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The National Baptist Congress of Christian Education Health and Wellness Initiative is a collaborative effort of National Baptist churches, medical professionals, and health related organizations committed to health outreach and prevention education (H.O.P.E.).

**Faith, Community, and Health Roundtable: A Conversation with Faith and Community
Leaders on Sickle Cell Disease Awareness and Public Health Outreach**

July 20, 2011

White House Conference Center

Washington, DC

Meeting Summary

Date: Wednesday, July 20, 2011, 1:30 – 3:15 p.m. (EDT)

Location: White House Conference Center; Washington, DC

Conveners: White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of Minority Health, and the HHS Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated (NBCUSA) Attendees: Board Chair Dr. L. B. West and National Baptist Congress (NBC) President Dr. George W. Waddles, Sr. along with Dr. Michael O. Minor, NBC Special Assistant to the President – Health Initiative and 12 DC area NBCUSA pastors

Other Attendees: DC area faith leaders, sickle cell disease advocates, other federal government officials, academicians, and medical professionals.

Purpose: A roundtable discussion on sickle disease awareness and public health outreach (meeting agenda is attached)

Meeting Summary: After brief opening remarks from the meeting hosts, Dr. Waddles made comments on behalf of the NBCUSA. He provided details of NBCUSA's partnership agreement with the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America (SCDAA) (see attached) placing special emphasis on Sickle Sabbath Sunday, September 18, 2011. Also, he gave an overview of the H.O.P.E. Health Initiative and NBCUSA's commitment to making it the healthiest denomination in America over the next ten years. Finally, Dr. Waddles emphasized the NBCUSA's willingness to partner with the Office of Minority and Health and the Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships to build and support partnerships to better serve individuals, families and communities in need.

Following Dr. Waddles, Ms. Sonja Banks, CEO – SCDAA, provided further comments about the NBCUSA – SCDAA partnership. She emphasized the influence of the thousands of NBCUSA

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churches across the nation. There were other presenters. The meeting ended about 3:15 p.m. EDT.

Action Items:

National Baptist Congress

- Prepare collateral material for Sickle Cell Sabbath Sunday, September 18, 2011, including morning worship template
- Continue work with SCDA
- Continue roll out of National H.O.P.E. Health Network

SCDA

- Connect local affiliates with local NBCUSA churches
- Provide collateral material for NBCUSA churches

White House/Federal Government Offices

- Provide financial support for sickle cell research
- Provide resource support to strengthen community partnerships around sickle cell disease advocacy

Significant Contacts Made:

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Deputy Director, White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

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Velvet L. Brown-Watts (NBCUSA member)

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Dr. Perness C. Seele

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Rev. Damion J. Cooper (NBCUSA member)

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Attachments:

1. Meeting Agenda
2. NBCUSA – SCDA Partnership Agreement