Williams, Facilitator, ACHDC Executive Director, HealthVisions of Fort Wayne
7:35 am	Greetings	Deb, McMahon, MD, Health Commissioner Allen County/Fort Wayne Department of Health
7:40 am	Invocation	Rev. Timothy R. Williams, Pastor, Good Hope Baptist Church
7:45 am	Breakfast	
8:00 am	Introduction of Speaker	Terrell Bond, Jr., MD, Chief Medical Officer Neighborhood Health Clinics, Inc.
8:05 am	<i>Broken Hearts: Heart Disease, Cultural Competence & the Need for Diversity in Healthcare</i>	Hilton M. Hudson II, M. D., F.A.C.S., Cardio-thoracic Surgeon, Franciscan Physician's Hospital, Associate Medical Director, Network Development, Cardio-thoracic Surgery, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, and President and CEO of Hilton Publishing Company
8:50 am	Questions & Answers	Facilitated by Terrell Bond, Jr., MD
9:05 am	Closing Prayer	Rev. Timothy R. Williams
9:10 am	Book signing & Reception	
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11:30 am	Welcome, Sponsor Recognition	Renetta H. Williams, Facilitator, ACHDC Executive Director, HealthVisions of Fort Wayne
11:35 am	Greetings	Tony Gillespie, Indiana Minority Health Coalition
11:40 am	Invocation	Rev. Timothy R. Williams, Pastor, Good Hope Baptist Church
11:45 am	Lunch	
12:10 pm	State of Health Disparities in Allen County - ACHDC Annual Report - Prevention Clinic	Renetta H. Williams, Facilitator, ACHDC Executive Director, HealthVisions of Fort Wayne Evelyn J. Frierson, Program Coordinator, Prevention Clinic Director, FWAACA, Inc.
12:25 pm	Introduction of Speaker	Terrell Bond, Jr., MD, Chief Medical Officer Neighborhood Health Clinics, Inc.
12:30 pm	<i>Heart of the Matter: Heart Disease, Galvanizing Support For Community Service Organizations & the Need for Diversity in Healthcare</i>	Hilton M. Hudson II, M. D., F.A.C.S., Cardio-thoracic Surgeon, Franciscan Physician's Hospital, Associate Medical Director, Network Development, Cardio-thoracic Surgery, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, and President and CEO of Hilton Publishing Company
1:15 pm	Questions & Answers	Facilitated by Terrell Bond, Jr., MD
1:30 pm	Volunteer Recognition Awards	Evelyn J. Frierson & Renetta H. Williams
1:45 pm	Closing Prayer	Rev. Timothy R. Williams
1:50 pm	Book Signing & Reception	

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2008 ACHDC Major Accomplishments

January 2008

- ◆ January 11, 2008 – Planning meeting to implement the Allen County Work plan. Facilitator: Sister Annemarie Kampwerth, HealthVisions Midwest.
- ◆ January 23, 2008 - First Annual meeting of the Allen County Health Disparity Coalition. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Deborah A. McMahan, Allen County Health Commissioner. Theme: “Health Disparity in the Underserved Community. ”
- ◆ January 20: Monthly Prevention Clinic collaboration.

February 2008

- ◆ Unveiled the logo for the Allen County Health Disparity Coalition. This was a subcommittee project sponsored by IPFW Northeast Indiana AHEC and IPFW Relations and Communications.
- ◆ Presented the 2007-2008 work plan for implementation. Focus: Nutrition & Exercise, Language and Culture, Mental Health, and Diabetes to address medically underserved populations.
- ◆ February 20: Monthly Prevention Clinic collaboration.
- ◆ February 27, 2008: Hosted/Facilitated ACHDC monthly meeting.

