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PRESS RELEASE

Disparities in Health: Community Solutions Summit October 20, 2006 at the UCR Extension Center

Recognized by the National Medical Association (NMA) and Black Enterprise Magazine as the leading expert researcher on HIV-Aids in the African American community, internationally known, Dr. Wilbert C. Jordan will headline the James Wesley Vines Medical Society's 6th Annual Health Summit: Disparities in Health: "Community Solutions".

The event in conjunction with the University of California Riverside will bring together leaders and experts from all levels of government, academia, public health, mental health, minority institutions and communities to advance key issues and opportunities for improving minority health and closing the health disparities gap.

Dr. Jordan will address the new federal guidelines calling HIV testing for all Americans between ages 13 to 64. Dr. Jordan is the medical director of the Oasis Clinic of King Drew Medical. His extensive involvement with the AIDS epidemic had received widespread international recognition. In 1983 he reported the first heterosexual case of HIV in Los Angeles.

The Vines Medical Society is a local component of the NMA. President A.J. Rogers says the day long symposium on closing the health disparity gap is a clarion call for community action.

President Dr. Ancel J. ROGERS QUOTE:

Example: "Healthcare disparities among African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans and other ethnic minorities is spiraling out of control. These gaps are outrageous and unacceptable in America today.

Nationwide, African Americans have higher overall rates of death than other racial and ethnic minorities and are more likely to report poor health. Specifically, the death rate for all kinds of cancers is 34 % higher for African Americans than for whites, and Blacks are nearly twice as likely to die from diabetes as whites. There are **eight times as many Blacks** as whites with AIDS in the U.S.

The event will provide a community forum for cross discipline exchange in the areas of race and its impact on health disparities, self imposed health disparity, local and regional healthcare quality, cultural competence and disparity reduction.

Disparities in Health: "Community Solutions Summit" will convene at 8am to 5 pm, Friday, October 20, 2006 at the UCR Extension Center located at 1200 University Avenue, Riverside, California 92507. **The event shall include free admission, continental breakfast, lunch, as well as community health related materials.**

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