

**WOMEN'S HEALTH STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2009**

The Office of Women's Health Steering Committee held its regular meeting at the St. Vincent's Hospital Bruno Conference Center in Birmingham, Alabama. The following were in attendance:

Attendees:

Kathryn Allen	Jill Plum
Janet Benefield	Beth Taylor
Nancy Bishop	Elaine Jackson
Margaret Findlay	Kathy Boswell
Juaquala Madkin	Rosemary Cummings for Jane Robertson
Nan Priest	O'Neal Gober for Kelley Bownes
Sue Turner	Jessica Hardy
Julia Sosa	Dechelle Merritt

Sign in sheet is attached.

Welcome/Call To Order

Kimberly Braxton Lloyd, Chairman, Office of Women's Health Steering Committee, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Dr. Braxton Lloyd announced that Nan Priest, Dr. Margaret Findlay, Dr. Nancy Bishop, and Kathleen Obringer were re-appointed to serve on the Office of Women's Health Steering Committee for 2009 and 2010 and that Dr. Thomas Wilkes Robinson has agreed to serve but his appointment is pending. Dr. Braxton Lloyd acknowledged the new members Kathryn Allen appointed by the Alabama Pharmacy Association, and Janet Benefield appointed by the Alabama Dietetic Association. Dr. Braxton Lloyd also announced that Dr. Geraldine Allen will serve as an honorary member and has served 4 years on the board and has offered to continue to support the office in any capacity. Dr. Braxton Lloyd introduced visitors Elaine Jackson, Kathy Boswell, and Rosemary Cummings who attended on behalf of Jane Robertson, and O'Neal Gober who attended on behalf of Kelly Bownes and thanked them for their attendance. A request was made for committee members to submit their names if they were interested in serving as the Vice Chair to replace Marty Turnage former Vice Chair of the OWH Steering Committee and one of the founding members who served on the committee for six years.

Minutes Review & Approval:

Kimberly Braxton Lloyd, Chairman, Office of Women's Health Steering Committee, allowed the committee to review the December 12, 2008 minutes. Dr. Braxton Lloyd stated that 10 voting members are required to be present to officially conduct business and approve the minutes. The OWH Steering Committee currently has eighteen voting members and three members pending (two from the Medical Association and one from the Business Council).

A motion was made to approve the minutes and the minutes were approved.

OWH Activities

Juaquala Madkin, Office of Women's Health Steering Committee members, provided a report of the plans for the proposed 2009 5K Run scheduled May 9, 2009. Ms. Madkin reported that she was notified after submitting the parade permit to the city of Hoover of the rule changes and as a result the 5K Run cannot be held at Graystone Park. The new targeted location has changed to the St. Vincent's downtown location. Kathy Boswell stated that the city of Birmingham's policy requires there be 200 participants for two consecutive years before a permit cost that could range from \$2,500 or more could be waived. Ms. Madkin stated that she could confirm the cost as early as the following week and fees could possibly be waived, but there was no guarantee. Ms. Madkin also stated that Underwood Park is the location for the Mother Daughter walk and has already been reserved. The committee discussed the possibility of Linda Mays with ABC News 33/40 and daughter being the spokesperson for the 1Mile Mother-Daughter Walk. Plans are to have vendors set up, restrooms and osteoporosis equipment available for

screenings. Sponsors consist of St. Vincent's, ADPH, USA College of Nursing, Drummon Company, and an OWH private donor.

Margaret Findlay will check to see if nursing students from Samford University will be available to serve as potential volunteers. A handout was provided to the Committee of items that were still needed and a suggestion was made to have leaders designated to handle specific tasks during the 5K Run. Ms. Hardy noted that water has been secured and t-shirts could be ordered with a two week turn around. She also indicated that medallions will be provided to all participants but trophy categories needed to be determined by the committee and this could be used as a recruitment tool for participants.

