

MSM's Dr. Oluwatoyosi Adekeye Keynote Speaker at Alabama Conference of Black Mayors



On July 15, 2016, Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) Community Health and Preventive Medicine assistant professor and director of the Community Health Leadership Program (CHLP) Dr. Oluwatoyosi Adekeye was the keynote speaker at the Alabama Conference of Black Mayors (ACBM) stakeholders meeting where he discussed the need for improved health leadership and healthy communities in Alabama.

The ACBM's theme for this year is "Mayors for Healthy Communities," adopted from the Mayors for Healthy Communities Program (also directed by Dr. Adekeye), and organized by the Satcher Health Leadership Institute at MSM. The ACBM is focused on developing and implementing measurable ways to 1) improve the overall health, wellness and quality of life of individuals and families living in underserved Alabama communities; 2) Increase the overall growth, efficiency and stability of small cities and towns in Alabama. The mayors agreed to actively participate in health leadership development in conjunction with the Satcher Health Leadership Institute.

Tuskegee Mayor Johnny Ford stated, "We want mayors to care and be available. This is about survival and taking advantage of the resources available."