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“Health Care Access and its Impact on Health Disparities”
JudyAnn Bigby, MD
Secretary of Health and Human Services, Massachusetts



Secretary of Health and Human Services, Dr. JudyAnn Bigby, oversees 17 state agencies and serves in the Cabinet of Governor Deval Patrick. Some of the program areas she oversees include health care; housing; child welfare; public health; disabilities; veterans' affairs; and elders. Since her appointment, Secretary Bigby has successfully implemented many aspects of Massachusetts' highly successful health care reform law. The state has adopted its first Olmstead Plan to address the long term needs of elders and persons with disabilities. she championed the creation of the Office of the Child Advocate to improve the state's child welfare system.

Until her appointment, Dr. Bigby was the Medical Director of Community Health Programs at Brigham & Women's Hospital. She was also an Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Director of the school's Center of Excellence in Women's Health. Secretary Bigby has published many studies and participated in conferences related to the health care needs of vulnerable populations. She also edited *Cross-Cultural Medicine*, a book that explores how health issues present themselves within different racial-ethnic-cultural populations.

Dr. Bigby served on many boards and expert panels including the Boston Public Health Commission and the Minority Women's Health Panel of Experts for the US Department of Health and Human Services. She was President of the Society of General Internal Medicine, the only national organization representing primary care internal medicine doctors, from 2003 to 2004. Dr. Bigby holds a B.A. from Wellesley College and an M.D. from Harvard Medical School. She lives in Jamaica Plain.

LOCATION:

Drexel University
Center City, Hahnemann Campus
New College Building, Geary A, Auditorium
245 N. 15th St., Phila., PA 19102

Learning Objectives:

Participants should be able to:

- To describe the components of health care access reform in Massachusetts.
- To critically evaluate the impact of access on health disparities.

Target Audience: Public health professionals, physicians, and health care practitioners.

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Dr. Bigby has no commercial relationships to disclose.

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