

Building the Foundation to Impact Health Outcomes

October 13-14, 2009

Intersection of Public Health Research, Policy and Practice: Building the Foundation to Impact Health Outcomes

Day 1

1:00 pm

Registration

1:30 - 2:15 pm

Opening Address – *Importance of Research in Health Care*

Health Services Research (HSR) is a multi-disciplinary research activity with an implicit objective of improving the health services patients receive. The presenter will focus on the relevance of research and the potential opportunities.

2:30 - 3:45 pm

Simultaneous Tracks

Track 1 – Student Research

Topic: What is health services research and how can students get involved?

This session will focus on how researchers examine health care quality, its effectiveness and the challenges and opportunities of health disparities research. Faculty and students interested in health services research will have the opportunity to learn about minority health research initiatives and discuss ways to engage students in health and community research.

Track II – Building Research Partnerships

Topic: Creating partnerships to build health science research capacity at Delaware State University (DSU)

Session will include discussions on developing research skills; building relationships with stakeholders; creating partnership opportunities; and identifying funding opportunities.

Track III – Building Community Partnerships

Topic: Promoting community research partnerships to reduce health disparities among vulnerable populations

Session will include discussions on building and maintaining community coalitions; academic partnerships with health organizations; and relationship building with communities to conduct research.

4:00 - 5:00 pm

Health Industry Research Partners

The aim of this session is to discuss funding and support for health research and the advancements in the fields of minority health and health disparities. Presenters will also outline how innovative research, education and outreach programs are meaningful and effective in achieving social change, promoting positive health outcomes and eliminating health disparities in key populations.

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Day 2

- 7:30 am **Registration**
- 8:00 am **Welcome & Greetings**
- 8:30 am **Keynote Address – “Health services research in the 21st century: The role of HBCU’s”**
- 9:15 am **Plenary Session**
Topic: Health Services Research
This session will focus on the primer for conducting research and for writing a research grant proposal – with a goal to increase research in academic advising. Topics addressed include the fundamentals of conducting research, research versus program evaluation, seeking support for your research, specific areas related to advising that can be researchable, and models of research.
- 10:45 am **Break**
- 11:00 am **Plenary Session**
Topic: Health Policy
This session will provide evidence-based, peer-reviewed policy guidance and resources to support advocacy and health policy decision making at the state and local levels. The discussion will focus on policy issues from the perspectives of health policy leaders, researchers, policy experts, legislators and advocates concerned with developing, implementing and analyzing health policy.
- 12:15 pm **Lunch & Networking - Poster Sessions**
- 1:15 pm **Technology & Healthcare Presentation**
The presenter will discuss ways to transform health care and improve patient safety by better leveraging information technology to improve the efficiency, accuracy, and effectiveness of our healthcare delivery system.
- 1:45 pm **Plenary Session**
Topic: Translation of Research to Practice
This session will focus on translating research findings into practice and developing partnerships among key stakeholders. Its aim is also to discuss opportunities to accelerate the impact of health services research on direct patient care; the implementation of techniques and the organizational and clinical factors associated with translating research into applied settings to improve the outcomes, quality, cost effectiveness and efficiency of health care delivery.
- 3:15 pm **Call to Action / Wrap-up**