

**National Hispanic Medical Association and The Commonwealth Fund
And
Honorary Co-Chair
Grady Health System
“Lack of Insurance and Quality Care – A Health Crisis for Hispanics”
Media Symposium and Testimony for Congress
The Carter Center, Atlanta Georgia**

October 1, 2002

8:00 a.m. Breakfast – The Cypress Room

8:30 a.m. Welcome

Elena Rios, M.D., M.S.P.H.
President
National Hispanic Medical Association

Edward Renford, M.B.A.
President & Chief Executive Officer
Grady Health System

Trey Ragsdale
Metro Atlanta District Representative
Max Cleland, U.S. Senator (D-GA)

State Senator Nadine Thomas of Ellenwood (D-10-GA)

9:00 a.m. The Commonwealth Fund Reports – Focus on The Problem

Michelle McEvoy Doty, Ph.D., M.P.H.
Senior Analyst
Health Policy, Research, and Evaluation

Anne Beal, M.D, M.P.H.
Senior Program Officer,
Quality of Care for Underserved Populations
The Commonwealth Fund

9:20 a.m. Response Panel:
State Strategies: Focus on Expanding the Insured

Lieutenant Governor Mark Taylor, J.D.
State of Georgia

Cathey W. Steinberg
Consumers’ Insurance Advocate,
Governor’s Office of the Consumers’ Insurance Advocate

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9:40 a.m. Response Panel:

Federal Strategies/Model Local Programs:

Roosevelt Freeman, J.D.
Regional Manager
Office of Civil Rights

Carol Snype-Crawford
Executive Director
Office of Minority Health, Dept. of Community Health

Ruben King-Shaw
Deputy Director
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (*Invited*)

Eric Benning, M.D.
Program Manager, Physician Specialist II
Fulton County Department of Health & Wellness

Alex Alvarez
Translator for CDC En Español
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

10:45 a.m. Questions and Answers

11:00 a.m. Testimony Presentations

12:00 p.m. Adjourn