

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE
TWO-DAY SUMMIT**

DAY 1: Friday, February 19, 2010

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. **Registration/Continental Breakfast**

8:30 - 8:45 a.m. **Drum Call/Invocation**

8:45 - 9:00 a.m. **Summit Welcome**

The Honorable Anthony Young, Councilmember
District Four

9:00 - 9:25 a.m. **The Summit II: The Purpose and Premise**

The Reverend Ikenna A. Kokayi, President/CEO
UAAMAC

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Plenary Session 1 – “SURVIVAL OF THE BLACK FAMILY”

This plenary session will take a historical look at the structure and function of the Black Family and the negative impact the African Holocaust has had in terms of contributing to the cultural, generational and societal ills and obstacles that affect the stability of the Black Family. The session will also focus on the use of “best practices” in overcoming the obstacles to maintaining and creating healthy, nurturing and loving Black Families.

Moderator: The Reverend Ikenna A. Kokayi, President/CEO
UAAMAC

Presenter:

Dr. Shirley Weber, Ph.D., Professor, Africana Studies
SDSU

11:15 – 12:15 p.m. **WORKSHOP TRACK I**

“Challenges, Trends & Benefits of Marriage in the 21st – Let’s Stay Together”

This workshop will address what is required to develop and maintain genuinely happy and successful marriages. Couples who have been married for thirty, forty, and fifty years will discuss what they have done and are doing to protect and promote their happy marriages.

Moderator: Dr. Shirley Weber, Ph.D., Professor, Africana Studies, SDSU

Presenters:

Bishop Ikenna Kokayi & Mother Mary Ard, Married 50 years

Dr. Robert & Ardelle Matthews, Married 56 years

Dr. Willie & Gloria Morrow, Married 45 years

Tommy & Joann Vance, Married 33 years

“Investing in Early Childhood Education”

In the “Beloved Community” all children would have the opportunity to receive an affordable and equitable early childhood education. How do we develop an educational system that would ensure they have the same firm foundation necessary for learning and preparing our children to face their educational years and for success in a global economy? Presenters will discuss the impact a quality Early Childhood Education will have on a child's success in life and how can we achieve the success in early childhood development that research suggests is possible and what type of system would we need to ensure every at-risk child in the state of California has the opportunity to get a high-quality early education.

Moderator: Rev. Gerald Brown, Director of Human Resources UAAMAC

Presenters:

Dr. Alonzo Rodriguez, Director of Training and Development
Neighborhood House Association

Jose L. Cruz, Chief Executive Officer,
The San Diego Council on Literacy

“The Green Energy Movement”

This workshop will address the employment and business opportunities associated with “The Green Energy Movement” that is being funded by the Federal Government and how persons and organizations can position themselves to benefit economically.

Presenter: Mr. Mitch Mitchell, Vice President for External Affairs
Sempra Energy (SDG&E)

“Challenges & Impacts of Prison Re-entry”

The point of focus in this workshop will be to outline the purpose for an effective transition for ex-offenders back into the community and world of work.

Moderator: Lisa Kove, Executive Director, Department of Defense Fed Globe

Presenters:

JJ Anderson,
San Diego County District Attorney Office Senate Bill 618

Jim Sanders, Executive Director
Coming Home to Stay

Mike Arbuthnot, CDCR Area Administrator
Canyon Corridor District

Scott H. Silverman, Executive Director / Founder
Second Chance/STRIVE

Robert Robinson, Director of Resource Development,
UAAMAC

“HIV/AIDS & STD’s: The Silent Pandemic issues in Awareness and Advocacy”

This workshop will discuss what is being done to address the devastating impact the HIV/AIDS virus and other STIs are having on the state of health in the African American and other marginalized communities. This session will focus on the most current treatment options as well as the social, economic and political barriers to quality health for all. Additionally, the presenters will share what is being done to address those barriers both nationally and globally.

Moderator: Stephanie Edwards, Founder/CEO,
Neighborhood Fundraising Network
World’s AIDS Day, Coordinator

Presenters:
Angela Reed, Vice-President, Patient Services
Planned Parenthood of San Diego & Riverside Counties

Dr. Al Velasco, Urban Anthropologist,
The HIV Behavioral Surveillance Initiative

12:15 – 2:00 p.m.

