

Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies
Rutgers University-Newark
***Investigating the Impact of Hospital Closings on the Consumer,
Community, and Service Providers***
June 10, 2009

Goal of Conference:

To provide an open forum in which stakeholders may discuss the impact of hospital closings in New Jersey on consumers, service providers and communities.

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Introduction and Welcome

9:15 – 9:45 a.m. Guest Speaker

The Honorable Heather Howard, Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services

Moderator:

Stephanie R. Bush-Baskette, JD, Ph.D., Director
Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies, Rutgers University-Newark

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Panel 1: What Happened Between 1987 and Today to Explain the Closing of Hospitals in New Jersey?

Panelists:

Kelly Robinson, Senior Research Analyst
Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies, Rutgers University - Newark
Elizabeth A. Ryan, Esq., President and CEO, New Jersey Hospital Association
Derek DeLia, Ph.D., Associate Research Professor
The Center for State Health Policy, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

11:30 – 12:15 p.m. Lunch

12:15 – 12:45 p.m. Guest Speaker

The Honorable Ronald L. Rice, Senator – District 28

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Panel 2 - Roundtable: Impact of Hospital Closings on Communities, Consumers, and Health Care Providers

Panelists:

Maria Vizcarrondo, Director, City of Newark, Department of Child and Family Well-Being
Ilise Zimmerman, President and CEO, Northern NJ Maternal/Child Health Consortium
Kevin J. Slavin, FACHE, President and CEO, East Orange General Hospital
The Honorable Sharon Robinson-Briggs, Mayor, City of Plainfield
Frank Thompson, Ph.D., School of Public Affairs and Administration, Rutgers University
Kendell R. Sprott, MD, JD, UMDNJ – New Jersey Medical School

Panel 3 - Roundtable: Meeting the Needs of the Community (Consumer, Health Workers, Hospitals) When a Local Hospital Closes

2:35 – 4:15 p.m. Panelists:

The Honorable Wayne Smith, Mayor, The Township of Irvington
The Honorable Mila M. Jasey, Assemblywoman – District 27
Mahmud Hassan, Ph.D., Professor, Rutgers Business School
Michael Festa, Ph.D., Essex County Health Officer, Essex County Health Department
Peter R. Velez, President and CEO, Newark Community Health Centers, Inc.