Kimberly Braxton Lloyd, Chairman, Office of Women's Health Steering Committee, facilitated the Office of Women's Health Car Tag initiative discussion. She stated that currently there were sixty individuals committed to purchase the car tag but only three months left before the commitment period ends. The OWH applied for the quantity class I car tag that required 1000 commitments. A suggestion was made to apply for the quantity class II car tag which only requires 250 commitments, but it was also noted that this would require the design of the car tag to be altered and the committee could not apply until after the commitment period ends May 31 and extensions would not be granted. The OWH Steering Committee conducted the car tag give away drawing as a result of contributions made during the November 2008 Nursing Update and 16 winners were selected during the drawing. She also led the committee in a discussion about the Nursing CEU program held on November 22, 2008 to promote the OWH Car Tag initiative. Presenters included Dr. Janice Nelson, Dr. Linda Roussel, Dr. Margaret Findlay, Dr. Patsy Riley and herself. She announced that Dr. Linda Roussel's nursing students with USA CON hosted a bake sale and raised \$250 that was used toward sponsorship for the 5K Run. The 2009 Women's Health Update is scheduled April 25 at Samford University and will include a Silent Auction. Dr. Braxton Lloyd discussed Auburn University is willing to approve CEUs for Pharmacist but their objectives must meet ACPE criteria. She stated that any information mailed out must meet certain standards and help is needed to make sure guidelines are followed. The committee has until March 25th to get ACPE approval. She also noted that targeting Jefferson and Shelby counties would provide a larger number of pharmacists to attend the Women's Health Update.

Margaret Findlay, Office of Women's Health Steering Committee, provided the Data Work Group report on the status of the OWH Women's Health Data Publication. The Data Work Group consists of Sue Turner, Carol Nesbitt, Dr. Debra Hodges, Izza Afgan and herself. The sub workgroup has set a targeted release date for the publication in 2009. Changes were made to the publication after Dr. Hodges and Jessica met with a data research specialist at AUM to complete a data review. The committee would like to provide a Power Point for people to view with a voice over section and speakers notes that would have to be added. The data publications will be published in a booklet format and Sue Turner has been working to develop a brochure to summarize the information that can be included in the bags during the 5K Run and Mother Daughter Walk and it should be ready by mid April.

Roundtable Discussion

Kimberly Braxton Lloyd, stated that the committee needs to finalize the plans for the Silent Auction which will be held during the April 25, 2009 Women's Health Update. She indicated that she sent an e-mail to the School of Pharmacy at Auburn University to solicit items to auction during the Women's Health Update, and that she received a great response. Dr. Debra Hodges donated a jewelry set that she made. Kimberly encouraged the committee to share their donation efforts and she also stated that the committee needed to agree on a location for donated items to be delivered and that they could look into securing a space on the campus of Samford University near the site of the Women's Health Update.

Closing Remarks: Kimberly Braxton Lloyd, gave remarks and encouraged attendees to continue to support the efforts and activities of the office and the meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting:
June 12, 2009**

Minutes Submitted by Dechelle Merritt
OWH Administrative Assistant

Kimberly Braxton Lloyd
Committee Chair

**WOMEN'S HEALTH STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2009**

The Office of Women's Health Steering Committee held its regular meeting in The RSA Tower, Board Room 1586 at the Alabama Department of Public Health in Montgomery, Alabama. The following were in attendance:

Attendees:

Janet Benefield	Linda Mays
Nancy Bishop	Thomas Miller
Genece Blackmon	Janice Nelson
O'Neal Gober for Kelley Bownes	Katie Obringer
Kimberly Braxton-Lloyd	Jill Plumb
Margaret Findlay	Nan Priest
Debra Hodges	Tracey Welsh
Janet McQueen	Michele Jones
Jessica Hardy	Elana Parker
Julia Sosa	Amanda Holloway
Dechelle Merritt	

Sign in sheet is attached.

Welcome/Call To Order

Kimberly Braxton Lloyd, Chairman, Office of Women's Health Steering Committee, called the meeting to order. Dr. Braxton Lloyd directed committee members' view to the presentation of pictures from the 5K event and noted that the event was a success and that medals and t-shirts were available for everyone that attended. Brief introductions were made and she announced that four new members were joining the committee Janet Benefield, Tracy Welsh, Janet McQueen and Dr. Angela Martin. Dr. Lloyd thanked O'Neal Gober for attending on behalf of Kelley Bownes and she also thanked the Office of Women's Health Steering Committee for their continuous commitment to Women's Health. She introduced Michele Jones the new director of the Bureau of Professional & Support Services and announced that Frances Kennamer retired in May 2009.

