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**UAMS and Community Leaders Gather
to Address Health Disparities June 17**

LITTLE ROCK — Arkansas faith leaders, health ministries, educators, researchers and health care providers are invited to attend the second annual Community-Campus Partnership Conference to Address Health Disparities to be held June 17.

The free conference, presented by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), will be held at the Comfort Inn & Suites Presidential in Little Rock.

The theme of this year's conference is "The Power of the Faith Community to Promote Health Equity." Leaders will discuss the health status of Arkansas, existing efforts to address health disparities and what needs to be done.

Early registration has begun. Seating is limited to the first 200 attendees. Visit <http://tinyurl.CCPC2016>. For more information contact Alexa Bessette at 501-603-1290 or ACBessette@uams.edu.

The keynote speaker is Acacia Bamberg Salatti, acting director of the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, which is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Salatti comes to this position from the office of U.S. Rep. James E. Clyburn of South Carolina, where she was the director for the House Democratic Faith Working Group (HDFWG). She focuses on minority health outreach and health disparity reduction strategies.

The morning speaker will feature Micheal Knox, M.S., M.P.H., director of the Arkansas Minority Health Commission. The afternoon sessions will feature Armika Berkley, M.P.H., program manager for the Congregational Health Network in partnership with Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare; and Pastor Bobby G. Baker, director of Faith and Community Partnerships at Methodist Healthcare.

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UAMS is the state's only comprehensive academic health center, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; a hospital; a northwest Arkansas regional campus; a statewide network of regional centers; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, the Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, the Myeloma Institute, the Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, the Psychiatric Research Institute, the Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging and the Translational Research Institute. It is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. UAMS has 3,021 students, 789 medical residents and two dental residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including about 1,000 physicians and other professionals who provide care to patients at UAMS, Arkansas Children's Hospital, the VA Medical Center and UAMS regional centers throughout the state. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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