

Perinatal Summit 2005
*“Healthy Births Through Healthy Communities: Connecting
Leadership to Achieve a Unified Commitment to Action”*

PROGRAM

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast*
- 8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Welcome*
*Carolina Reyes, MD Executive Director LABBC Center for
Healthy Births*
- Introduction of Keynote Speaker*
*Dani Montague, State Director of the California Chapter
of the March of Dimes*
- 8:15 a.m. - 8:55 a.m. Keynote Address - The State of Perinatal Health: A
National Perspective on Addressing a Local Issue*
*Karla Damus, RN, MSPH, PhD Senior Research Associate
and Epidemiologist Office of the Medical Director
National March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation*
- 8:55 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Priorities and Recommendations for Improving
Pregnancy and Birth Outcomes*
*Cynthia Harding, MPH Director Los Angeles County
Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Programs*
- 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Break*
- 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Discussion: Developing a Unified Action Plan*
Roundtable Discussions
- 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Call for Commitment*
*Facilitated by Magda Peck, ScD Founding CEO
CityMatCH*
- 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Closing Remarks*
Carolina Reyes, MD

SPEAKERS' BIOS

KARLA DAMUS, RN, MSPH, PhD

Dr. Damus is an Associate Professor and the Director of Community Programs in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Women's Health at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, the Director of Epidemiology in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center and the Senior Research Associate in the Office of the Medical Director, National Office of the March of Dimes. She is a perinatal epidemiologist and a nurse with a PhD in epidemiology from UC Berkeley.

Dr. Damus is a member of the New York Academy of Medicine and a consultant to the Obstetrics and Gynecology Devices Panel, Medical Devices Advisory Committee, FDA. In addition, she is a board member of the New York State Perinatal Association and the National Perinatal Information Center, and is on the Nurse Advisory Council for the National March of Dimes; the National Steering Committee for the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and the National FAS Task Force. Dr. Damus was a charter member of the National Advisory Council for the National Institute for Nursing Research, NIH and from 1988-1992 she was the Director of Research and Epidemiology in the Bureau of Maternity Services and Family Planning, New York City Department of Health.

MAGDA PECK, ScD

Dr. Magda Peck is the founding CEO of CityMatCH, the leading national public health organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of women, children and families in America's urban communities. For nearly two decades, Dr. Peck has worked with local state, national and international organizations to develop creative approaches for building public health capacity and helping communities turn data into action to make a measurable difference for women and children. She has been instrumental in developing and disseminating innovative approaches to improving local understanding and action to address perinatal health, including Perinatal Periods of Risk and the Data Use Institute. Dr. Peck received masters and doctoral degrees from the Harvard School of Public Health before venturing to the Midwest, where she has been a pioneer for public health. Dr. Peck is Professor of Pediatrics and Public Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), was the founding Director of the new UNMC/UNOmaha Graduate Program in Public Health, and directs the new Great Plains Public Health Leadership Institute. The American Public Health Association MCH Section selected Dr. Peck for the Young Professional Award in 1990. In 2004, she received the National Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Award for National Leadership from the Coalition for Excellence in MCH Epidemiology.

