CARING FOR DIVERSE AND DISADVANTAGED POPULATIONS — TRANSLATING POLICY TO PRACTICE

The goal of this selective is to discuss topics critical to understanding the needs of underserved communities, such as Financing Care for the Medically Indigent, Creating Community Programs, Physicians in Politics, Health Care Disparity and more. We have invited speakers from several disciplines to speak about their experiences in providing healthcare to the medically indigent. Students will participate in classroom discussions at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Our hope is that the selective will not only stimulate discussion and initiate research on topics presented, but will also foster a humane approach to patient care and complement the medical curriculum. This selective is open to all students.

Objectives: Students will:

• Review and analyze major issues pertaining to the health and health care of underserved communities
• Describe and analyze the main health concerns of the disadvantaged population
• Describe how the community/environment impacts health care delivery and treatment options

Course Format:

• 1-hour discussions conducted by physicians, students, and other faculty
• 30 minute discussions for students to share readings and discussions on their topics of interest with faculty
• Students are expected to attend each meeting and complete all assignments to pass the course
• Site visits, if schedule permits

Assignments: At the beginning of the course, students will be asked to select a health topic of interest that is relevant to underserved communities and in which he/she considers how his/her topic relates to the ideas presented in discussions. Student will also be asked to submit a current news article or journal article that relates to each scheduled discussion in the course. Students will present a brief 3 page paper and discussion of the topic of interest to them.

Course Chairs: Daphne Calmes, M.D., Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Charles Drew University and Ronald Edelstein, Ed.D. Dean of Academic Affairs, Charles Drew University, and Shanika Boyce, M.D.

Student Requirements: Interest in health policy for diverse communities and willingness to read brief articles & lead discussions & one site visit, if scheduling permits.

Enrollment: Course is open to all students, but it is mandatory for 1st year Drew students

Sponsoring College: Urban Underserved College

Schedule: 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Session A starting 9/12/2016

Location: 1440 LRC