



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

***Honoring the Oath: A Call to Action
March 13-16, 2009, Washington DC***

***Programming and reception to take place at
The Equality Forum of the Human Rights Campaign
1640 Rhode Island Ave. NW***

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2009

6:30 PM-- Happy Hour with NPA Leaders & the DC Action Network
Liaison Capitol Hill Hotel Lobby, 415 New Jersey Avenue, NW

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009

7:30-10:00 AM NPA Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 AM-12:30 PM Meeting of the NPA Board and National Leadership

10:45 AM Registration Table Open

12:50-1:30 PM **Conference Opening Session:** NPA Outgoing President Lydia J. Vaias, MD, MPH

1:30-2:30 PM ***Keynote: Dora Hughes, MD, MPH
Counselor to the Secretary of Health and Human Services
Health Care Reform 2009***
(note: this session is closed to all media)

Dr. Dora Hughes, Counselor to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, served as a member of the Obama Campaign Health Policy Team and continues to play a key role in the development of the President's legislative agenda. She previously served as Deputy Director for Health for Senator Edward M. Kennedy on the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions in the United States Senate. Prior to working on Capitol Hill, Dr. Hughes served as Senior Program Officer at The Commonwealth Fund, a national health foundation in New York City. Dr. Hughes completed medical school at Vanderbilt University, residency at Brigham & Women's Hospital, and earned her M.P.H. at the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Hughes is board-certified in internal medicine.

2:30-2:40 PM

~Break~

2:40-4:00 PM

Visions for Health Care Reform: Diverse Strategies Considered

Sponsored by: Secure Healthcare for All Campaign

Moderator: Valerie Arkoosh, MD, MPH, NPA Board of Directors

Panelists: David Grande, MD, MPA

National Physicians Alliance Board of Directors

Nick Unger, leader of the Universal Health Care Action Network & Training Director, AFL-CIO Health Care Campaign

Margret Flowers, MD

Physicians for a National Health Program

Doneg McDonough

Legislative and Policy Director, Health Care for America Now

4:00-4:10 PM

~Break~

4:10-5:10 PM

Eliminating Conflict of Interest in the Practice of Medicine

Sponsored by: the NPA's Unbranded Doctor Campaign

Moderator: Benjamin Schaefer, MD

Panelists: Allan Coukell, Policy Director, the Prescription Project, Boston, MA

Chris McCoy, MD, National Physicians Alliance Policy Committee Chair

5:10-5:30 PM

~Refreshment Break~

5:30-6:30 PM

NPA Executive Update and Open Forum

Enjoy an interactive session with National Physicians Alliance leadership, including an overview of the year's accomplishments and a glimpse at our plans. Ask your questions and share your suggestions for the months ahead.

6:30-9:00 PM

A. Gene Copello Memorial Reception

Featuring Dr. Phil Pearl and the Children's National Medical Center Jazz Band

Honored Speaker: Marian Wright Edelman

Founder and President of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF), Mrs. Edelman has been an advocate for disadvantaged Americans for her entire professional life. She has received many honorary degrees and awards including the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Prize, the Heinz Award, and a MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship. In 2000, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, and the Robert F. Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award for her writings which include eight books, most recently: *The Sea is So Wide and My Boat is So Small: Charting a Course for the Next Generation*.

SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2009

8:00-9:00 AM *~Continental Breakfast Provided~*

9:00-10:15 AM ***Gun Violence and Public Health***
Sponsored by: the NPA's D.C. Action Network

Moderator: Patricia Turner, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery
Director of Resident Training
University of Maryland Dept. of General Surgery

Panelists: John A. Rich, MD, MPH
Professor and Chair, Drexel University
Department of Health Management and Policy

M. Chris Gibbons, MD, MPH, Associate Director
Urban Health Institute
The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg
School of Public Health

10:15-10:30 AM *~Break~*

10:30-11:45 AM ***Keynote: Jennifer Beeson***
Co-Director of Government Affairs, Families USA
The Power of Coalitions in 2009 Health Care Reform
Sponsored by: the NPA Council of Consumers

Jen Beeson joined Families USA as the co-director of government affairs in March 2006. Families USA is a national organization for health care consumers whose mission is to achieve high-quality, affordable health care for all Americans. While at Families USA, Jen has focused on renewing the Children's Health Insurance Program and on laying the groundwork for comprehensive health care reform. In the last ten years, Jen has worked on a range of public policy issues, all aimed at improving the lives of low-income families. Prior to Families USA, she worked for the Coalition on Human Needs, the Children's Defense Fund, and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. She served on the Democratic staff of the House Committee on Ways and Means and was at the U.S. Department of Labor during the Clinton Administration.

11:45 AM-1:00 PM *~Lunch Provided~*

1:00-2:15 PM ***Living with AIDS: Pediatric Realities***
Sponsored by: DC NPA Group
Moderator: Kathy Woodward, MD
Children's National Medical Center

Panelist: Lawrence D'Angelo, MD, Dir. Adolescent Medicine
Children's National Medical Center

2:15-2:30 PM

~Break~

2:30-4:30 PM

The Physician as Advocate: Honoring the Oath

Sponsored by: the NPA's Rx: Vote Campaign

Moderators: Rishi Manchanda, MD, MPH & Alex Blum, MD

Panelists: Jerome A. Paulson, MD, FAAP

Associate Professor of Pediatrics & Public Health

George Washington University

Medical Director for National & Global Affairs,

Child Health Advocacy Institute, Washington, DC

Robert Wm. Blum MD, MPH, PhD

William H. Gates, Sr. Professor and Chair,

Department of Population, Family & Reproductive Health;

Director, Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute

Anthony Schlaff, MD, MPH

Director of Public Health Programs, Tufts University School of Medicine

Marc Wetherhorn

Federal and State Affairs National Advocacy Director

National Association of Community Health Centers

4:35-5:00 PM

National Conference Closing Session/Remarks

Dave Evans, MD, NPA President-Elect & Lydia Vaias, MD, MPH, NPA Past-President

MONDAY MARCH 16, 2009: NATIONAL PHYSICIANS ALLIANCE LOBBY DAY

8:00-9:00 AM

NPA Board of Directors Meeting

9:00-10:00 AM

Health Care Update and Lobby Training (location to be announced)

10:30 AM-2:00 PM

Meetings with Congressional Members and Staff