March 2008

- ◆ March 26: Hosted/Facilitated ACHDC monthly meeting.
- ◆ Hosted 2nd Annual Town Hall Meeting on “Health Disparity in Allen County” with more than 100 community member were in attendance.
- ◆ March 19: Monthly Prevention Clinic collaboration.
- ◆ March 25: ACHDC received the 2008 Indiana Area Health Education Center’s “Partnership Matters” Awards.
- ◆ Dr. Terrell Zollinger, Associated Director, Bowen Research Center gave an overview of the Tri-County Community Based Participatory Research Project, in which Allen County will be part of the research. This is a plan to develop and institute projects targeting minority health in three counties using a concept known as community based participatory research (CBPR). The goal of this project is to enable local communities in partnership with academic institutions to develop the ability to affect meaningful change through participatory research. Allen County selected the topic of Diabetes. Our research is Title: “Empowering Fort Wayne Communities to Self-Manage Diabetes”. We received funding in December 2008, and will begin the project in February 2009.

April 2008

- ◆ April 9: Attended Indiana Minority Health Coalition’s Annual Minority Health Initiative Luncheon “Journey of Health: One Heartbeat at a Time.”
- ◆ Updated the Language and Culture portion of the Work Plan.
- ◆ April 16: Monthly Prevention Clinic collaboration.
- ◆ April 19: Hosted a Focus on Health site on the south side of Fort Wayne. Provided free health screenings to over 125 individuals in the minority population.
- ◆ April 23: Hosted/Facilitated ACHDC monthly meeting – Jennifer Pferrer, Executive Director of the American Diabetes Association - Indiana Area presented the Topic: “Diabetes and Health Disparities”

May 2008

- ◆ Begin partnership with Hoosier Healthwise to get families covered with insurance.
- ◆ May 21: Monthly Prevention Clinic collaboration.
- ◆ May 28: Hosted/Facilitated ACHDC monthly meeting Update of the Work Plan – Health and Nutrition

June 2008

- ◆ June 5: Partnered with the Indiana Minority Health Coalition via planning committee participation to host the 7th Annual Indiana Cultural Competency for Behavior Healthcare.
- ◆ June 10: Town Hall Meeting with the American Indian Center for Allen County to increase awareness of the Native American culture and health disparities.
- ◆ Implemented the American Cancer Society’s Body and Soul Program, A Health and Nutrition initiative targeting African American Churches to encourage participants to eat more fruits and vegetables in an effort to decrease cancer disparities in this population.
- ◆ June 16: Monthly Prevention Clinic collaboration.

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- ◆ June 25: Hosted/Facilitated ACHDC monthly meeting - Mary Pat Leonard, Culture & Health Initiatives Director- American Heart Association presented Topic: "Heart 2Heart Program," focusing on culturally tailed educational materials.

July 2008

- ◆ Received contract with Indiana Minority Health Coalition to provide Preventive Health Services to the Minority population in Allen County.
- ◆ CBPR planning meetings to develop proposal for IMHC initiative.
- ◆ July 16: Monthly Prevention Clinic collaboration.
- ◆ July 23: Hosted/Facilitated ACHDC monthly meeting. Ruby Cain, Director, IPFW Northeast Indiana Area Health Education Center (NEI-AHEC) presented the topic "Barriers, Challenges and Opportunities in the Health Career Pipeline."

August 2008

- ◆ CBPR planning meetings to develop proposal for IMHC initiative.
- ◆ August 20: Monthly Prevention Clinic collaboration.
- ◆ August 27: Hosted/Facilitated ACHDC monthly meeting. Speaker - Amy Hartman, Nurse Practitioner/Director of the IPFW Lafayette Street Family Health Clinic. Speaker - Maria Schwieter, RN, Northeast Indiana Medical Interpreters Association.

September 2008

- ◆ CBPR planning meetings to develop proposal for IMHC initiative.
- ◆ September 17: Monthly Prevention Clinic collaboration.
- ◆ Partnership with St. Joseph Hospital to register people to "Get Covered " with the new Healthy Indiana Plan and Hoosier Healthwise. 98 applications representing more than 220 applicants were submitted. The event also included health screenings and health-related information.
- ◆ Northeastern Center's Bienvenido Program (mental health awareness in the Hispanic community) implemented in Allen County, included 53 participants, partnered with Center for Nonviolence. Exceeded goal of 30 participants.
- ◆ September 24: Hosted/Facilitated ACHDC monthly meeting.
- ◆ September 27: Collaborated with the Fort Wayne Urban League to host a Town Hall Meeting on Childhood Lead Education.