Michele Jones, Director, ADPH Bureau of Professional and Support Services, greeted the Steering Committee and welcomed the new members and visitors. She thanked the committee for their support and indicated that she was excited about her new role and looked forward to working with them to address issues surrounding women's health in Alabama.

Minutes Review & Approval:

Kimberly Braxton Lloyd, Chairman, Office of Women's Health Steering Committee, directed the committee to review the March 13, 2009 minutes. A motion was made to approve the March 13, 2009 minutes and the minutes were approved.

Alabama Strategic Alliance Overview

Heidi Hataway, Director of Healthy Communities Branch, ADPH provided an overview of the strategic alliance program. The program strives to build healthier communities through partnership with coalitions potentially to reach a large number of communities led by community coordinators. Currently Stacy Adams, ADPH Staff, is working with three 501 C3 organizations to help build the coalition in Sumter, Perry and Dallas counties. Ms. Hataway asked the committee to inform them of any community networks that they are aware of, or that they are a part of because they are seeking to form partnerships to build community coalitions throughout Alabama.

OWH Activities

2009 5K & 1 Mile Mother Daughter Walk

Jessica Hardy, Director, Office of Women's Health, provided a report of the Office of Women's Health activities. She noted that the original plans to host the 5K Run in Hoover later changed to St. Vincent's Underwood Park, but the committee worked diligently to finalized the plans of the event between March and May. She announced that Juquala Madkin was out due to the birth of her baby, but she performed a great job with organizing the final plans for the event. Appreciation was given to everyone on the steering committee and the volunteers for their hard work in making the 5K Run a success. A handout was distributed to the committee listing the breakdown of costs for the event. Special thanks were given to Nan Priest and St. Vincent's for the amenities that were provided including Centennial Lodge which served as a volunteer station and parking that was available for the run. Jessica noted that nurses were present to assist with the osteoporosis screening. She also noted that ABC 33/40 contributions included a commercial and coverage of the run on news and talk shows. Dr. Lloyd indicated that the date posed a challenge due to the number of graduations that occurred that weekend and many of the students traveled home for Mother's Day limiting the volunteer support. Nan Priest stated it was a privilege to support and participate in the 5K event. It was very successful for a first time event and she looks forward to St. Vincent's continued support and would like to give future support with health screenings. It was also noted that the main goal for the 5K event was to promote awareness and visibility for the Office of Women's Health. Further discussion was made about hosting the run in a central region due to support constraints and possibly having a run in Birmingham and launching one in Mobile. Dr. Lloyd suggested the committee discuss the plans for the 2010 5K event during the breakout sessions.

OWH Car Tag

Jessica Hardy, Director, Office of Women's Health, provided a brief update on the Women's Health Update and CEU program and Silent Auction. The April 25, 2009 Women's Health Update and Silent Auction was a huge success with 80 participants attending the Update and over \$4,000.00 received from both events. The committee wants to continue to offer the Women's Health Update and expand the program to target physicians and dietitians. Jessica noted the comparison of funds that can be generated from the CEU program and the Car Tag initiative. She noted that \$10,000 could potentially be raised each year from the CEU program in comparison to \$42,000.00 from the Car Tag initiative. It has been problematic to get commitments for specific counties. There are challenges for people to get to the department of motor vehicle. A suggestion was made to find an entity to take on the tag. Jessica discussed her communication with a potential sponsor who wants to propose to her church to have their membership purchase the tag. She also discussed her attempts with Hyundai but indicated that they did not take on the car tag initiative. Kimberly Braxton Lloyd discussed using funds from fund raisers that could be limited to geographic locations. Jessica Hardy stated that she was willing to go back to the State Comptroller to request a second commitment period of 12 months but Senator Figures and the Commission will want to know the different strategies that will be used to get commitments. The Commission will meet again in September. Jill Plumb suggested soliciting the Board of OBGYN or individuals that are passionate about women's health. Nan Priest interjected that OBGYN practicing administrators would have some interest, and midwives are passionate about women's health and may have some interest as well. To increase the number of individuals who commit to purchase the OWH car tag, plans are to continue to have the Women's Health Update and charge a registration fee rather than to have individuals commit to purchase the car tag.

