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**Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy**

**1st Annual Conference, Ghana Health Foundation
Healthcare Strategies: Positioning Ghana for the New Millennium
March 31st - Howard University Hospital**

Purpose	A forum to discuss the state of the healthcare system in Ghana. Conference will highlight the current challenges faced by the healthcare system and to seek sustainable solutions. Through the Conference's presentations and discussions, a consensus statement will be developed and presented to policy makers who influence health care in Ghana.
Sponsored by	Ghana Health Foundation Howard University Hospital
In Cooperation with	Global Health Council Howard University Women's Health Institute Ghana International Health Foundation (Canada)
Location	2041 Georgia at the Howard University Hospital in the Towers Auditorium. Once inside the building there will be signs or ushers directing you to the auditorium.
Format	Auditorium setting, with the speakers on stage.
Press	Will be present, but not sure if audio or video, or both.
Audience	200-300 Physicians, healthcare professionals, biomedical scientists, corporate businesses, organizations and concerned individuals.
Program	(See attached agenda for entire conference)
7:30 AM	Car pick up: West Basement.
8 - 9:00 AM	Welcome and Introductions Floyd J. Malveaux, MD, PhD His Excellency Koby A. Koomson Nils Daulaire, MD, MPH Thomas E. Gaiter, MD, FACP

The Concept of a Health Foundation for Ghana
Bertha Koomson, MD, FRCP(C)

8:20

Future Prospects for U.S. Government for Health Programs in Africa

Sandra L. Thurman

You will be speaking after those listed above, who will each speak for about five to six minutes. You will not need to arrive prior to 8AM, unless you will be presenting slides.

10:00 AM

Car return

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Lunch

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 31, 2000

Greetings to everyone gathered for the First Annual Conference on Health Care Strategies: Positioning Ghana for the New Millennium. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Ghana Health Foundation and Howard University Hospital for giving much needed attention to the vitally important issues faced by the healthcare system in Ghana, particularly as we consider the devastating impact of AIDS.

We are at a critical juncture in our fight against AIDS. As we start the new millennium with hope and optimism, HIV & AIDS continues to bring forth new challenges in the United States, in Ghana and around the world. AIDS has become our shared crisis - a crisis without borders - and we are all called to do our part in providing the leadership and resources necessary to turn this tide.

I am pleased that so much of the work we have been doing here in Washington this year has been focused on enhancing the U.S. response to fighting AIDS in Africa and around the world. However, there is much more to be done, and many more nations, donors, and communities that must commit their time, energy, and precious resources to the global battle against AIDS.

The African healthcare system must play a unique and pivotal role in fighting AIDS each and everyday on the most fundamental levels of care. I hope that the discussions you have during the next two days will foster an atmosphere of collaboration, creativity and a renewed commitment to doing everything we can to enhance our efforts in this shared struggle. I am confident that by working together, there will be a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandra L. Thurman', written in a cursive style.

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

1st Annual Conference

GHANA HEALTH FOUNDATION

HEALTHCARE STRATEGIES

POSITIONING GHANA FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

March 31 and April 1, 2000

**Towers Auditorium, Howard University Hospital
Washington, D.C.**

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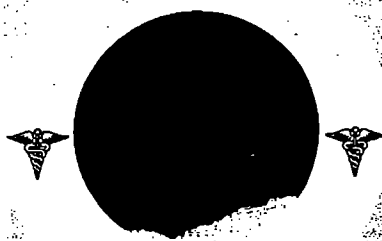
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Ghana Health Foundation

GHF is an alliance of
physicians, health care pro-
fessionals, concerned individ-
uals, organizations, and the
public. We seek solutions for
health issues in Ghana.

Development of the
health medical infrastruc-
ture, health programs, research

opportunities for in-coun-
try health technology.

collecting and dis-
seminating current health issues

workshops, and public
health issues

Our Programs:

Funding Programs

*Organize and solicit funding for cu-
rently developing health programs in Gha-*

Health Delivery: Program Development

*Develop cost-effective programs and
partnership with existing organizati-
ons to resolve specific health issues. Apply
practical solutions that promote sustaina-*

Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation

*Conduct health care policy analysis
to assess impact on public health. Provide co-
operative data collection for evaluation
of aspects of health services.*

Health Delivery: Professional Support

*Seek health care professionals to co-
ordinate expertise to specific funded health p-
rograms in Ghana.*

*Provide technical support, training,
workshops designed to meet mission-orie-
nted programs in Ghana.*

Medical and Allied Health Education

*Provide the establishment of medical
and allied health professional training
in health care delivery.*

HEALTHCARE STRATEGIES POSITIONING GHANA FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE

This conference will provide a forum for physicians, healthcare professionals, biomedical scientists, corporate businesses, organizations and concerned individuals to discuss the state of the healthcare system in Ghana. The goal of the conference is to highlight the current challenges faced by the healthcare system and to seek sustainable solutions.

The conference will review the economic, scientific, and traditional problems that have plagued Ghana's healthcare system and the different approaches that have been tried in order to improve it in recent years. There will be critical analysis by professionals and other individuals experienced in Ghana's health affairs, as well as contributions from other international experts who will present relevant research and clinical findings. We will seek to develop sophisticated and effective prevention models that will be useful in addressing these health issues.

Participants will be exposed to a broad range of health issues presently affecting Ghana through presentations and interactive panel discussions. Participants will be invited to share their experiences in the exploration of sustainable solutions to present difficulties and challenges. Through the conference's presentations and discussions, a consensus statement will be developed and presented to policy makers who influence health care in Ghana.

