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SHIRE's Events

On March 22, 2007, Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS) and SHIRE will sponsor a congressional briefing, "HIT and Health Disparities: Connecting the Dots," in the Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2218, Washington, DC, to raise awareness about the HIT/health disparities connection for Congressional Members, health staff and broader community representatives. Moderated by SHIRE Board member, Claudia Schlosberg from Blank Rome, the briefing will be conducted in consultation with the Office of Congressman Edolphus Towns and Congresswoman Donna M. Christensen. Special guest Scharmaine Lawson, APRN, FNP will testify on the importance of HIT as made apparent in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. Contact Blair Hedgepeth at bhedgepeth@himss.org for details.

On March 27, 2007 from 8:30-11 AM, U.S. Congresswoman Donna Christensen will keynote a screening of the film *Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?*, with a moderated discussion to follow. The event, named "Beyond Health Disparities: Arc to Justice," will be held at the *Marvin Center, Room 405, 800 21st St. NW, Washington, DC*. To register, visit: <http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/events/arcToJustice.cfm>. Contact Katelyn Fleming at (202) 416-0063 or hsmkef@gwumc.edu for details.

On March 29, 2007 from 11:30 AM-2 PM, SHIRE will host the fourth meeting of the Early Childhood Obesity Collaborative at THEARC, 1901 Mississippi Ave, SE, Washington, DC 20020. Contact Canary Girardeau at cgirardeau@shireinc.org for details.

On April 7, 2007, SHIRE will coordinate with public television and radio station WETA, Sesame Street Workshop and Kaiser Permanente to host a workshop on *Healthy Habits for Life* for childcare providers in Washington, DC. The workshop in English will be on April 7, 2007; the workshop in Spanish will be on April 11, 2007. Contact Canary Girardeau at cgirardeau@shireinc.org for details.

On April 19 and 20, SHIRE will participate in the upcoming *Congressional Black Caucus Spring Braintrust*, "The Health and Wellness of the African-American Male: America's Challenge; Our Imperative." A welcome reception on April 19 will be from 6 to 8 PM. The Braintrust on April 20 will commence at 8 AM and end at 5 PM in the Cannon Caucus Room. Contact Britt Weinstock at britt.weinstock@mail.house.gov for details.

On May 18, SHIRE will partner with HIMSS in presenting a policy session on HIT and Health Disparities during the latter's second annual National Health IT Week 2007 – a collaborative forum where public and private sector organizations unite in the goal of fostering widespread health information technology adoption.