October 2008

- ◆ October 2: Allen County Health Disparity Coalition -Receives the 2008 Health Care Hero Award, Runner-up Award from Business Weekly Magazine.
- ◆ October 10: Participated in IPFW Health Fair, with main focus on mental health.
- ◆ October 11: Hosted Northern Indiana Medical Interpreters Association (NIMIA) Conference. Topic: "Mental Health Interpreting."
- ◆ October 15: Monthly Prevention Clinic collaboration. Hispanic HIV/AIDs Awareness Month. Conducted presentation for 15 Latinos, 3 health degree students, partnering with Center for Nonviolence. Ten participants from presentation participated in health screenings.
- ◆ CBPR planning meetings. Proposal submitted for IMHC initiative.
- ◆ October 22: Hosted/Facilitated ACHDC monthly meeting. Becky Weimerskirch, Executive Director, Community Transportation Network presented Topic: "Transportation for Underserved Populations."

November 2008

- ◆ CBPR planning meetings for implementation. Grant awarded for IMHC initiative.
- ◆ November 19: Monthly Prevention Clinic collaboration.
- ◆ November 26: Hosted/Facilitated ACHDC monthly meeting. Jan Diaz, Director, Strategic Planning, .Hilton Publishing Company presented on educating healthcare professionals and African American adults and children via culturally tailored publications.
- ◆ Served on planning committee and attended 2008 Latino Behavioral Health Summit.
- ◆ Partner: Northeastern Center, Indiana Minority Coalition, etc.

December 2008

- ◆ December 17: Monthly Prevention Clinic collaboration.

2009 ACHDC Calendar

- ◆ Wednesday, January 28: 2nd Annual ACHDC Meeting. "Broken Hearts: Heart Disease in the Minority Community." Keynote Presenter: Hilton M. Hudson II, M. D., F.A.C.S., Cardio-thoracic Surgeon, Franciscan Physician's Hospital, Associate Medical Director, Network Development, Cardio-thoracic Surgery, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, and President and CEO of Hilton Publishing Company.

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- ◆ Wednesday, February 25 Presenter: Lisa Merriweather-Hunn, PhD, Assistant Professor of Adult, Higher, and Community Education, Ball State University on Topic "Critical Race Theory." Presentation will focus on the definition of CRT, social construction of race, and the use of CRT in analyzing and addressing issues of disparity in the academic, sociological, health, and political arenas.
- ◆ Wednesday, March 25.
- ◆ Wednesday, April 22.
- ◆ Wednesday, May 27.
- ◆ Wednesday, June 24.
- ◆ Wednesday, July 27.
- ◆ Wednesday, August 26.
- ◆ Wednesday, September 23.
- ◆ Wednesday, October 28.
- ◆ Wednesday, November 25.

Monthly Prevention Clinic Collaboration. 3rd Wednesdays, 5:00 7:00 p.m. (in June 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.). Volunteers arrive 30 minutes before start of Clinic. Location: Lafayette Medical Center, 2700 S. Lafayette Street.

- ◆ Wednesday, January 21.
- ◆ Wednesday, February 18.
- ◆ Wednesday, March 18.
- ◆ Wednesday, April 15.
- ◆ Wednesday, May 20.
- ◆ Wednesday, June 17.
- ◆ Wednesday, July 20.
- ◆ Wednesday, August 19.
- ◆ Wednesday, September 16.
- ◆ Wednesday, October 21.
- ◆ Wednesday, November 18.
- ◆ Wednesday, December 18.

Other Dates

February: American Heart Association's Go Red Sunday.

April: Minority Health Awareness Month.

April 18: Focus on Health at Fort Wayne Urban League Conference Room.

May 8: Annual IMHC Cultural Competency Conference.

