

Kellogg Health Scholars Program Networking Meeting Summary

June 6-8, 2012, Hotel Palomar, Washington, DC

The eighth and final annual networking meeting of the Kellogg Health Scholars Program took place on June 6-8, 2012 at Hotel Palomar in Washington, DC! This year's meeting was planned by Rhonda BeLue, Kimberly Enard, Caree Jackson, Bonnie Lefkowitz, Alexandra Lightfoot, Airin Martinez, Dara Mendez, Dawn Richardson, Caryn Rodgers, Angela Thrasher, and Kellee White, as well as staff from the National Program and Multidisciplinary Track Program offices at CFAH and the Community Track Program office at the University of Michigan.

The 2012 annual meeting celebrated the success of the Kellogg Health Scholars Program and its scholars! Its theme, *Leadership in Health Equity*, embodies what the program is about and the work of our scholars.

The meeting provided opportunities for our Scholars to network, to continue and explore collaborations, and to develop leadership and career development skills through various workshops. It also made time to reflect on achievements of the program through its Scholars and recognize those who have committed their time and effort to champion KHSP.

The meeting began with a career development workshop on building leadership skills. This was followed by welcome and introductions and the first of two sets of concurrent panels of finishing Scholars presentations on their research work. A dinner capped the first day, with keynote addresses on *Leadership in Health Equity Policy* from our NAC member Angela Glover Blackwell and NAC member and co-site director Len Syme.

The second day of the meeting opened with the first of two one-on-one mentoring sessions, which was followed by the second and final set of concurrent finishing Scholars presentations. A working lunch with a panel of distinguished policy experts came next. The panel, *Economic Inequality as a Determinant of Health Equity: What Can We Do About It?* was co-moderated by KHSP NAC member and policy advisor Bonnie Lefkowitz. The afternoon was devoted to concurrent activities of community-based Hill visits; Scholars arranged thematic-based visits, and some thematic group meetings. The evening was a celebration of our program's accomplishments together with Henrie Treadwell, who was a staunch advocate of KHSP and formerly with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

The last day of the meeting started with the second and last one-on-one mentoring session. This was followed by career development workshops. The first was on building a successful career and the other on project management. Prior to meeting adjournment, there was a debriefing session on how the scholars could stay connected.