

About this forum:

Health disparities result when ethnic and minority populations differ from the majority population in the occurrence of disease, rates of mortality, and differences in health care utilization. These disparities are complex and result from various factors such as historical, political, environmental, hereditary, and economic factors.



Social policy is health policy. Decisions of governments and corporations shape policies that benefit some and negatively affect others. Historically, policies have reinforced class, racial, and gender inequities which in turn have created and continue to perpetuate health disparities.

Join us as we look at how health disparities' research can help inform regional conversations on how to shape social policies that are beneficial to all citizens in our communities.

Understanding Health Disparities: How Research Can Impact Policy

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

8:30 a.m. (Refreshments/Registration)

9:00—11:00 a.m. (Program)

Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Atrium
Cleveland State University • Glickman Miller Hall •
1717 Euclid Avenue • Commercial Parking Nearby

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"The only way to address our alarming inequities and improve health outcomes is to create better social policies."

Unnatural Causes Documentary, Policy Guide, 2008

Panel

Moderator: E. Harry Walker, Director, *MetroHealth Center for Community Health*

Health Disparities Research: Local Level

- Mark Salling & Joe Ahern, *Northern Ohio Data & Information Service & The Center for Community Solutions*
- Xiaoxing He, Assistant Professor, *School of Health Sciences*
- Charles Modlin, Director, *Minority Men's Health Center, Cleveland Clinic*
- Ashwini Sehgal, Director, *Center for Reducing Health Disparities, MetroHealth and Case Western Reserve University*

Health Disparities Research: Policy Implications

- Terry Allan, Health Commissioner, *Cuyahoga Cty Board of Health*
- Cheryl Boyce, Executive Director, *Ohio Commission on Minority Health*
- The Honorable Ray Miller, State Senator, *Minority Whip, 15th Senate District*

Ending Remarks: Ken Slenkovich, Director, Policy & Programs,
The Center for Community Solutions

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