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Share the Vision: Moving Alabama Forward



A statewide conference
Friday, Feb. 8, 2013
Auburn University Montgomery
Taylor Center

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:30 Registration — Taylor Center

9:00 Welcome plenary

9:15 Legislative preview: Medicaid reform, budget crisis and more — Rep. Greg Wren (R-Montgomery) highlights big challenges facing the new session.

10:30-11:45 Workshop session I

A. The Affordable Care Act now: Understanding new health benefits — *Dollie Hambrick, ACPP*. Learn about the provisions of the ACA that are already improving Alabamians' health coverage.

B. Medicaid expansion: Alabama's budget options — *Chris Sanders and Kimble Forrister, ACPP*. Medicaid undergirds our health care system and provides health coverage for our most vulnerable people. Can tax reform help Alabama provide the state match to expand Medicaid?

C. Predatory lending: Caught in the debt trap — *Tom Feltner, Consumer Federation of America, Washington, D.C.; Ron Gilbert, Community Action Association of Alabama; and Stephen Stetson, ACPP*. Predatory lending deepens poverty by exploiting the gap between low wages and the real cost of getting by. Learn more about the debt trap and innovative lending alternatives.

D. Ensuring the right to a public education — *Olivia Turner and Larry Lee, longtime Alabama education activists*. Most agree that education is one of the main paths out of poverty. This session explores what needs to happen in Alabama to purge the legacy of segregation from our constitution and ensure the right to a public education for all our children.

E. How the Affordable Care Act helps small businesses — *Erica Dowell, Small Business Majority, Arlington, Va.* Learn how the ACA is a win-win for small businesses: The employer gains a more reliable workforce, while workers gain peace of mind.

12:00-1:15 Lunch and panel discussion

"An Economic Evaluation of Medicaid Expansion" — *Dr. David Becker and Dr. Michael Morrissey, UAB School of Public Health (see details at right)*.

1:30-2:45 Workshop session II

F. Advocacy 101: Silence is not an option — *Presdelane Harris, Rebecca Jackson and Shakita Jones, ACPP*. The key to public policy advocacy is multiplying our voices to make a difference. Learn how the Alabama Legislature works and how you can influence the process.

G. Health care reform: What's coming in 2014 — *Christine Barber, Community Catalyst, Boston*. Learn about the full implementation of the Affordable Care Act and how all Alabamians benefit from health care reform.

H. The cupboard is bare: Food insecurity among older adults — *Maggie Biscarr and Karen Patyk, AARP Foundation Hunger Impact Area, Washington, D.C.; Candi Williams, AARP Alabama*. Nearly 9 million older Americans are at risk of hunger every day. Learn about initiatives to improve access to healthy foods for Alabama's seniors.

I. They say they care, so why don't they show it? — *Jaymie Gustafson and Stephanie Zarecky, Spitfire Strategies, Washington, D.C.* It takes more than awareness to incite action on social justice. This session looks at best organizational practices for building the will to act.

J. The luck of the draw? Overcoming health disparities in Alabama — *Dale Quinney, Alabama Rural Health Association; and Elana Parker Merriweather, Office of Minority Health, Alabama Department of Public Health*. Race, wealth and geography can play pivotal roles in health outcomes. This session looks at health disparities among urban/rural and majority/minority populations and poses solutions for closing the gap.

3:00-3:20 Closing plenary

Keynote presentation

UAB researchers make the economic case for Alabama Medicaid expansion

Advocates for extending health coverage to low-income adults have called Medicaid expansion a bargain Alabama can't afford to miss. Critics of the optional expansion under the Affordable Care Act say Alabama can't afford even a small share of long-term costs. (The federal government will pay the full cost from 2014-17, with states picking up a maximum of 10 percent in later years.)

Now, two researchers at the UAB School of Public Health — **Dr. David Becker and Dr. Michael Morrissey** — have spelled out what Medicaid expansion would mean for our state's economy and tax revenues. At the conference, we'll hear first-hand how Becker and Morrissey designed and carried out their study, "An Economic Evaluation of Medicaid Expansion in Alabama under the Affordable Care Act," and how it can help state policy-makers assess this momentous decision.

The timing for Becker and Morrissey's presentation couldn't be better. Coming just a week after the Medicaid Advisory Commission's recommendations to the governor on program reforms and during the opening week of the 2013 legislative session, our keynote panel will give conference-goers fresh insights into a historic opportunity to move Alabama forward.

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