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The mission of the Satcher Health Leadership Institute (SHLI) is to develop a diverse group of exceptional health leaders, advance and support comprehensive health system strategies, and actively promote policies and practices that will reduce and ultimately eliminate disparities in health.
“Today, the need for leaders is too great to leave their emergence to chance.”

Institute of Medicine Report, 1988
Leadership Lessons From the Satcher Health Leadership Institute

- Leadership Responds to Opportunities, Challenges and Crises.
- Leadership is a Team Sport.
- Leadership is Not Position Dependent.
- Effective Leadership Transforms communities.
- Leadership Requires a Global Perspective.
- Leadership is like a Relay Race.
- Leadership is about Partnerships.
Best available science
Healthy People 2020: Overarching Goals

• Attain high quality, longer lives free of preventable disease, disability, injury, and premature death

• Achieve health equity, eliminate disparities, and improve the health of all groups

• Create social and physical environments that promote good health for all

• Promote quality of life, healthy development, and healthy behaviors across all life stages
FOUR MAJOR HEALTH POLICY CONCERNS

- Cost
- Quality
- Access
- Equity
Health Disparities & The Affordable Care Act

- Preventive care
- Coordinated care
- Diversity and cultural competency
- Health care providers for underserved communities
- Ending insurance discrimination
- Affordable insurance coverage
AMA GUIDANCE ON HEALTHCARE REFORM

- 32 million uninsured Americans will gain access to care.
- Insurers will no longer be allowed to deny patients based on pre-existing conditions.
- Patients will no longer face lifetime caps on coverage or be threatened with cancellation.
- Children will be permitted to remain on their parents’ policies until age 26.
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- Health insurance exchanges and co-ops will be created that will allow pooling of coverage for individuals and small businesses.
- Tax credits will be extended to small businesses for the purchase of health insurance coverage.
- High-risk insurance pools will be created.
- Subsidies will help low-income individuals and families purchase health insurance coverage.
- The Medicare Part D Coverage Gap (donut hole) that haunts millions of seniors annually will be closed.
KEY THEMES FROM THE NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES REPORT

- Overall disparities in health care quality and access are not getting smaller.

- Progress is being made, but many of the biggest gaps in quality and access have not been reduced.

- The problem of persistent un-insurance is a major barrier to reducing disparities.
Eliminate cost-sharing for Medicare covered preventive services that are recommended (rated A or B) by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force
Lifestyle Indicators and the 16th Surgeon General’s Rx

**PRESCRIPTION**
(Not to be used to obtain medication or to contradict your own doctor’s advice)

- Moderate physical activity, at least 5 days a week, 30 minutes per day
- Eat at least 5 servings of fruits and vegetables a day
- Avoid toxins—tobacco, illicit drugs, and abuse of alcohol

**16th Surgeon General of the United States**

- Responsible sexual behavior: abstinence plus optimal protection when sexually active
- Daily participation in relaxing and stress reducing activities

Best Health Wishes,

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