February 9, 2007
Hosted By:
HOUSTON HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE
REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 7:45-8:30
RAS LOBBY AND AUDITORIUM
Introduction and Welcome  8:30-9:00 RAS Auditorium

Morning - Safety Net Models and Performance RAS auditorium
I. Cross-Community Perspective on Healthcare Safety Net Models 9:00-10:00
  Robert Hurley, Professor, Department of Health Administration
  Virginia Commonwealth University
II. Measuring Performance of Healthcare Safety Nets 10:05-11:05
  John Billings, Director, Center for Health and Public Service Research
  New York University
III. Texas Initiatives in Safety Net Care 11:10-2:00
  Ann Kitchen, Executive Director, Austin Indigent Care Collaboration
  Juanita Simmons, Executive Director, CareLink, University Health System

IV. Integrating Public Health and Safety Net Care 12:00-12:30
  Eduardo Sanchez, Professor, UT School of Public Health

Lunch-12:30-1:30 Pump Handle
Poster presentation in RAS lobby on ED utilization and safety net primary care
Patrick Courtney, Project Coordinator, Houston Health Services Research Collaborative
Afternoon--Houston Initiatives and Related Research

I. Coverage Expansion 1:30-3:00 RAS 102A
Coordinator- Tara Sklar, Graduate student, UT School of Public Health
Houston--Galveston Initiatives -
  Insurance products-Karen Love, Executive Director, Harris County Healthcare Alliance
  Barbara Breier, Director, Ctr to Eliminate Health Disparities, University of Texas Medical Branch
Pay or play-Elena Marks, Director of Health and Environmental Policy, Mayor's Office
Research -
  Houston Healthcare Decisions Survey - Pamela Behan, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Houston-Downtown
  Patrick Williams, Graduate student, UT-School of Public Health

II. Primary Care Improvement 1:30-3:00 RAS 102B
Coordinator - Carlos Ramos, Graduate student, UT School of Public Health
Initiatives -
  Clinic Expansion-Ron Cookston, Executive Director, Gateway to Care
  Cash Clinics-Carol Paret, Vice President, Memorial Hermann Healthcare System
Research -
  Project Safety Net-Gail Bray, Executive Director, St. Luke's Episcopal Health Charities
  Preventable Hospitalizations-Frances Lee, Graduate student, UT School of Public Health

III. Behavioral Health Initiatives 3:00-4:30 RAS 102A
Coordinator-Gul Nowshad, Graduate student, UT School of Public Health Initiatives-
  CBHP-Britta Ostermeyer, Director, Community Behavioral Health Program
  Healthcare for the Homeless-Karen Love, Executive Director, Harris County Healthcare Alliance
Research-
  CBHP evaluation-Mark Kunik-Faculty, Baylor College of Medicine
  Jail diversions/juvenile probation evaluations-Scott Hickey, Director of Research, Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County

IV. EMS/Trauma Strategies 3:00-4:30 RAS 102B
Coordinator-Munseok Seo, Graduate student, UT School of Public Health
Initiatives -
  Emergency Call Center-David Persse,Director, Houston Emergency Medical Services
  ER Medical Screening-Tom Granchi, Medical Director, Ben Taub General Hospital
  Emergency Department
Research -EMS/Trauma Performance-Charles Begley, Professor, UT School of Public Health

Summary Comments and Discussion 4:30-5:00 RAS auditorium
Coordinator-David Warner, Professor, LBJ School of Public Affairs, UT Austin
Audience