

The New England Coalition for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

NECON REGIONAL CONFERENCE - December 16, 2008
Royal Plaza Hotel, Marlborough, MA

PREVENTION

**The Ultimate Cost Containment Strategy and
A Key to Affordable Universal Healthcare in America**

- 7:30 **Registration** – Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 **Welcome** – **Bertram A. Yaffe**, Chair, NECON
Charles C. Tretter, Executive Director NEGC, INC;
Van S. Hubbard, MD, PhD, Assistant Surgeon General, Rear Admiral, US Public Health Service – Introduced by **Michael R. Milner**, Regional Administrator, Rear Admiral, US Public Health Service
- 9:00 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. KENNETH THORPE** – **The Preventable Causes of Rising Healthcare Costs** – Introduced by **Terrie Wetle, PhD**, Associate Dean of Medicine for Public Health and Public Policy, Brown University
- 9:45 **Prevention Progress: A Movement Can't Stand Still! (Town Hall Format)** – **David L. Katz, MD, MPH, Director, Yale-Griffin Prevention Research Center**
John Auerbach, MA Commissioner of Public Health
Sandi Van Scoyoc, President, HNHfoundation (HEAL project)
Rajiv Kumar, President, Shape Up Rhode Island
Lindsey Tucker, Health Reform Policy Manager, Health Care For All
- 11:00 **Break**
- 11:15 **Oral Health, Essential for Whole Body Health and Opportunity for Success in Prevention** – **Ralph Fuccillo, President, Oral Health Foundation**
National Call to Action: Change the Perception of Oral Health – Watch Your Mouth
Dr. Michael Monopoli, Delta Dental of MA
Access: Replicate Effective Programs for Greater Access
Dr. Joanna Douglass, CT, Region I Head Start, Dental Home Initiative
Overview of Oral Health Issues: A Chronic Infection & Public Health Issue (Crisis)
Dr. Alex White, Catalyst Institute
Increase Collaborations and Partnerships: Better Oral Health for MA Coalition
Dr. Frank Robinson, Partners for a Healthier Community

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12:00 **Lunch** – Recognition of New England Legislators and Policymakers (**William J. Waters, PhD**)

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER: SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY (invited)

2:00 **New England Preventive Responses to the Chronic Disease Challenges**

Dr. Robert Galvin, Commissioner, CT Dept. of Public Health

Dr. David Gifford, Director of Health, RI Dept. of Health

Susan Coburn, MPH, RD, Nutrition and Physical Activity Chief, Vermont Department of Health

2:45 **Healthy Weight Trends Report** – **Steven E. Miller**, Executive Director, Healthy Weight Initiative, HSPH

3:00 **Implementation Progress on The Strategic Plan for the Prevention and Control of Overweight and Obesity in New England** – **Dr. Walter Willett, HSPH**

Vivien Morris, MS, MPH, Nutrition Fitness For Life Program, Boston Medical Center

Michael Samuelson, President & CEO, The Health & Wellness Institute, Providence, R.I.

Karen O'Rourke, MPH, Director Health Promotion Programs, Maine Center for Public Health

4:00 **Prevention, the Public's Health and Health Care Reform: Mobilizing and Moving the Agenda Forward** – **Randy Schwartz, MSPH, Senior Vice President, Strategic Health Initiatives, American Cancer Society, New England Division**



"The health of the people is really the foundation upon which their happiness and all their powers as a state depend."

British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli July 24, 1877