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Registration includes continental breakfast and buffet lunch.

Enclosed is my registration fee of \$30

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I enclose an additional donation of \$ _____ to support the work of NECHE.

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- 1: **Cultural and Linguistic Competency**
- 2: **State Infrastructure and Data**
- 3: **Regulatory Approaches and Purchasing**

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M. Bart Laws, Ph.D. NECHE, c/o LHI, 95 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA 02116.

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STATE INFRASTRUCTURE AND
CAPACITY TO ELIMINATE RACIAL
AND ETHNIC HEALTH DISPARITIES
IN NEW ENGLAND

December 6, 2004

Sackler Auditorium-
Tufts University School of Medicine
145 Harrison Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts 02111

Co-Sponsors:

- US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health, Region I
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About NECHE:

The New England Coalition for Health Equity (NECHE), is a regional organization of public officials, researchers, and community based public health practitioners and advocates, dedicated to advancing the elimination of health disparities. Although eliminating racial and ethnic disparities in health and health care is a national priority, the goal cannot be achieved unless we can accurately measure disparities, understand their causes, and evaluate our progress. These objectives in turn depend on how we classify and count the population, how accurately we do it, and how effectively communities can participate in policy making.

The Symposium:

In June, 2004, the Commonwealth Fund issued a report entitled "A State Policy Agenda to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities." The New England Coalition for Health Equity (NECHE) will convene state policy makers, community based organizations and leaders, health care providers, and scholars, to translate the report's findings and recommendations on state infrastructure and capacity into specific and concrete proposals for the region. At the December 6, 2004 symposium:

- Authors of the report will present key recommendations.
- State, community, provider and academic representatives will review existing infrastructure and capacity in the New England states in relation to the recommendations.
- Elected officials from the six New England states will discuss the political context for initiatives to eliminate health disparities in their states.
- Participants will work in break out sessions to set priorities and outline action plans to build capacity in their states. NECHE will follow up by continuing to work with states and communities to facilitate and monitor progress, through state and regional level activities.

Symposium Convener: Curtiss Reed, Jr.
Director: M. Barton Laws, Ph.D.
Host: Anthony Schlaff, M.D. M.P.H.

Preliminary Program Highlights

8:30-4:30 pm

Continental Breakfast

Welcome and Introduction: Anne Beal, M.D., The Commonwealth Fund; Senior program officer for the Program on Quality of Care for Underserved Populations.

Report Authors: Brian K. Gibbs, Ph.D; Harvard School of Public Health, Dir. Program to Eliminate Health Disparities; Janet Scott-Harris; U.S. Office of Minority Health, Regional Program Consultant; John McDonough; Executive Dir. of Healthcare for All.

Expert Panelists will discuss the issues as they pertain to the New England States.

Luncheon Speakers: Elected Officials from around New England will discuss the political process, barriers and opportunities for policy action to address health disparities.

Afternoon Breakout Sessions: All participants will work to develop specific policy agendas for their states.

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Map and Directions to Tufts University School of Medicine Boston, Massachusetts

From the North via Interstate 95, take the Fitzgerald Expressway (Interstate 93/Route 3) to exit 22 (bears off to the left) to Chinatown and head straight down the Surface Artery, then make a right turn on Kneeland Street. Continue for two blocks on Kneeland before taking a left onto Harrison Avenue. For parking, continue on Kneeland for two more blocks to Tremont St., and turn left. The parking garage is one half block up on your left.

From the South via the Southeast Expressway, take exit 20, and immediately get into the left lane. Take the left exit for South Station off the ramp, and continue to Kneeland Street. Go left on Kneeland, continue for two blocks, then take a left onto Harrison. For parking, continue on Kneeland for two more blocks to Tremont St., and turn left. The parking garage is one half block up on your left.

From the West via the Massachusetts Turnpike (Rte 90 east), take exit 24A at Kneeland Street/Chinatown, turn left on Kneeland, go straight two blocks to Harrison Avenue, and turn left on Harrison. For parking, continue on Kneeland for two more blocks to Tremont St., and turn left. The parking garage is one half block up on your left.

By Subway, take MBTA Orange Line to "Tufts-New England Medical Center," cross Washington Street, walk through the New England Medical Center "Atrium" to Bennett Street, follow Bennett Street one half block, where it dead ends on Harrison Avenue.

