REGISTRATION INFORMATION

14th Annual Rural Health Conference

THE WEIGHT OF OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES:
Partnering to Reduce Obesity

February 20, 2013
Ferguson Center • The University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Conference registration is $100 per person, $25 for students
(After February 10, registration is $125 per person,
$35 for students)

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CEUs for social workers, dieticians and health educators are also applied for
with the number of credit hours to be determined.
The University of Alabama Institute for Rural Health Research invites you to its 4th Annual Rural Health Conference, The Weight of Our Rural Communities: Pathways to Reduce Obesity, February 20, 2013, at the Ferguson Center on The University of Alabama campus in Tuscaloosa.

The Rural Health Conference is attended by health care providers, researchers, community leaders, government officials, advocates and representatives of faith-based organizations who hear from prominent speakers in the field and share information about rural health care issues.

The conference registration fee is $100 per person and $25 for students. (After February 10, registration is $125 per person, $55 for students.)

Please join us as we continue our efforts and work together to solve the health issues that impact our rural communities.

Institute for Rural Health Research

Established in 2001, the Institute for Rural Health Research works to bring the highest attainable standards of health to rural communities. The Institute pursues this mission through the combined strengths of community involvement, scientific knowledge and informed policy making. The Institute’s research efforts are focused on health issues that impact people who live in rural areas. The goal is to produce research that is useful to communities, health care providers and policymakers as they work to improve the availability, accessibility and equity of health care in rural areas. The Institute also serves as a resource for community organizations, researchers and individuals working to improve the health of rural communities.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:00 a.m. Research Poster Set-Up, Exhibitor Set-Up, Registration and Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Welcome
Richard Streiffer, MD
Dean, College of Community Health Sciences
Sheena Guzman Gregg, MS, RD, LD
Alabama Obesity Task Force
8:45 a.m. Break and Research Poster Viewing
9:00 a.m. Morning Breakout Sessions
10:15 a.m. Break and Research Poster Viewing
Game Room Activities
10:45 a.m. Noon Keynote
Michael O. Minor, EdD, National Director
H.O.P.E. Health and Human Services Partnership, National Baptist Convention
Lunch and Research Poster Viewing
Game Room Activities
1:15 p.m. Afternoon Keynote
Ravi K. Patel, Founder
Nashville Mobile Market
2:15 p.m. Break and Research Poster Viewing
Game Room Activities
2:30 p.m. Afternoon Breakout Sessions
3:45 p.m. Break and Research Poster Viewing
Game Room Activities
4:00 p.m. Rural Health Heroes Awards
4:15 p.m. Research Poster Awards Presentation
4:30 p.m. Adjourn
5:00 p.m. Conference Reception

CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Michael O. Minor (National Director, H.O.P.E. Health and Human Services Partnership)

Michael O. Minor, EdD, is an advisor and advocate for local, regional and national faith-based health and wellness initiatives. He serves as pastor of Oak Hill Baptist Church in Hernando, Miss., and is the national director for the H.O.P.E. Health and Human Services Partnership of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., the nation’s largest African American religious denomination. As a community organizer for 20 years, Minor has worked extensively on community empowerment and faith-community issues. In 2008, he chaired “Healthy Congregations – Northwest Mississippi,” which grew from a regional initiative to a national one in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Through this effort, faith and community summits will be held this year in Atlanta, Houston and Kansas City. Minor has also worked with First Lady Michelle Obama’s Let’s Move Initiative! In November 2012, Cooking Light magazine selected Minor as one of 20 national food heroes. Minor received his undergraduate degree in Economics from Harvard University and earned an MBA and a doctoral degree in Higher Education from the University of Memphis.

Ravi K. Patel
Founder, Nashville Mobile Market

Ravi K. Patel, BA, is founder and co-executive director of the Nashville Mobile Market. The non-profit social enterprise strives to encourage healthier eating and decrease chronic conditions such as obesity, diabetes and high-blood pressure by providing access to healthy groceries for residents of Nashville’s food deserts. A food desert is a geographic district with limited access to foods needed to maintain a healthy diet. Through a mobile grocery store, the Nashville Mobile Market provides fresh produce, lean meats, dairy products and select non-perishable items. Recipe cards highlight simple, nutritious options, and community kitchens are offered. Vanderbilt University students and community volunteers assist the Nashville Mobile Market and in turn learn more about the interdisciplinary nature of preventive medicine. Patel is also co-executive director of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine’s free student-run clinic. He has received numerous community health, social entrepreneurship and leadership awards. Patel earned his undergraduate degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University and will complete his medical degree there in May 2013.

For more information about the conference, contact the Institute for Rural Health Research at (205) 348-0025 or visit the conference website at http://rhc.ua.edu.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Online registration is recommended. Please use the following link to register online:

https://training.ccs.ua.edu/jsp/course.jsp?category=101&43&courseId=UARHC. Online payment accepts Visa, MasterCard and Discover. A payment confirmation will be sent from the College of Continuing Studies.

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE TO

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METHODS OF PAYMENT

☑ Enclosed is a check in the amount of $ ______________________
Make payable to The University of Alabama. For check payments, please complete the registration form and mail the form and check to the Institute for Rural Health Research.

☑ Enclosed is a company purchase order. Make payable to The University of Alabama. 

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(Note: Due to University of Alabama policy, registration and payment cannot be made via phone, fax or email. Credit card payments must be done via the online registration.)

The University of Alabama is committed to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please make your request for special accommodations at least 30 calendar days prior to the program date.

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