Work Groups Report

The Women's Health Data Publication, 2010 5K & 1 Mile Walk and the Women's Health Update CEU Program sub-work groups met during the breakout session. Please see attachment.

Roundtable Discussion

Kimberly Braxton Lloyd, Chairman, Office of Women's Health Steering Committee, facilitated the roundtable discussion and announced that plans are underway to host the sponsor's award ceremony during the end-of-year meeting in December at the Capital City Club in the RSA Tower. Suggestions were made to invite a speaker that could possibly sponsor the lunch. The committee was encouraged to have full attendance in order to take a new

photograph that would be used to update the OWH website. Dr. Braxton Lloyd also introduced Elana Parker, new staff member of the Office of Women's Health to present information about the WHI-FI program.

Elana Parker, Office of Women's Health, provided an update on the Women's Health Information for the Incarcerated, a program designed to assist women that are being released from prison to help them live healthy. A Women's Health Forum is scheduled June 29th and a series of topics such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and cancer will be presented. Health Information is presented to the women at three facilities monthly consisting of Tuitwiler, Montgomery Women's Facility and Birmingham Work Release. Elana encouraged the committee to let her know if they had information that they wanted to share with the women.

Closing Remarks: Kimberly Braxton Lloyd gave closing remarks. She state that the committee has accomplished a lot in a short amount of time and reminded them of the next two meetings in September and December. She encouraged them to watch for the conference call notices in mid August. The committed was thanked for their attendance and the meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting:
September 11, 2009**

Minutes Submitted by Dechelle Merritt
OWH Administrative Assistant

Kimberly Braxton Lloyd
Committee Chair

**WOMEN'S HEALTH STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 2009**

The Office of Women's Health Steering Committee held its regular meeting in The RSA Tower, Board Room 1586 at the Alabama Department of Public Health in Montgomery, Alabama. The following were in attendance:

Attendees:

Izza Afgan	Nan Priest
Janet Benefield	Jane Roberston
Nancy Bishop	Thomas Robinson
Kimberly Braxton Lloyd	Linda Roussel
Margaret Findlay	Beth Taylor
Debra Hodges	Jacklyn Thomas
Juaquala Madkin	Sue Turner
Linda Mays	Jessica Hardy
Janice Nelson	Julia Sosa
Carol Kelley Nesbitt	Elana Parker
Katie Obringer	Dechelle Merritt

Sign in sheet is attached.

Welcome/Call To Order

Kimberly Braxton Lloyd, Chairman, Office of Women's Health Steering Committee, greeted the steering committee members and called the meeting to order. Dr. Braxton Lloyd thanked everyone for attending and noted that there was a quorum of members present. Dr. Braxton Lloyd announced that Dr. Jim McVay, Director of the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) Bureau of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease would provide an update on influenza and that handouts were included in everyone's folder.

Minutes Review & Approval:

Kimberly Braxton Lloyd, Chairman, Office of Women's Health Steering Committee, allowed the committee to review the June 12, 2009 minutes for corrections or adjustments. A motion was made to approve the minutes and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Influenza Update