Luncheon/Plenary Session II – “Community Providers Roundtable

This plenary session provides an opportunity for community leaders and gatekeepers to present the most current information regarding the work of their respective organizations, in one of, if not all of the following areas: ***Education Reform and Innovation, Family Stability, Economic Development, Judicial Reform and Health Care Reform.***

Moderator: Rev. Ikenna Kokayi, President/CEO
UAAMAC

Presenters:

Michael Brunner, Executive Director
Jackie Robinson YMCA

Jose L. Cruz, Chief Executive Officer
San Diego Council on Literacy

Ron Cummings, Chief Operating Officer
Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation

Althea Dougherty, Executive Assistant to the President
San Diego Urban League

Vernita Gutierrez, Director of Community Development
Planned Parenthood of San Diego & Imperial Counties

Dr. Willie Morrow, Founder/Director
Black Business Boot Camp

Professor Jim Nicholson,
UC San Marcos

Jennifer Tracy, Food Stamp Outreach Coordinator
The San Diego Hunger Coalition

Hector “Dan” Verdugo, Program Coordinator, Male Health Initiative
Family Health Centers of San Diego

Valerie Wright, Special Assistant to the President and CEO,
Neighborhood House Association

2:15 – 3:15 p.m. **WORKSHOP TRACK II**

“The Family in Crisis”

This workshop will outline a series of steps, principles and skills for raising successful African American sons that will be beneficial to all parents. Additionally, this session will provide “secrets” to overcome the obstacles that stand in the way of every parent who wants the best for their sons.

Moderator: The Reverend Charles J. Dorsey, Chairman
UAAMAC

Presenter:
The Reverend Kevin D. Barnes, Pastor
Abyssinian Missionary Baptist Church

“3 Strike Ballot Initiative Education Campaign”

This workshop will focus on California’s controversial 3-Strikes Law and the current initiative effort that is underway to reform it in 2012. The objectives of this workshop will include 1) To give participants a broad understanding of the 3-strikes law including scope, application, impact on public safety, and the human costs 2) to inform participants about current efforts to reform the law 3) to equip participants with tools they can use to help advocate for changing this law with a strong emphasis on ways to become involved in the initiative campaign effort.

Moderator: Robert Robinson, Director of Resource Development
UAAMAC

Presenters:
Sue Reams, Co-Founder
Families to Amend California's Three Strike Law

Frank Courser, Co-Founder
Families to Amend California's Three Strike Law

“Dropout Crises---Relevant Solutions”

Nationwide, nearly one in three U.S. high school students drops out before graduating. About 7,000 drop out every school day, or one every 26 seconds. Low-income and students of color fare the worst in the dropout epidemic; approximately 1.2 million students fail to graduate from high school and more than half are from communities of color. Less than 50% of African American and Latino students earn diplomas with their peer. Students who are suspended or expelled are more likely than their peers to drop out of school altogether. In the 2008-2009 school year, there were 770,174 suspensions and 29,780 expulsions in the United States. In San Diego the dropout rate is 25.5 percent for Hispanics and 34.7 percent for Black students. This workshop will provide some promising solutions to this devastating crisis.

Moderator: Francine Maxwell, Parent Advocate,
Coalition of Neighborhood Councils, Board Member

Presenters:
Dr. Patricia Washington, Parent Advocate
Ballard Parent Center

Elneda Shannon, Manager
Ballard Parent Center

“Addressing Issues in Mental Health Turning Pain Into Power”

It is well documented that disparities exist in the use of mental health services by people of color in San Diego County. In a report entitled, *Progress Towards Reducing Disparities* prepared for San Diego County Mental Health in April 2009 it was reported that “racial/ethnic minorities have less access to mental health services, are less likely to receive care, are less likely to be engaged in services, and are more likely to receive poor-quality care when treated than their white counterparts.” The report also pointed out the following:

- Bipolar disorders are under diagnosed in African Americans
- African American youth are more diagnosed with disruptive behavior disorders
- Asia/Pacific Islanders and Native Americans had the lowest retention rates in treatment
- ADHD is more likely to be recognized in boys, than girls

- Whites and Asians are overrepresented in mental health workforce, while Latinos and African Americans are underrepresented

This workshop will discuss the role cultural competency and cultural sensitivity play in addressing the diagnoses and treatment of communities of color as well as what is needed to “break down barriers” to the provision of equitable, high quality, culturally appropriate mental health services for all. Additionally, there will be a discussion on the various policy implications associated with addressing those barriers

Moderator: Laura Andrews, Outreach Coordinator, Mental Health America of San Diego County

Presenters:

Alfredo Aguirre, Director
County Mental Health

Dr. Ida Greene, Founder, Our Place Center of Self-Esteem, Licensed Marriage, Family and Child Therapist

“Taxes: Business and Personal”

This workshop will consist of information from the S.D. County Treasurer / Tax Collector’s Office and the movement to cut California State taxes through grassroots advocacy programs.

