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2013 HEALTH CARE SYMPOSIUM

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Washington, D.C. — April 29, 2013 DIALOGUE ON DIVERSITY'S 2013 HEALTH CARE SYMPOSIUM, the thirteenth in its annual series, will be presented May 15th in co-sponsorship with the American Federation of Teachers, features presentation of the year's **HEALTH LEADERSHIP AWARD** to **Hon. Donna M. Christian Christensen,** now in her tenth term as Delegate of the U.S. Virgin Islands in the House of Representatives. The Health Leadership Award was previously given to **Rep. Lucille Roybal Allard**, and to **Rep. Grace Napolitano**. Congresswoman Christensen, a medical doctor by profession, chairs the Health Braintrust of the Congressional Black Caucus.

The day's agenda targets the range of contemporary health care concerns in four large topic areas, plus a midday session dealing with a series of special topics in the health care field. Symposium panelists and speakers are drawn from think tanks and academia, governmental agencies and private-sector firms concerned with health care, the medical professions, and other sources of expertise on this complex and many-sided subject. The Symposium opens with a spirited discussion of the law of health care and its sometimes alarming economics. **Teresa Niño** of CMS reviews prospects for the Medicare and Medicaid systems, and **Gregory Pappas**, Deputy Senior Director of the D.C. Dep't of Health, holds forth on the coming Insurance Exchanges in their D.C. configuration. **Mayra Alvarez**. Public Health Policy Director at HHS and a key figure in the formulation of features of the ACA, **Dania Palanker**, Senior Counsel for the National Women's Law Center, and **Don Lyster**, of the National Immigration Law Center complete the expert panel. The focus shifts in the mid-morning panel to the crucial concerns of food/nutrition and preventive strategies: the theme of Focused Prevention may be the chief key to "wellness". **Prof. Elizabeth Rigby** of The George Washington University reviews governmental efforts under the ACA and otherwise in developing preventive strategies. **Lisa Pino**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, reviews the persisting task of ensuring free and fair access to the USDA's food distribution program.

The Midday Session brings such featured speakers as **Dr. Malcolm Joseph**, Medical Director at CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield, discussing the workings of this large health care entity, while **Dr. Deborah C. Peel**, Chair of the Patient Privacy Rights, speaks as a forceful advocate for a thoroughgoing patient privacy rule in the health care realm. **Roxana Olivas** greets attendees on behalf of the D.C. Office on Latino Affairs. **Dr. Carmen Ramirez**, of Ana Mendez University, **Alice Chen** [invited] of Kaiser Permanente, **Marcos Pesquera** of Adventist Healthcare, and **Cesar Palacios**, of Proyecto Salud discuss the key topic of cultural competency and class and ethnic access disparities. Medical Information Technology, affording quantum leaps of efficiency but bringing concomitant Privacy Perils are the focus of the mid-afternoon panel, highlighting HHS efforts to foster IT adoption, with built-in privacy guards, and at the other pole USDA efforts to bring telemedicine to isolated rural districts. The Symposium concludes with a roundtable on main health threats. **Henry Pacheco, Amari Pearson, Lydia E. Soto-Torres, Theresa Brownson, Regina Renteria Weitzman**, and **Jorge Ribas**, take up in turn a series of principal medical dangers in American society – Cancer, AIDS, Obesity, Geriatric Disorders, and diabetes.

Continental breakfast and a light lunch provided. Door Prize and Giveaways for Attendees

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