### Developing a Global Perspective Symposium

This [symposium](#) scheduled for February 26, 2010 will shed light on the emerging issues and the new immigrants within North Carolina.

### 31st Annual Minority Health Conference

31st Annual Minority Health Conference - "Building Community in the Age of Information: Fighting Health Inequality in the Modern World"

Friday, February 26 - Friday Center in Chapel Hill

For more details: [www.minority.unc.edu](http://www.minority.unc.edu)

### Community Impact Champion

**"Building Our Capacity Through Community Partnerships"**

James T. "Jim" Robinson

James T. "Jim" Robinson, Drs. Ernesto de la Torree and Bill Satterwhite, Jr., with the backing of the Forsyth-Stokes-Davie County Medical Society, founded the Community Care Center in 2000. Jim has served as its Executive Director since the beginning. He wears other hats as well, serving as Executive Director of both the Forsyth-Stokes-David County Medical Society and the Forsyth County Bar Association. He also serves as the current president of both the North Carolina Association of Free Clinics and SORT (Special Operations Response Team). [More](#)

### Health Disparities Provisions


### H1N1 in American Indian Communities

The CDC reports that Native Americans and Alaska Natives are four times more likely to die from H1N1 Infection.

[CDC Report](#)

### NIH's Basic Behavioral and Social Science Opportunity Network Announce Release of FOA

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

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RFA-OD-10-003 -- Recovery Act Limited Competition: NIH Basic Behavioral and Social Science Opportunity Network (OppNet) Short-term Mentored Career Development Awards in the Basic Behavioral and Social Sciences for Mid-career and Senior Investigators (K18)

This RFA solicits applications for short-term mentored career development (K18) awards in the basic behavioral and social sciences (b-BSSR) from three months to one year in duration. The program targets established, mid-career and senior investigators, to support their development of research capability in b-BSSR. Two categories of candidates are targeted: (a) biomedical or clinical researchers with little experience in basic behavioral and social sciences research who seek training with a well established b-BSSR investigator in order to explore the introduction of b-BSSR into their research programs; and (b) investigators in the basic or applied behavioral and social sciences who wish to build new components or domains of basic-BSSR into their research programs. The intent of this FOA is to provide candidates with protected time to achieve a shift in the focus of their research direction in the basic behavioral and social sciences, or to substantially enrich a current b-BSSR research program through the introduction of tools, theories or approaches from another discipline or area of science.

Follow this link to this FOA:  http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-10-003.html.

OMH's National Plan for Action Is Open for Public Comments

Your turn! Comment on The Office of Minority Health’s National Plan for Action until February 12, 2010. Don't wait! With your help, this Plan will be a roadmap for the elimination of the health disparities that burden our nation. Comment Now!


Hope you enjoy this month’s Health Equity Update. Please email with any comments or suggestions.

Sincerely,

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Additional information about The Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity can be found on our website at http://www.wfubmc.edu/MACHE/. If you have an item you wish to be included please send a complete description to Winona Gilbert (wgilbert@wfubmc.edu) with the subject line “Health Equity Updates”.

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