Moderator: Ms. Stephanie Edwards, Founder/CEO
Neighborhood Fundraising Network, Inc.

Presenters:

Dan McAllister, S.D. County Treasurer/Tax Collector
County of San Diego

Kim Klein, Project Director
Building Movement Project

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Plenary Session III: “THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT 2009 HOW SHOULD THE \$59 BILLION BE SPENT”

This workshop will discuss the specifics of the health-related provisions of the ARRA that include additional support for local, agency-based health resources and services for prevention and wellness, as well as increased funding for health research and health care workers. The bill also lays the groundwork for the adoption of a health technology information infrastructure that promotes the electronic exchange and use of health information in the U.S. The participants will also discuss how the local health system gatekeepers need to position themselves to receive and use the funds generated by the bill. Key provisions of the bill include:

- \$1 billion for prevention and wellness projects
- \$500 million in grants for expanded services at community health centers
- \$500 million to address health professions workforce shortages and bolster public health staffing
- \$1.5 billion for community health center construction, renovation and equipment, including the acquisition of health information technology (HIT)

Moderator: Robert Tambuzi, Program Manager
UAAMAC

Presenter: Greg Knoll, Esq., Executive Director,
Consumer Center for Health and Education Advocacy

Response Panel:
Antoine Cook, Faith-Based Outreach Coordinator
AARP

Dr. Nora Faine, M.D., Vice President and Chief Medical Officer
Sharp Health Plan

Ed Martinez, President/CEO
San Ysidro/Comprehensive Health Center

Adrienne Yancey, M.P.H., Assistant Deputy Director, Public Health Services
County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Summit II Reception**

DAY 2: Saturday, February 20, 2010

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. **Registration/Continental Breakfast**

8:30 - 8:45 a.m. **Summit II Day One Recap**

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Plenary Session IV – “Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere”

This workshop will address the injustices suffered by far too many people regionally and nationally. The workshop participants will give insight and direction on what is being done to address the need for judicial reform.

- CA 3-STRIKES: Over 4,000 People serving 25 years to life for non-violent offenses.
- California “strikeout” 4 times as many persons as all other 3-strike states Combined, California 3-Strikes 42,322 Other States 10,624
- State Auditor Elaine Howle stated particularly eye-popping info in 2007- 08 the department of correction spent \$431 million on overtime costs
- African Americans and Latinos are over represented in California prison.
- HIV Infection and AIDS among the prison population is estimated at 2.5 times higher than the general population.
- Over 1.6 million individuals are housed in adult correctional facilities in the United States and at least 99,682 juveniles are in custody. In California most prisoners are African Americans and Latinos.
- According to a study conducted by Project READ, a national program designed to improve reading skills, youth that are confined in correctional facilities at the median age of 15.5 years and in the ninth grade read, on average, at the fourth grade level. More than one-third of all juvenile offenders of this age group read below the fourth grade

Moderator: Cecil Steppe, Former Director of Community Initiatives,
County of San Diego Health & Human Services

Presenters:

Honorable Marty Block
78th Assembly District

Honorable Denise Ducheny
40th Senatorial District

Gretchen Burn Bergman
Founder of New PATH

Margaret Dooley-Sammuli, Southern CA Deputy State Director
Drug Policy Alliance Network

Frank Courser, Co-Founder
Families to Amend California’s Three Strike Law

Dennis R. Childs, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor Department of Literature

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **WORKSHOP TRACK III**

“Exploring Issues/Links Between Food Security and Healthy Food Consumption in Managing Chronic Illness”

This workshop will address various topics associated with “cultivating food justice”. Key discussion topics will include:

- Building a multicultural/intergenerational food movement based on a legacy of social justice
- What are the geographic/regional and political considerations in addressing the issue of food security
- The role of redevelopment agencies in the development of urban agriculture
- Can commercial farming assist in the rebuilding of the inner-city
- How are the barriers to food security, such as the just distribution of food stamps, poverty, discrimination, etc. being addressed on a local and regional level
- How is the USDA-funded, Network for a Healthy California – African American Campaign working to address healthy eating and diet among low-income African American mothers with children

Moderator: Nyenyekvu Diane Moss, Executive Director
The People’s Produce Project

Presenters:

Curley Jordan, Health Educator
County of San Diego

Lakesha Sowunmi, Champion Mother
African American Body & Soul Campaign

“United For Hate Free San Diego”

This workshop is to expand the audience's knowledge in how to turn the quagmire of bad communications and stereotyping into a learning process to build the foundation for a "Hate free" environment. Just as people are taught to stereotype and other illogical thinking that rips the social fabric they can be taught how to be "Hate Free." We are all in this together and can all contribute to the building of the "Beloved Community."

