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# Share the Vision: Creating a Path Forward



Arise Policy Conference 2015

Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015

Birmingham-Southern College

Norton Campus Center

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**8:00-8:45 Registration — Norton Campus Center**

**8:45-9:30 Welcome and opening plenary**

**Envisioning a healthier Alabama for all — Dr. Don Williamson, State Health Officer.**

**9:45-11:15 Workshop session I**

**A. Silence is not an option: Advocacy 101 — Presdelane Harris, ACP. The key to public policy advocacy is multiplying our voices to make a difference. Learn how the Alabama Legislature works and how you can influence the process.**

**B. Break the cycle: The high costs of payday and title lending — Stephen Stetson and David Stout, ACP. Short-term loans with annual interest rates of up to 456 percent can make it harder to escape poverty. Learn more about the debt trap – and how you can help make reform a reality.**

**C. Rethinking long-term care — James Tucker, Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program; and Erin McGaffigan, Collective Insight, LLC. In Alabama, nursing homes long have been the dominant force in long-term care. The 2013 Medicaid reform law requires a review of the state’s long-term care system but doesn’t spell out consumers’ role in that process. Learn how advocates can make the case for more consumer choice.**

**D. Teaming up for getting well — Gina Anderson, St. Vincent’s Health System, Birmingham; and David Crocker, Southeast Area Regional Council on Aging, Dothan. Going home from the hospital can mean the start of recovery – or the risk of sudden decline. Two Alabama community partnerships are helping discharged patients stay on the mend and lowering health care costs in the process.**

**E. School partnerships for family health — Margaret Morton, Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement. Schools can play a vital role in the health of low-income communities. Hear how educators and health leaders in one rural area are joining forces to help families thrive.**

**F. Speak up for Medicaid expansion — Lucy Dagneau, Community Catalyst, Boston; Naveed Farrukh and Danielle Fincher, UAB School of Medicine students. By failing to expand Medicaid to cover low-income adults, Alabama is denying coverage to 300,000 uninsured people, rejecting 30,000 new jobs and declining billions of federal dollars. Learn how consumer voices can help close the coverage gap.**

**G. Accountability without transparency? — Kimble Forrister, ACP; and Cindy Lowry, Alabama Rivers Alliance. The Public Service Commission is responsible for balancing the concerns of utilities and consumers. Learn how greater transparency in that process could benefit millions of us.**

**H. Why threats to the safety net matter to us all — Carol Gundlach, ACP. SNAP and TANF provide crucial aid for low-income Alabamians in their time of greatest need. These programs also pump billions of dollars a year into the economy. Learn how you can speak up against threats to them.**

**11:30-12:45 Lunch and keynote address**

**Pursuing the common good: An equal say and an equal chance for everyone — Heather McGhee, president, Demos, Washington, D.C.**

**1:00-2:30 Workshop session II**

**I. Fixing income inequality from the bottom up — Presenter(s) TBA. The income gap is growing more quickly in Alabama than in other states. Learn about state and national policies that could help ensure shared prosperity for all Alabamians.**

**J. Bridging the rural provider gap — Michael Murphree and Sandi Percival, Medical AIDS Outreach, Montgomery. A Black Belt HIV/AIDS clinic network is a national pioneer in expanding the reach and uses of telemedicine. The project’s leaders will highlight some of the lessons learned.**

**K. The intersection of housing and health — Ashley Kerr and Crystal Pope, Collaborative Solutions, Inc., Birmingham. A safe, stable place to**

call home is an essential part of good health, but housing and health care advocacy often follow different paths. Alabama innovators tell how they’re merging the efforts – and seeing results.

**L. Understanding Alabama Medicaid reform — Terry Andrus, East Alabama Medical Center, Opelika; Stacy Taylor, AlaHealth, Birmingham; and Anna Velasco, VIVA Health, Inc., Birmingham. Regional care organizations (RCOs) are a new way to deliver Medicaid health services. Learn what RCOs are doing to make Alabama Medicaid more responsive to consumer and community needs.**

**M. Prison overcrowding in Alabama: How it happened and how to fix it — Will Harrell, American Civil Liberties Union; and State Sen. Cam Ward, R-Alabaster. Alabama’s prison system runs at nearly twice its designed capacity. Learn the history of the problem and hear a state senator discuss some solutions lawmakers are considering.**

**N. Getting unstuck: Public transportation policy in Alabama — Stan Johnson and Stephen Stetson, ACP. Alabama provides no state money to help meet its public transportation needs. Hear the voices of Alabamians affected by this lack of funding, and learn how your advocacy can help.**

**O. More with less: Alabama’s K-12 funding cuts — Presenter(s) TBA. Alabama’s K-12 cuts since the Great Recession are among the nation’s deepest. Learn what these cuts and tax credits like the ones created in the Accountability Act could mean for the future of public education in Alabama.**

**P. The common good: Alabama taxes 101 — Carol Gundlach and Kimble Forrister, ACP. Our state’s budgets and taxes exist to support the common good in Alabama. Learn how we can bring them up to date and boost our investments in education, health care and other vital services.**

**2:45-3:30 Closing plenary**

**Every patient is family: Healing Alabama’s health care system — Dr. Michael Saag, director, Center for AIDS Research, UAB School of Medicine.**