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CDC hosts historic summit honoring 100 years of moving minority health forward
Thought leaders to develop strategies to improve minority health in the 21st century

What: “National Negro Health Week to National Minority Health Month: 100 Years of Moving Public Health Forward,” a historical summit of minority health leaders on the 100th anniversary of National Negro Health Week – now National Minority Health Month – and the 30th anniversary of the *1985 Report of the Secretary’s Task Force on Black and Minority Health*, known as “[The Heckler Report](#).”

The event will be co-hosted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Tuskegee University and Morehouse School of Medicine. Agenda:
<https://cdc.6connex.com/event/OMHHE/login>.

Who: **Ileana Arias, Ph.D.**
Principal Deputy Director, CDC

Leandris Liburd, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.A.,
Associate Director for Minority Health and Health Equity, Office of Minority Health and Health Equity, CDC

When: April 17, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Where: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Road NE Atlanta, GA 30329

Seating capacity for this event has been reached. Visit <https://cdc.6connex.com/event/OMHHE/login> to register and join the live-stream coverage of the health summit. Early registration is advised.

LiveMeeting: The event will be live-streamed. For access and additional information, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/OMHHE-virtual>

Background: Dr. Booker T. Washington (1856-1915), established the National Negro Health Week in 1915 in response to the growing recognition of the importance of health in ensuring the viability of the Black community and the economy in general. The National Negro Health Week eventually evolved to what it is currently known as the National Minority Health Month. Commemorated each April, National Minority Health Month is dedicated to raising awareness of health disparities affecting racial and ethnic populations in the U.S. This year’s event will also honor the 100th anniversary of Booker T. Washington's death.

The year also marks the 30th Anniversary of the *1985 Report of the Secretary’s Task Force on Black and Minority Health*, a landmark eight-volume report, known as the “*Heckler Report*,” documenting health



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disparities affecting Americans of color and recommending action steps for the nation to address these disparities. Both [the Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\) Office of Minority Health](#) and [CDC Office of Minority Health](#) were established in response to this report.

Media Access: To coordinate an interview, contact media@cdc.gov or 404-639-3286.

Speakers: **Rueben C. Warren, DDS, MPH, DrPH, MDiv**
Professor of Bioethics and Director of the
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