Moderator: Stephen Whitburn, Social Justice Advocate

Presenters:

Lisa Kove, Executive Director,
Department of Department, FED GLOBE

Norman, Grossmont College Student

Dr. Geneva Roberts, Ph.D., Executive Agency Director
Alpha Kappa Alpha Head Start Program

Estela De Los Rios, Executive Director
Center for Social Advocacy

“Engaging in the Struggles for Livable Wages”

This workshop will address ways to obtain and keep livable wage employment in the community.

Moderator: Mr. Berry Alexander, Committee Member
UAAMAC, Economic Development Committee

Presenters:
Rev. Anthony Howard, Vice President
AFGE Local #63

Stephanie Monroe, Organizing Director
Center for Policy Initiative

“Development of a Culture Preparatory School”

This workshop will focus on the development of a Culture Preparatory School for students. The school will have two fundamental foci: 1) teaching the best of African-centered views and values that place a great importance on the ethics of and the need for learning; and 2) academic support and enrichment to aid students in their quest to be successful and contributing members of the Beloved Community. Participants will discuss innovative approaches that can lend themselves to the development of a transformative pedagogy that is communal and family-based, whereby the entire community is involved, at some level, in the success of our children.

Moderator: Rev. Ikenna A. Kokayi, President/CEO UAAMAC

Presenters:

Baye Kes Ba Me Ra, Founder/Director
Pan African Association of America

Kadumu Moyenda, Resource Teacher
San Diego Unified School District

N’namdi Afi, Board of Directors
Pan-African Associations of America

“Creating New Cycles of Independence”

This workshop will introduce participants to programs that educate parents on the best practices to assure their children will grow-up to be verbal problem-solvers who will read to succeed. There will also be a discussion on how the acquisition of the skills necessary to improve our children’s learning will assist in developing and maintaining family stability.

Moderator: Jose Cruz, CEO, San Diego Literacy Council

Presenters:

Linda Arias, Program Coordinator
Evenstar Program

Donald Miller, M.D., Medical Director
Reach Out and Read San Diego

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Plenary Session V/Lunch

“Why We Can’t Wait” Education Crisis In America!!!

It is time for radical transformation in public education. We can no longer afford to wait as our children are dying on the “vine” of a systemically malignant educational system. In a 2006 assessment of the education system in the United States, the U.S. ranked 35 out of 57 in mathematics and 29 out of 57 in science. Reading scores could not be reported due to printing errors in the instructions of the U.S. test booklets. U.S. scores were far behind those of most other developed nations. September 2009 California ranks next to last in states where the adult population has at least a high school education, according to a report released by the California Faculty Association at Cal State Los Angeles. Ranking 49th out of 50 states is an indication of the state’s deteriorating educational status in recent decades, according to Thomas G. Mortenson, author of *“California at the Edge of a Cliff”*.

Presenters: Dr. Mark Harden, Professor, Bethel Seminary, Wisconsin
Dr. Otto Lee, Vice Chancellor, SD Community College District

Response Panel:

The Honorable Robert Filner,
51st Congressional District

Dr. Alonzo Rodriguez, Director of Training and Development
Neighborhood House Association

Dr. Patricia Washington, Parent Advocate
Ballard Center

Dr. Isidro Ortiz, Professor, Latino Studies
SDSU

Dr. John Lillis, Dean
Bethel Seminary

Dr. Tony Burk, Director of Outreach
San Diego Unified School

Sheila Jackson, Trustee
San Diego Unified School District

Richard Barrera, President
San Diego Unified School District

Moderator: Rev. Ikenna Kokayi, President/CEO, UAAMAC

2:15 – 3:15 p.m. **Workshop Track IV**

“A Healthy Family in the Beloved Community”

This workshop will assess our ability to efficiently respond to the challenges that negatively impact our family structure. The presenters will also “redefine” being healthy as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.