Jim McVay, Dr. P. A., Director of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease, ADPH provided an influenza update. Dr. McVay noted that the ADPH has been preparing for the past ten years for a pandemic. The county health departments will start administering doses of the H1N1 influenza vaccine to individuals in the targeted high-risk groups first which include children and young adults 6 months through 24 years of age, pregnant women, healthcare workers, and individuals 25-64 years old who have underlying health conditions. In addition to parents, siblings, and child care providers of children younger than 6 months of age. He encouraged the committee to take precautions and be aware of what is going on. To prevent the spread of the virus individuals should stay at home and away from others when they are sick, wash their hands frequently with soap and water, cough into their sleeve or tissue, and get the seasonal flu. The recommendations are the same for both children and adults. A question was posed as to whether there was a shortage for Tamiflu. Dr. McVay indicated that they have seven hundred thousand doses of Tamiflu that will be administered to individuals who cannot afford it, underinsured, not insured, or pregnant women; children 6 months through 4 years old; parents, siblings, and caregivers of children less than 6 months old; children 5 to 18 years old who have underlying medical conditions; and health care workers. As of September 11, 2009, seven people have died in Alabama and reports show there has been a 1 to 2% absenteeism rate in schools. The goal is to reduce the spread of the virus until children are vaccinated. The ADPH plans to begin school-based H1N1 influenza vaccination clinic in November. For more information about H1N1 or flu vaccine clinics, individuals can visit the ADPH.org website or contact the ADPH flu Hotline.

OWH Activities

2009 5K & 1 Mile Mother Daughter Walk

Juaquala Madkin, Office of Women's Health Steering Committee, presented a report from the 5K Workgroup conference call that was held August 27, 2009. She indicated that plans were underway for the 2010 5K Run and that last year's event was a success. The goal for the first year was to have more visibility for the Office of Women's Health, yet the event was able to bring in some funds. She asked the steering committee members to let her know if they are aware of companies that could provide sponsorship. She announced that she has made contact with the Boy Scouts of America and they are excited about the possibility of promoting and volunteering for the event. The city permit application is prepared and ready for submission. Ms. Madkin encouraged committee members to show their support by signing up for items on the OWH 5K /1Mile Walk 2010 list of needed items. A suggestion was made that a manual be created to include everything needed for the 5K event. Dr. Braxton Lloyd thanked Ms. Madkin for her efforts and encouraged the subcommittee to discuss the pros and cons of 2009 5K event during the breakout session.

2010 Women's Health Update

Margaret Findlay, Office of Women's Health Steering Committee presented a report from the OWH Women's Health Update Workgroup conference call held on August 27, 2009. Dr. Findlay directed the committee to the handout located in their folders. She announced that Saturday October 16, 2010, is the targeted date for the next Women's Health Update (WHU). The St. Vincent's Bruno Conference Center or Samford University are the possible locations for the 2010 Women's Health Update. Nan Priest confirmed that the Bruno Conference Center is available for that date. Dr. Findlay noted that Dr. Miller suggested the committee include topics addressing obesity and healthy lifestyle for the WHU. Dr. Findlay also noted that each year the committee wants to add new participants to attend the WHU and this year the plans are to include Dietitians. She also noted that plans are to inform individuals of the silent auction ahead of time and they need to secure a place to store donated items for the auction. The possibility of including vendors and increasing sponsorship participation was discussed and Dr. Findlay indicated that the committee could do a better job with publicity this year if they started early. Dr. Braxton Lloyd thanked Margaret for taking the leadership on the planning of the WHU.

OWH Car Tag

Jessica Hardy, Director, Office of Women's Health, informed the committee that the OWH plans to reapply for the Healthy Women Car Tag. The OWH will partner with the AME church to conduct a Healthy Women car tag drive at six of their conferences around the state. She also noted that the Alabama Women's Commission will present research they found from a study they conducted on women and postpartum depression at the December meeting and that the OWH hopes to develop a potential partnership with these efforts.

Work Groups Report

The 5K & 1 Mile Walk, Women's Health Data Publication, and the Women's Health Update CEU Program sub-work groups met during the breakout session. See attached OWH work group report forms.

Roundtable Discussion

Kimberly Braxton Lloyd, Chairman, Office of Women's Health Steering Committee, facilitated the roundtable discussion and encouraged the committee members to attend the end-of-year meeting on December 11, at the Capital City Club in the RSA Tower. During the regular meeting the committee will hear from a representative from the Alabama Women's Commission. The awards luncheon will be an opportunity to recognize the OWH supporters and sponsors. Dr. Braxton Lloyd noted that a new photograph of the steering committee would be taken and will be used to update the OWH website. Individuals interested in serving as chair and vice chair for the OWH Steering Committee were encouraged to send their information to the OWH.

