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Mobilizing for National Health Care Reform

The Truth About the Candidates' Plans for National Health Care Reform

Understanding the Proposals, Building Our Networks

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

State of California Office Building
455 Golden Gate, San Francisco

9:30 AM–1:00 PM

- Hear from experts and network with your communities about important criteria for reform.
- Evaluate the presidential candidates' national health care reform plans from our perspectives as women, low-income communities, public health advocates and health care providers.
- Assess practical steps for reform in the first 100 days of a new administration, including fixing Medicare and reauthorizing SCHIP, and develop an action plan to tell policy-makers in California our views on comprehensive reform proposals which promote health and wellness, and public health policies and programs.

PROGRAM AGENDA

9:30: **Registration**

10:00: **Welcome and introductions**

Center for Policy Analysis:

Ellen Shaffer, PhD, MPH, Co-Director

Center of Excellence in Women's Health, UCSF:

Dixie Horning, Executive Director

California Public Health Association-North:

Giorgio Piccagli, Co-Director

Women LEAD for Health: Destiny Lopez, Executive Director

10:10: **Criteria for Reform: Why Do We Need Them; What are the Problems?**

- Group Discussion—Moderators
 - Ellen Shaffer: Universal coverage, Comprehensive benefits, Affordability
 - Roma Guy, California Women's Agenda: Quality
 - Giorgio Piccagli: Strong public health system
 - Ellen Shaffer: Feasibility

10:30 **National Plans: Toward the first 100 days**

- Overview: Ellen Shaffer
- Evaluation of the presidential candidates' proposals
 - Deborah LeVeen, PhD, Professor Emerita, SF State University
 - Ellen Shaffer
- Q&A for clarification

11:00: **Break**

11:10: **Perspectives**

- Assessment—Coverage, Access, Cost, Quality: What works, what doesn't, what needs to be improved?
 - Destiny Lopez, Women LEAD for Health, ACCESS/Women's Health Rights Coalition
 - Michael Lighty, California Nurses Association
 - Anthony Wright, Health Access, Health Care for America Now

• Q&A

- Public Health and Health Care Reform: What should be incorporated, and how?
 - Jeremy Cantor, Prevention Institute
 - Tangerine Brigham, MPH, Healthy San Francisco
 - Bob Prentice, PhD, Bay Area Regional Health Inequalities Initiative

• Discussion, Q&A

12:15 **Mobilizing for Health Care Reform in the New Economy**

- Jacob Hacker, PhD, UC Berkeley
- Discussants: Offices of
 - U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer
 - U.S. Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi
 - U.S. Representative Jackie Speier

Q&A

12:50 **Conclusion: Next steps**