



# Florida Alliance Initiative Conference

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**June 18-19, 2007**

## **Final Program**

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***Setting the Stage: The Road to a More Diverse Health Professions  
Workforce in the State of Florida***

- 7:30           **Registration**  
Lobby, Conference Center
- 8:30           **Welcome and Overview**  
*Penny A. Ralston, Ph.D., Dean Emeritus, College of Human Sciences  
Director, Center on Better Health and Life for Underserved Populations  
Florida State University*
- The Honorable Jean Kline, Deputy Secretary  
Florida Department of Health*
- Introduction of Speaker**  
*Henry Lewis, Pharm.D., Professor and Director  
College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Florida A&M University*
- 9:00           **Keynote Address: “The Sullivan Alliance: A National Strategy to  
Diversify the Health Professions”**  
*The Honorable Louis W. Sullivan, M.D.  
Former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services  
Founding Dean, Director and President Emeritus  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
Chair, The Sullivan Commission on Diversity in the Healthcare Workforce*
- 10:00           **“The Status of Diversity in the Health Professions  
in the State of Florida”**  
*Cynthia Balogh, Ph.D., Principal  
Leela Hebbar, M.A., Senior Analyst  
MGT of America*
- Rebecca Pauly, M.D., FACP, Presider and Moderator  
Associate Vice President for Health Affairs, Equity and Diversity  
University of Florida Health Sciences Center*
- 11:00           **Break**

11:15 **Panel: “Addressing Diversity Needs in the State of Florida”**

*Mary Lou Brunell, R.N., M.S.N., Florida Center for Nursing  
University of Central Florida*

*Patrick Hutton, M.D., MBA, President, Florida Medical Association*

*Henrietta Logan, Ph.D., College of Dentistry, University of Florida*

*Ivette Lopez, Ph.D., Institute of Public Health, Florida A&M University*

*Alma Littles, M.D., Presider and Moderator*

*Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*

*College of Medicine, Florida State University*

12:15 **Lunch and Presidents’ Forum**

*J. Ocie Harris, M.D., Dean, College of Medicine, Florida State University*

*Trudie Kibbe Reed, Ed.D., President, Bethune-Cookman University*

*Larry Robinson, Ph.D., Interim CEO, Florida A&M University*

*Mark Rosenberg, Ph.D., Chancellor, State University System of Florida,*

*Representing Florida Board of Governors*

*Cynthia Hughes Harris, Ph.D., Presider and Moderator*

*Dean, School of Allied Health, Florida A&M University*

**Instructions to Workgroups**

*Cynthia M. Harris, Ph.D., DABT, Director, Institute of Public Health*

*Florida A&M University*

2:15 **Workgroups**

Group 1 (red): Universities Room (Seminoles)

Group 2 (green): Universities Room (Rattlers)

Group 3 (yellow): Capitol Room

4:30 **Workgroup Reports**

*Mary Ella Graham, Ed.D., R.N., Presider and Moderator*

*Dean, School of Nursing*

*Florida A&M University*

6:00 **Reception in Honor of Louis Sullivan, M.D.**

*Florida Medical Association*

*123 South Adams Street*

**June 19, 2007**

***The Florida Alliance Initiative: Where Do We Go From Here?***

8:00            **Panel: “Strategic Planning: Identification of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats Associated with the Establishment of a Florida Alliance”**

**“The Virginia-Nebraska Alliance Model”**

*Terone Green, Executive Director, Virginia-Nebraska Alliance*

**“Garnering Funding and State Support”**

*Richard Bookman, Ph.D., Vice Provost for Research, Executive Dean for Research and Research Training, Miller School of Medicine, University of Miami; Chair, Biomedical Research Advisory Council, Florida Department of Health*

**“Barriers to Practice for Minority Health Professionals”**

*Joseph Webster, M.D., CEO, Webster Surgical Center, Tallahassee, FL*

*Patricia Burns, Ph.D., R.N., Presider and Moderator*

*Dean, College of Nursing*

*University of South Florida*

9:00            **Panel: “Building Partnerships and Future Initiatives”**

*Frank Catalanotto, D.M.D., American Dental Education Association*

*Catherine Kelly, Vice President for Public Affairs, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida*

*Ed H. Moore, President, Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida*

*Marcia Williams, Ph.D., Provost, Pensacola Junior College-Warrington Campus*

*Alma Dixon, Ed.D., R.N., Presider and Moderator*

*Dean, School of Nursing*

*Bethune-Cookman University*

10:00            **Break**

10:15            **Workgroups**

12:00            **Working Lunch**

2:00

**Workgroup Recommendations, Discussions and Charge  
for the Future**

**Reports from Workgroups**

**Closing Charge: “Where Do We Go From Here?”**

*The Honorable Louis W. Sullivan, M.D.*

*Penny Ralston, Ph.D., Presider and Moderator*

3:30

**Adjournment**

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