Closing Remarks: Kimberly Braxton Lloyd and Jessica Hardy thanked the committee members for their attendance and the meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting:
December 11, 2009**

Minutes Submitted by Dechelle Merritt
OWH Administrative Assistant

Kimberly Braxton Lloyd
Committee Chair

**WOMEN'S HEALTH STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2009**

The Office of Women's Health Steering Committee held its regular meeting in The RSA Tower, Terrace Ball Room 2 at the Capital City Club in Montgomery, Alabama. The following were in attendance:

Attendees:

Izza Afgan	Nan Priest
Kathryn Allen	Beth Taylor
Janet Benefield	Jacklyn Thomas
Nancy Bishop	Sue Turner
Kathy Boswell	Tracy Welsh
Kelley Bownes	Michele Jones
Kimberly Braxton Lloyd	Sabra Agee
Margaret Findlay	Shondreka Johnson
Debra Hodges	Arrol Sheehan
Juaqula Madkin	Leslie Posey
Angela Martin	Olivia Kioni
Janet McQueen	Evelyn Crayton
Thomas Miller	Melissa McNeil
Janice Nelson	Carol Kelley Nesbitt
Kathleen Obringer	Susan Fillipeli
Jessica Hardy	Julia Sosa
Dechelle Merritt	

Sign in sheet is attached.

Welcome/Call to Order

Jessica Hardy, Director, Office of Women's Health, called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. She announced that *Kimberly Braxton Lloyd, Chairman, Office of Women's Health Steering Committee*, was enroute to Montgomery and would chair the meeting upon her arrival. Ms. Hardy welcomed the committee members and recognized guests that were in attendance. Committee members introduced themselves and identified the agencies that they represented.

Michele Jones, Director, ADPH Bureau of Professional and Support Services, greeted the Committee members and visitors. She thanked the Committee for their work in promoting women's health in Alabama.

Minutes Review & Approval

Jessica Hardy, Director, Office of Women's Health, directed the Committee members to review the September 11, 2009 minutes. A motion was made to approve the September 11, 2009 minutes and the minutes were unanimously approved with the following editorial correction: **2010 Women's Health Update**, The St. Vincent's Bruno Conference Center or Samford University ~~is the~~ **are** the possible locations for the 2010 Women's Health Update.

OWH Activities

OWH Publication

Debra Hodges, Office of Women's Health Steering Committee, presented a report on the progress of the OWH Publication. The publication is in the final editing stage and is due for completion during the week of December 14, 2009. The publication will be available as a CD-Rom and as a PowerPoint file that can be downloaded from the OWH website. The next phase of the project is the development of the speaker's notes. The goal is to have this second phase completed by the next OWH Steering Committee meeting on March 12, 2010.

2010 5K and 1 Mile Walk

Juaquala Madkin, Office of Women's Health Steering Committee, presented a report from the 5K Workgroup on the planning of this annual event. Ms. Madkin directed the group to the report of the conference call held on November 19, 2009 that was available as a handout located in their folders. The date has been confirmed for Saturday, April 24, 2010. The location will either be Underwood Park or Linn Park in Birmingham. There is a possibility that OWH can partner with the Arts Festival that is already scheduled at Linn Park on April 24. The City of Birmingham still needs to respond to this request. Also, a request has been made for the City of Birmingham to waive the fees for the use of either Underwood Park or Linn Park. If the fees are not waived, the cost would be

\$3500 for Underwood Park and \$6000 for Linn Park. Ms. Madkin will continue to work with the city officials to negotiate a site that is both appropriate and affordable.

