

Kaiser Media Fellowships Program: Implementing The Affordable Care Act in Georgia
Atlanta site visit, Monday, October 6-Thursaday, October 9, 2014

(H:2014 GA fellowship site visit program)

Accommodations:

Atlanta: The Ellis Hotel, Atlanta, GA 30303

Monday, October 6—October

7:00pm: Working dinner with Dr. Gary Nelson, President, Healthcare Georgia Foundation: Overview briefing on the changing health care marketplace in Georgia, and the implementation of The Affordable Care Act

Tuesday, October 7—Atlanta

9:00am-10:30am: Kirkland McGhee, Vice President & Regional Counsel, Kaiser Permanente Georgia: Health insurance issues in Georgia

11:00am-1:00pm: Briefing and working lunch with William Custer, Ph.D., associate professor and Director, Center for Health Services Research, J. Mack Robinson College of Business, Georgia State University: Health insurance issues in Georgia—the Exchange plans and premiums, health care financing and insurance coverage, economic and employment implications of insurance expansion

1:45pm-2:45pm: Visit/briefing with Dr. Michael Brooks, President & CEO, The Family Health Centers of Georgia, Inc.

3:00pm-5:00pm: Visit/briefing with Dr. David Satcher, former Surgeon-General and Director, Satcher Health Leadership Institute, and faculty led by Dr. Harry Heiman, Director, Health Policy & the Health Policy Leadership Fellowship Program, Satcher Health Leadership Institute

6:30pm: Reception, Center for Civil and Human Rights

7:00pm: Working dinner with Dr. David Satcher, former Surgeon-General, Morehouse School of Medicine

Wednesday, October 8—Atlanta

9:00am-11:00am The particular challenges facing rural hospitals in Georgia—Jimmy Lewis, CEO, HomeTown Health; Jim Yarborough, CEO, Elbert Memorial Hospital, Elberton, GA; Kathy Whitmire, HomeTown Health

11:15am-12:30pm: Meeting/briefing with Tim Sweeney, Director of Health Policy, Georgia Budget & Policy Institute

12:45pm-2:00pm: Working lunch with Cindy Zeldin, Executive Director, Georgians for a Healthy Future

2:00pm: Briefings at the CDC on the Ebola outbreak in West Africa and the U.S. and international response with Dr. Tom Frieden, CDC Director, and other CDC faculty (see separate draft agenda)

7:00pm: Working dinner

Thursday, October 9—Atlanta

9:00am-10:15am: Mathew Hauer, Vinson Institute of Applied Demography, University of Georgia: Changing demographic trends in Georgia and their implications for health care

10:45am-11:30am: Meeting/briefing with Tom Andrews, President, Mercy Care System, and Cathryn Marchman, Legal, Advocacy & Compliance Officer, Mercy Care

11:45am-1:15pm: Site visits to clinics; return to 424 Decatur Street

2:00pm-2:30pm: Wrap-up discussion at Mercy Care

2:30pm: Depart by van to hotel; journalists depart

Atlanta: Journalists invited/confirmed

Kate Harrison Belz, health reporter, *The Times Free Press*, Chattanooga, TN
Jonathan Cohn, senior editor, *The New Republic*
Tom Corwin, science & medicine reporter, *The Augusta Chronicle*, Augusta, GA
Carol Eisenberg, senior editor, Kaiser Health News, Washington, D.C.
Gisele Grayson, senior producer, science desk, NPR, Washington, D.C.
Ashley Hopkinson, freelance reporter, GA
Noam Levey, national healthcare reporter, Washington bureau, *The Los Angeles Times*
Tami Luhby, senior writer, CNNMoney, New York City bureau
Shefali Luthra, web reporter, Kaiser Health News, Washington, D.C.
Andy Miller, editor & publisher, *Georgia Health News*
Jason Millman, health reporter, Wonkblog, *The Washington Post*
Julie Rovner, senior correspondent, Kaiser Health News, Washington, D.C.
Sarah Wheaton, healthcare reporter, *Politico*, Washington, D.C.
Misty Williams, health reporter, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

Kaiser Family Foundation staff

Penny Duckham, executive director, Kaiser Media Fellowships program
Chris Lee, communications officer, Washington, D.C.
Melissa Majerol, policy analyst, Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured
David Rousseau, vice president; executive director, health policy media and technology
Katie Smith, communications associate, Kaiser Family Foundation
Jessica Stephens, senior policy analyst, Disparities Policy Project, Kaiser Commission on
Medicaid and the Uninsured

Briefings at the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention: Update on the Ebola Outbreak in West Africa, Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Agenda

- 2:45 – 3:15 p.m. Check in at Visitor Center, Security
- 3:15 – 3:25 p.m. Epidemiology in West Africa - Experience from the field
LCDR Leisha Nolen, MD, PhD - Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer,
Bacterial Special Pathogens Branch, Division of High-Consequence Pathogens
and Pathology, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases
- 3:25 – 3:35 p.m. Situation Update on Liberia
Dr. Tom Kenyon, Director, Center for Global Health
- 3:35 – 3:45 p.m. Communication and Social Mobilization in West Africa – Experience from the
field
Craig Manning, Health Communication Specialist, Viral Special Pathogens
Branch, Division of High-Consequence Pathogens and Pathology, National
Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases
- 3:45 – 3:55 p.m. Questions
- 4:00-4:30 p.m. Press Conference – **Dr. Tom Frieden**, Director, Center for Disease Control and
Prevention
- 4:30-5:00 p.m. Depart CDC