18th Annual National Black Nurses Day on Capitol Hill
Thursday, February 2, 2006

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

345 Cannon House Office Building

Washington, DC

"Systematic Problem-Solving for Sustained Improvements in

Health Professional Education and Training and Health Care Financing"

DRAFT AGENDA

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m . Registration
9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Welcome and Acknowledgements

Dr. Bettye Davis Lewis
President, National Black Nurses Association

9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Presidential Address

Dr. Bettye Davis Lewis
President, National Black Nurses Association
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Sustainable Solutions To Eliminate Health Care Disparities

Senator Gloria Lawlah
Maryland State Legislature
State of Maryland (invited)

Gail Christopher, DN
Vice President, Health, Women and Families;
Director, Health Policy Institute Joint Center for Politica
and Economic Studies (invited)
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.Sustainable Solutions To Enhance Health Care Financing

Moderator: Azella Collins
Second Vice President
Chairperson, Health Policy Committee
National Black Nurses Association

Iris Mabry, MD
Medical Officer
Agency for Health Care Research and Quality
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (invited)
11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. BREAK
11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Getting The Job Done Through Advocacy: State and Federal Solutions

Moderator: Dr. Debra Toney
NBNA First Vice President
National Black Nurses Association

Julius Hobson, Jr.
Director, Division of Congressional Affairs
American Medical Association
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. LUNCHEON
12:30 p.m. Keynote Address

Mike Draine

Executive Director, State Government Affairs
AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, LP (invited)
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Nursing Education and Training: Sustainable Solutions

Moderator: Dr. Sandra Webb Booker
NBNA Historian; Director, LPN Program, King/Kennedy Center

Rose Gonzalez, PhD, RN
Director, Government Relations
American Nurses Association

Dr. C. Alicia Georges
Chairman, Department of Nursing Lehman College, Bronx, NY
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. GREETINGS BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

The Honorable Donna Christian-Christensen
Chairwoman, Congressional Black Caucus Health Brain Trust
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. CAPITOL HILL VISITS
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. National Black Nurses Foundation
Scientific Forum and Dinner
Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel
14th and K Streets, NW
Washington, DC