OBJECTIVES

At the end of the conference, participants will be able to

- Discuss the human resources available to Ghana's health sector today
- Understand what public and private healthcare institutions are doing
- Identify Ghana's major health challenges, including their epidemiological and statistical components
- Describe current trends and issues in health care payment policy
- Summarize how governmental health policy issues impact healthcare services in various communities in Ghana
- Outline how various policies can potentially benefit the healthcare system and the wellness of Ghanaians in general

ACCREDITATION AND CREDITS

The Howard University College of Medicine, Center for Continuing Medical Education is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

The Center for Continuing Medical Education designates this educational activity for a maximum of thirteen (13) hours in category 1 credit towards the NMA Physician's Achievement Award and the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.

Friday
March 31, 2000

PROGRAM

7:00 – 8:00	Continental Breakfast and Registration
8:00 – 9:00	Welcome and Introductions Floyd J. Malveaux, MD, PhD His Excellency Koby A. Koomson Nils Daulaire, MD, MPH Thomas E. Gaiter, MD FACP
	The Concept of A Health Foundation for Ghana Bertha Koomson, MD, FRCP(C)
	Future Prospects for U.S. Government for Health Programs in Africa Sandra Thurman
SESSION I	HEALTHCARE IN GHANA TODAY Moderator Brian O. Williams, MD
9:00 – 9:30	Health, Economics & Development in Ghana Professor K. Danso-Boafo, Minister of Health
9:30 – 10:00	Major Health Challenges in Ghana: Epidemiology and Statistics Sam Ofosu-Amaah, MD, MPH
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break
10:15 – 11:00	Mental Health Issues Jemima Kankam, MD Thaddeus P.M. Ulzen, MD, FRCP(C) Sam Ohene, MD
11:00 – 11:30	Newborn Screening for Sickle Cell Disease in Ghana: A Success Story Kwaku Ohene-Frempong, MD, FACP
11:30 – 12:15	Panel Discussion and Q&A

Friday
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PROGRAM

SESSION II	Moderator Bertha Koomson, MD
12:30 – 2:00	LUNCHEON Keynote Address: <i>The Role of NGOs in Healthcare in Ghana</i> Her Excellency The First Lady of Ghana, Dr. Nana Konadu Agyeman-Rawlings
SESSION III	HEALTH MANPOWER AND RESOURCES IN GHANA
	Moderators Nii T. Quao, MD, CM and John K. Allotey, MD, PhD
2:15 – 2:45	Health Manpower and Resources in Ghana Today Awudu Issaka-Tinorga, MB, ChB
2:45 – 3:15	Medical Education in Ghana: Training and Retention of Health Personnel David Nii-Amon-Kotei, MD, PhD
3:15 – 3:30	Coffee Break
3:30 – 4:05	Barriers and Solutions to Returning Home: The dilemma of the foreign-trained Ghanaian Physician Rita Wallace-Reed, MD, MPH Yaw Twum-Barima, MB, ChB, MSc, FRCP(C) Ken Aryeetey, MB, ChB, BSc
4:05 – 4:40	The Physician Exchange Program: Building Links with Healthcare Professionals in Ghana A.O. Mireku-Boateng, MD Edem Agamah, MD Kwasi A. Debra, MD, MBA
4:40 – 5:30	Panel Discussion and Q&A

**Saturday
April 1, 2000**

PROGRAM

7:00 – 8:00	Continental Breakfast and Registration
SESSION IV	SPECIAL TOPICS
	Moderator Fred A. Ofori, PhD
8:00 – 8:30	Women's Health Concerns: Challenges and Solutions Celia J. Maxwell, MD, FACP Sam Ofori-Amaah, MD
8:30 – 8:40	Rehabilitation Medicine in Ghana J. Kwaku Laast, MD, MPH
8:40 – 9:00	Cancer in Ghana Vincent Anku, MD, FACP
9:00 – 9:30	Cardiovascular Diseases: Comparison of Ghanaians and African-Americans Janice G. Douglas, MD Awudu Issaka-Tinorga, MB, ChB
9:30 – 10:00	Nutrition and Health Victor Aguayo, PhD Joyce I. Boye, PhD
10:00 – 10:45	Panel Discussion and Q&A
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
SESSION V	HIV/AIDS IN GHANA
	Moderator Francis Yemofio, MD
11:00 – 11:15	Global Perspective on AIDS Ron MacInnis
11:15 – 11:45	The AIDS Epidemic: Challenges and Solutions in Ghana Kwaku Yeboah, MD Peter Lamptey, MD, MPH Sandra Thurman Wilbert Jordan M.D. MPH

**Saturday
April 1, 2000**

PROGRAM

12:30 – 1:00	Lunch Break
SESSION VI	HEALTHCARE FINANCING
	Moderator J. Kweku Laast, MD, MPH
1:00 – 1:20	Healthcare Financing Perspectives Francois Decaillet
1:20 – 1:50	Healthcare Insurance: Experimental Models in Developing Countries Gilbert C. Kombe, MD, MPH Kwaku Ohene-Frempong, MD
1:50 – 2:20	A Medical Care System for the Future: Improving Quality Care And Physician Compensation at a Price We Can Afford Joseph Boateng, MD, MPH Manny Tuffour, MD
2:20 – 2:40	Promoting African and African-American Health in Today's Healthcare Environment: A Panel Discussion by Experts from the Healthcare Industry Vincent Anku, MD, FACP
2:40 – 3:15	Panel Discussion and Q&A
3:15	Closing Remarks: Summary and Conclusions Joyce I. Boye, PhD Bertha Koomson, MD