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Coalition Members Help Organize 1,000+ Community Health Discussions

When Senator Tom Daschle announced that he wanted supporters of health care reform to organize Community Health Care Discussions, HCAN heeded the call. At last count HCAN had more than 1,000 community health care discussions organized by our coalition groups.

HCAN knows that almost everyone in the United States is affected by the health care crisis in the country, and is enthusiastic to see that the incoming administration has demonstrated its understanding of it by appointing Tom Daschle and soliciting Health Care Community Discussions. At the HCAN DC Community Health Discussion last week, a particularly moving statement of one of the participants really summed up the whole conversation about health care. Karima from Virginia said, "I don't really care how it happens. I just think that when people are sick they should be able to go to the doctor and not worry about the cost."

HCAN and HCAEF is letting the Obama Administration know that we want quality, affordable health care for all now—and we are making it our priority, too.

Health Care for America Now! ("HCAN") is a section 501(c)(4) issue advocacy organization. HCAN is related to Health Care for America Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) and a project of The Tides Foundation.

**Spotlight on HCAEF/HCAN Coalition Member,
National Council of La Raza**

The National Council of La Raza (NCLR) has a longstanding history of engaging in efforts to improve life opportunities for Hispanics living in the U.S. To achieve its mission, NCLR conducts applied research, policy analysis, and advocacy, providing a Latino perspective in five key areas—assets/investments, civil rights/immigration, education, employment and economic status, and health. In addition, it provides capacity-building assistance to its nearly 300 Affiliates who work at the state and local levels to advance opportunities for individuals and families.

The major health system reform that HCAEF is working on will be critically important for the Latino community. Every day, Latinos feel the struggles of their fellow Americans to take care of their families within this fragmented health care system. The challenges are enormous; approximately one-third of Latinos are uninsured, limiting access to health services. And even those with access to care are faced with barriers that have widened health care disparities for racial and ethnic minorities. However, unified voices calling for equity in health care will lead to the realization of meaningful reform. This is one of the many reasons why NCLR has come together to be a part of the activities of HCAN.

Learn more about NCLR at www.nclr.org

See all HCAEF/HCAN coalition members [here](#).

Pass it Along: HCAEF's Newest Electronic Resource

In order to achieve health care reform in 2009, HCAEF needs to be a quick and nimble organization. Our friends in foundations asked us to put together an “electronic brochure” that they could read at their computers and send along to other folks they think may be interested in our work. A document that is easily updated with new successes every week is exactly what we needed.

We think our new [e-brochure](#) is great: it touts our past successes and makes the case for our upcoming work. It gives information about our congressional partners and our coalition members; it even tells the reader what **President-Elect Obama** said about our campaign when signing on in October!

If you haven't already seen it, please take a look at our new [e-brochure](#) and then pass it along to others.

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