

Conference Overview

To address the critical issues surrounding reproductive health in women of color, FANM will host its 2nd Annual Conference entitled Women and Reproductive Health: Breaking Barriers and Building Coalitions. The conference will bring critical information and discussion on women's health focusing primarily on Reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, Domestic Violence, Breast, Ovarian, and Cervical Cancers and their impact on the health and well-being of women and their families. The goals of the conference are for community leaders to gather, identify barriers women and their families face in the area of reproductive health, and develop strategies to address and mitigate these obstacles.

Conference Objectives

- Introduce participants to a reproductive justice framework and brainstorm strategies
- Discuss cervical cancer and women of color, with a focus on the Latina Population
- Explore how inequality emerges in medical settings and map patient narratives force women to involuntary, voluntary body modifications and interrogations of the self and gender discourse.
- Identify and explore myth regarding the differences in races and infertility
- Describe the use of picuristes (lay injectionist), a health-seeking option of Miami-Dade Haitian immigrant women.
- Learn techniques to improve communication about sex to young adults
- Identify barriers to reproductive health services for immigrant women

Conference Agenda

8:00 – 8:45 Registration/Breakfast/Meet and Greet

8:45 – 9:00 Opening remarks – *Manoucheka Thermitus, FANM Board Chair and Marleine Bastien, FANM Executive Director*

Morning Plenary Session

9:00 – 9:15 Health Promotion and Prevention: Foundations' roles in supporting outreach efforts – *Dr. Steve Marcus, Health Foundation of South Florida*

9:15 – 9:45 Cervical Cancer in Little Haiti: An opportunity for social change – *Erin Kobetz, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health Braman Family Breast Cancer Institute/UM Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center University of Miami Leonard Miller School of Medicine*

9:45 – 10:15 Reproductive Justice and Human Rights *Loretta Ross, National Coordinator, SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Health Collective*

10:15 – 10:45 Overview of Women and Reproductive Health – *Mark Lawrence Rabinowitz, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., Chief Medical Officer, Miami Beach Community Health Center*

10:45 – 11:15 Healthcare of the Caribbean Women: Barriers immigrants face in accessing care *Marie-Denise Gervais, M.D., Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Community Center University of Miami Leonard Miller School of Medicine*

11:15 – 11:25 Morning Break

11:25 – 12:25 Workshops

A.1 Promoting and Prevention of Cervical and Breast Cancer in Immigrant population

A.2 Women of Color and reproductive Health: Exploring the myths surrounding Infertility and access to treatment

A.3 Understanding the impact of sexual transmitted diseases on reproductive health

A.4 Domestic Violence & the Immigrant Women: Increasing Awareness, Breaking the Cycle

A.5 Understanding Reproductive Justice 101

A.6 The Use of Picuriste as a Health-Seeking Option of Haitian Immigrant Women in Miami-Dade

12:25 – 1:30 Luncheon/Awards Presentation

Afternoon Plenary Session

1:30 – 2:30 Impact Immigration Policies on the Reproductive Health of Immigrant Women – *Aishia Glasford, J.D., Senior Policy Analyst, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health*

2:30 – 3:30 Workshops

B.1 Haitian Women and the Issue of Reproductive Health

B.2 How to talk to your children about Sexuality

B.3 The impact of Obesity on children's health

B.4 Medical Gaze and Breast Trouble: Inequality in medical setting as it relates to gender differences

B.5 Environmental factors on reproductive health

B.6 Changing Political Climates for Women's reproductive Rights: One step forward two steps back

3:30 – 3:45 Afternoon Break/Refreshments

3:45 – 4:15 HIV/AIDS: Root Causes of Health Disparities within the Haitian Community – *Eustache Jean-Louis, M.D., MPH, Executive Director, Center for Community Health, Education & Research (CCHER), Inc. in Boston*

4:15 – 4:30 Closing Remarks

Conference Honorees

*Dr. Jules A. Cadet
Dr. Marie Denise Gervais
Dr. Larry Pierre*

Conference Registration:

To register please call
(305)756-8050

Registration Cost:
\$50 for professionals
\$25 for college students

Scholarships are available to parents and middle and high school students of Dade County Public Schools.

CEUs for nurses will be provided.

Registration

Name of Institution/Organization: _____

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Email: _____ Fax: _____

Workshops

Morning Workshops 11:25 – 12:25

A.1 **A.2** **A.3** **A.4** **A.5** **A.6**

Afternoon Workshops 2:30 – 4:15

B.1 **B.2** **B.3** **B.4** **B.5** **B.6**

Name of Attendees/Workshop Selection

Name AM Workshop PM Workshop

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Payment Method

Conference fee is \$50 per person and \$25 for students (with valid student ID); early registration deadline is March 4th, 2008

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Conference Location

The conference will be held at Florida International University, Biscayne Bay Campus, 3000 NE 151st Street, Wolfe Center WUC.

Please send completed registration form and payment to:

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