Moderator: Jordanna Kidd, Office Administrator
UAAMAC

Presenters:

Toni Laudermilk, Program CEO,
The Center for Life Long Learners

Wenonah Valentine, M.B.A., Executive Director
Pasadena Birthing Project

“Best Practices: Active and Practical Nonviolence Training and Programs”

This workshop will focus on practical nonviolence training and programs including:

- *Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP)* nonviolence training workshops including inmates and staff in our prison system.
- *Creating a Culture of Peace (CCP)* nonviolence training for community peacemaking that teaches practical skills to address injustice and violence applying the same popular education approach used to prepare civil rights activists led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks.
- *Restorative Justice Mediation Program (RJMP)* works with school districts, police departments, juvenile probation, and the juvenile courts to reduce juvenile crime through its Victim/Offender Mediation Program.

Moderator: Chandrika Kelso, Professional Law Degree, Graduate Degree in Forensic Sciences

Presenters:

Carroll Boone, Instructor
Nonviolence Network San Diego (NVN) and Creating a Culture of Peace (CCP)

Kathy Smith, Project Facilitator,
Alternatives to Violence Project

“Finding the Money for Business Start-ups”

This workshop will discuss how to get “credit line ready” as well as how to get financed through the Small Business Administration (SBA). Participants will also share how the SBA works with communities of color and the innovative programs tailored to fit those communities.

Moderator: Mr. Bobby Carney, Budget Coordinator, Bayview Baptist Church

Presenters:

Juliane Talley, Assistant District Director
Small Business Administration

Abdur-Rahim Hameed, President/Founder
Black Contractors Association

Maria Hughes, Lender Relations Specialist
Small Business Administration

“Advocacy and Improving Access to Universities and Vocational Education that is Affordable (Pro/Cons of a Separate School District)”

This workshop will explore latest advocacy campaigns being waged on behalf of children of color to have equitable and affordable access to higher education. In addition, participants will discuss the possibilities as well as the pros and cons of developing a “second” school district in San Diego, south of Interstate 8.

Moderator: Dr. Pat Washington, Parent Advocate, Ballard Center

Presenter:

Dr. Isidro Ortiz, Professor, Chicana and Chicano Studies
SDSU

Sheila Jackson, Trustee
San Diego Unified School District

Andrea Guerrero, Field & Policy Director
ACLU of San Diego & Imperial Counties

“Improving Health Literacy to Address Health Disparities Among People of Color and other Marginalized Groups”

Low health literacy is a critical issue that negatively impacts the health and life-chances of an estimated 93 million adults in the United States. It is estimated that low health literacy results in \$73 billion of avoidable health care costs annually. Defined by *Healthy People 2010* as “the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services,” health literacy is critical to disease prevention, detection and treatment. Current data tells us that African Americans are at risk of having lower health literacy than the general population and that patients demonstrating the most challenges are persons over 65, persons with English as a second language and those with little education or reading difficulties (*Community Health Improvement Partners and The San Diego Council on Literacy, Improving Quality of Life, Executive Summary*).

This workshop will address the work that is being done, in San Diego, to develop, maintain and implement a collaborative health literacy plan as well as what is being done to address the need for the healthcare industry and the adult literacy field to partner to provide appropriate cross-training.

Moderator: Robert Tambuzi, United African American Ministerial Action Council (UAAMAC)

Presenters:

Shreya Sasaki, M.P.H., Senior Manager,
Policy and Programs Community Health Improvement Partners (CHIP)

Valerie Hardie, Literacy Program Administrator
San Diego Public Library, READ/San Diego

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Plenary Session VI

“Economic Development in the 21st Century”

This plenary session will address the principles and guidelines for successful entrepreneurship and business management.

Moderator: Ms. Juliane Talley, Assistant District Director, SBA Development Finance

Presenters:

Jennifer Vanica, CFRE, CEO
Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation

Abdur-Rahim Hameed, Founder/CEO
Black Contractors Association

Gil Johnson, Owner
Procurement Concepts, Inc.

Dr. Willie Morrow, Founder/Director
Black Business Boot Camp

Mr. Wendell French, Vice President
Wells Fargo Bank

Richard Blum, Business Development Specialist
Small Business Administration

Monty Dickinson, President
SCORE San Diego

Willard Pruitt,
Real Estate Consultant

5:15 p.m.

Summit II Recap/Call to Action