Health forum to discuss creating healthy communities

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The World Conference of Mayors, Inc. will hold a health forum titled "Creating Healthy Communities Through Pharmaceutical Partnerships in Alabama and the World" at the Kellogg Executive Conference Center at Tuskegee University on Dec. 16.

The goal of the forum is to provide health officials throughout the nation with information about medical resources from the pharmaceutical industry, as well as from state and federal agencies. Speakers from across the state and nation will also discuss critical health needs and how to effectively address them statewide and globally.

State Health Officer Dr. Donald Williamson will speak about the world focus on health, and Melissa Bishop-Murphy from the Pfizer Corporation will deliver the keynote address on the topic of making pharmaceuticals available for minorities and the elderly. Clyde Barganier, director of Primary Care and Rural Health Development at the Alabama Department of Public Health will facilitate an open forum on issues including HIV/AIDS, cancer and substance abuse.

Hosted by the Hon. Johnny Ford, the conference will also include speakers from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, the Diabetes and Lipid Center of North Alabama, and the Human Resources Development Institute located in Chicago, Ill.

An international reception sponsored by Pfizer Pharmaceuticals will be held on Monday, Dec. 15, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Conference activities will begin on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 a.m. and conclude at 1:45 p.m. No admission is required for the forum, but there is a $25 charge to underwrite the luncheon at noon on Dec. 16.

For more information, or to make reservations, please call Barbara Dunn-Harrington at (334) 727-2795.

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