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Invitational Conference

This conference is intended to improve the response of the health and justice systems to family violence and to foster collaboration between them. Experts from more than 100 health, justice, social service, education, and advocacy organizations will identify gaps and barriers between the health and justice systems in dealing with family violence cases. Work groups will develop recommendations for overcoming problems, improving services, and reducing the prevalence of violence, focusing on five areas:

Professional Education What basic information do health professionals need to know about the justice system regarding family violence and vice versa? How can the two systems develop a "common language" to improve communication between them?

Assessment What are the roles of the health and justice systems in screening, safety assessment, confidentiality, and reporting? How do these roles vary for the different forms of abuse and neglect?

Interventions/Rehabilitation Which programs are successful in rehabilitating perpetrators and victims of child abuse, spouse/partner abuse, and elder abuse? How can interventions of the health system (eg testimony, treatment, and referral) and justice system (eg stalking laws and orders of protection) be improved?

Prevention What primary, secondary, and tertiary efforts should be applied nationally to reduce the prevalence of family violence? What model programs could be implemented in communities using the health and justice systems?

Media How can health and justice professionals work together to reduce gratuitous violence in the media? How can the media be utilized to disseminate accurate and helpful information about resources and prevention?

Program

Friday, March 11

10:00 am - 12:15 pm	Check-in and Conference registration
12:15 - 1:00 pm	Welcome Robert E. McAfee, MD, President-Elect, American Medical Association R. William Ide III, President, American Bar Association
1:00 pm	Opening Address DHHS Secy Donna Shalala, PhD
1:30 - 2:20 pm	Plenary Session Family Violence Across the Life Cycle Panel: Cathy Spatz Widom, PhD; Susan Schechter, MSW; Mark Lachs, MD, MPH
2:20 - 2:30 pm	Break
2:30 - 4:30 pm	Work Groups, Session I A. Professional Education B. Assessment C. Interventions/Rehabilitation D. Prevention E. Media

4:30 - 6:00 pm

Plenary Session

Patient to Plaintiff: Roles of Health and Justice Professionals in Family Violence Cases

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Dinner

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Plenary Session

Substance Abuse and Family Violence

Opening remarks: TBA

Justice perspective: Dean Kilpatrick, PhD

Health perspective: Robert T. M. Phillips, MD, PhD

Saturday, March 12

8:00 - 8:30 am

Continental breakfast

8:30 - 9:30 am

Plenary Session

Societal Issues and Family Violence

David Satcher, MD, PhD

Health perspective: Helen Rodriguez-Trias, MD

Justice perspective: Leslye E. Orloff, Esq

9:30 - 9:45 am

Coffee break

9:45 am - 12:00 pm

Work Groups, Session II

12:00 - 1:45 pm

Lunch

Congressional Panel on Family Violence

1:45 - 2:00 pm

Break

2:00 - 5:00 pm

Work Groups, Session III

(Submit recommendations for editing, printing)

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Dinner

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Plenary Session

Firearms and Family Violence

Panel: Katherine Kaufer Christoffel, MD, MPH;

Arthur Kellerman, MD; Joseph F. Sheley, PhD

Sunday, March 13

8:30 - 9:00 am

Continental breakfast

9:00 - 10:00 am

Plenary Session

Family Violence and the Media

Opening remarks: Sen Paul Simon (invited)

Panel: Ed Donnerstein, PhD; Leonard Eron, PhD;

Ron Slaby, PhD

10:00 - 10:15 am

Coffee break

10:15 am - 12:00 pm

NIJ Presentation of Health and Justice Programs

12:00 pm

Lunch

Speaker: Surg Gen Joycelyn Elders, MD, MPH

1:00 - 2:00 pm

Presentation of Recommendations from the Work Groups

2:00 - 2:30 pm

Keynote Address

Atty Gen Janet Reno

2:30 - 3:00 pm

Implementing the Recommendations

Creating a National Health/Justice Coalition on Family Violence

Adjournment