2010 Women's Health Update

Margaret Findlay, Office of Women's Health Steering Committee, presented a report from the OWH Women's Health Update Workgroup conference call held on December 1, 2009. Dr. Findlay directed the group to the handout located in their folders. The date and location of this continuing education offering are Saturday, October 16, 2010 at the Bruno Conference Center at St. Vincent's Birmingham Hospital. Dr. Findlay visited the Bruno Conference Center and spoke with Audrey White, Supervisor for Education Resources. The Center has a large auditorium with table & chair seating for 192 people. There is space at back of auditorium for Silent Auction set-up. The lobby area will be available for registration table, vendors, and poster displays. The kitchen area may be available for use pending permission from Morrison's Food Services. Parking facilities will allow for easy access to the Conference Center. The goal is to have 150-200 participants from nursing, pharmacy, dietetics, and social work.

The theme of the *Update is Women's Health Across the Lifespan*. A keynote address is planned as the opening session and will be followed by four additional sessions. The specific topics for each session is to be determined, but will be aimed at addressing health issues of various age groups—adolescents, young adult, middle-age adult, and senior adult. The Workgroup decided to invite Representative Artur Davis to serve as the keynote speaker to discuss the impact of health care reform (or lack of) on women's health in Alabama. Other speakers will be invited for the remaining sessions and will be asked to prepare a presentation that has an interdisciplinary perspective. Plans are underway for securing continuing education credit, conducting the silent auction, securing vendors, and for publicity.

The Workgroup will conduct its next conference call in February 2010. Any other Steering Committee members are welcome to participate. Each member of the Steering Committee is asked to contribute one item for the silent auction. The following agencies were added to the publicity list: Troy University, University of South Alabama, and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

OWH Car Tag

Jessica Hardy, Director, Office of Women's Health, stated that there has been no change in status since the report provided at the September 11, 2009 meeting. The goal is to proceed with the re-application process and partner with the 9th District AME Church of Alabama. Additional information should be available at the next OWH Steering Committee meeting on March 12, 2010.

Research Results Presentation

A report was presented by Susan Fillippeli, Ph.D., who was representing the Alabama Women's Commission. Dr. Fillippeli informed the group that the Alabama Women's Commission is charged with the conduct of research to improve the lives of women in Alabama and to report findings to the Alabama State Legislature. The web address is <http://www.alwomenscommission.com>.

Denise Davis-Maye, Ph.D., LCSW, PIP and Carole Zugazaga, Ph.D., faculty members from Auburn University presented the results of their study on Issues of Women with Children under One Year of Age. The most important finding was postpartum depression. Specifically, strategies are needed to recognize and treat postpartum depression including a screening tool for physicians to use. Questions and answers followed. There will be a joint meeting of the Alabama Women's Commission and the Office of Women's Health on January 21, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. The Office of Women's Health is looking forward to working with the Alabama Women's Commission in the coming year to provide community and professional education regarding recognition and early treatment of postpartum depression.

Work Groups/Roundtable Discussion

The work groups/roundtable discussion activity was tabled due to time constraints. Each group will continue to work through conference calls between now and the next Steering Committee meeting on March 12, 2010.

2010 OWH Chair

Kimberly Braxton Lloyd, Chairman, Office of Women's Health Steering Committee, announced that *Nan Priest* had agreed to serve as the new Chairman of the Steering Committee, and has been appointed to serve in this capacity

by Dr. Williamson, State Health Officer. Sue Turner nominated *Margaret Findlay* to serve as the Vice Chairman. Linda Roussel seconded the nomination and Dr. Findlay was elected by a unanimous vote of the membership.

In “passing the gavel”, Kimberly Braxton Lloyd expressed her appreciation to the members for their contributions during her period of leadership. Members thanked Dr. Braxton-Lloyd for her excellent leadership over the past four years. The gavel was officially passed to Nan Priest.

Announcement

The Alabama Cooperative Extension Program will hold a conference on April 20-21, 2010 entitled *Health Disparities in Women* with a focus on obesity and postpartum depression.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The Luncheon and Recognition Program followed in the Montgomery Room at the RSA Tower.

Next Meeting: March 12, 2010

Minutes Submitted by Dechelle Merritt
OWH Administrative Assistant

Kimberly Braxton Lloyd
Committee Chair (outgoing)

Nan Priest
Committee Chair (incoming)