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**NAVIGATING A HURRICANE OF HEALTH DISPARITIES:
A DISCUSSION ON THE RESPONSE BY PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER
OFFICIALS TO HURRICANE KATRINA AND ITS AFTERMATH**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

10AM-12PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: CHERYL TAYLOR, RN, PhD, *Director of the Office of Research and Associate Professor at Southern University Agricultural & Mechanical College School of Nursing in Baton Rouge, Louisiana* Dr. Taylor is Principal Investigator of REACH 2010: At the Heart of New Orleans in 40 churches for the National Black Women's Health Imperative. She is funded by the United Negro College Fund and the National Library of Medicine for a Louisiana statewide health disparities initiative: REACH for Health Online with the National Library of Medicine.

PANEL MEMBERS:

John Rich, MD, MPH, *Professor, Chair: Department of Health Policy & Management*. Before joining the Drexel SPH, Dr. Rich was Medical Director for the Boston Public Health Commission, the health department for the City of Boston. Dr. Rich is an expert in inner-city health problems, particularly urban violence, men's health and racial disparities. He is the Founder and Director of the Young Men's Health Clinic at Boston Medical Center, a primary care clinic designed to meet the health needs of young men in the inner-city. He serves as Principal Investigator on a number of CDC-funded grants including REACH Elders and Steps to a Healthy Boston.

DENNIS ANDRULIS, PhD, *Director, Center for Health Equality & Associate Dean for Research, Drexel SPH*

Dr. Andrulis has published extensively on issues affecting urban communities, uninsured, and other vulnerable populations. He is co-author of *Managed Care in the Inner City*, and created a cultural competence self-assessment tool for health care organizations, as well as a National Cultural competence conference series.

JOANNE GODLEY, MD, MPH, *Health Commissioner, Philadelphia Department of Public Health*.

Prior to her appointment as Acting Health Commissioner, Godley served as PDPH Medical Director as well as Medical Director for the Division of Social Services. She has worked on health-related matters pertaining to various social service departments, including Prisons, Police, and Human Services. Godley also spent three years in the Peace Corps as an Area Peace Corps Medical Officer working in Abidjan, Ivory Coast and Pretoria, South Africa.

DALTON PAXTON, PhD, *Health and Human Services Regional Health Administrator, Mid-Atlantic Region*.

Dr. Paxton oversees public health initiatives in the region for the Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). He administers the regional OPHS programs in Public Health Preparedness, Minority Health, Population Affairs, and Women's Health.

MODERATED BY LISA ULMER, MSW, Sc.D *Professor, Chair: Department of Community Health and*

Prevention Dr. Ulmer has held a variety of professorships since 1988, and was Professor of Public Policy at the Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy at Southern University from 1999 until joining the School of Public Health at Drexel University in the summer of 2003. In 2002, she received the Teacher of the Year Award from the Nelson Mandela School.

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