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The Funders Network is a network of grantmakers who address issues of population, reproductive health and reproductive rights, both domestically and internationally. Its members share a common goal: to ensure that all people have access to the information and services they need to manage their own fertility and protect and promote their sexual and reproductive health. To that end, the Funders Network seeks to improve communication, foster collaboration, increase resources and enhance the overall effectiveness of grantmakers in this field.



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PRE-MEETING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 (Funders Only)

- 1:00 – 3:00** **Sexuality Education Working Group meeting.**
(Off-site at Packard Foundation's Taafe House.)
- 5:45 – 8:15** **International Funders Working Group
dinner and meeting**
- 5:45 – 8:00** **Women of Color Working Group dinner and meeting**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 7:00 – 8:00** **Breakfast**
- 7:00 – 8:15** **Leadership Development Working Group
breakfast meeting** *(Funders Only)*
- 8:00 – 9:00** **Registration**
- 8:30-9:00** **Welcome**
- 9:00-9:30** **Opening keynote – Maria Hinojosa**

Maria Hinojosa, an award-winning journalist and author, is Senior Correspondent for the PBS weekly newsmagazine NOW and anchor and managing editor of National Public Radio's Latino USA, a weekly national program reporting on news and culture in the Latino community. Her personal experiences as a Mexican-American career woman, wife and mother living in New York were published in 1999 in her critically acclaimed memoir, *Raising Raul: An Adventure Raising Myself and My Son*. In 1995 she published *Crews: Gang Members Talk with Maria Hinojosa*, a book based on her award-winning NPR report. Maria will speak broadly to issues of equity, and particularly as they affect women, and especially low-income women and women of color. Her insights will help set the tone for our meeting and inspire us to address our concerns through an equity lens.



9:30-9:45

Break

9:45-11:15

Plenary Session

Influencing the new administration:

Short term tactics and long term strategies

Only nine days following the presidential election, this session's presenters will give us an up-to-the-minute account of the transition to a new presidential administration and Congress in Washington. They will discuss executive orders, cabinet secretaries and political appointees, legislation and judicial appointments. And they will tell us how the reproductive rights community is weighing in.

Moderator: Judy DeSarno, *Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation*

Presenters:

Ann O'Leary, *Center on Health, Economic & Family Security, UC Berkeley School of Law*

Laurie Rubiner, *Planned Parenthood Federation of America*

11:15-11:30

Break

11:30-12:45

Concurrent sessions

Funding forward: Cultivating leaders and healthy organizations

Strong and successful movements require able leaders and flourishing organizations that can attract and retain a talented and motivated workforce. But there are many challenges to fulfilling these needs, particularly in the non-profit world. The changing of the guard, both at the helm of an organization and in the broader, generational shift of a movement, can be difficult. What do we know about enabling smooth and productive leadership transitions, and how can we learn from them? How do we identify and encourage robust organizational cultures and healthy working conditions that support and sustain the next generation of leaders in our field? What is the role of funders in supporting both leadership transitions and healthy organizations? In this session, two leaders shed some light by discussing their own paths to leadership and how their organizations have faced these challenges.

Moderator: Mia Herndon, *Third Wave Foundation*

Presenters:

Silvia Henriquez, *National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health*

Jon O'Brien, *Catholics for Choice*

Method-ology: A new look at contraception and contraceptive development

After years of declining funding and political neglect or hostility, contraception is re-emerging as a crucial component of reproductive health and being recognized for its role in prevention of vertical HIV transmission. In this session, expert presenters will sift through questions such as: Which current contraceptive methods are underutilized, and what is being done about it? What gaps do

current methods leave unfilled and groups unserved? How much difference would filling those gaps make? What new options are farthest along in the pipeline, for both men and women? What is the foundation and public sector funding scene in contraceptive development? Why has private industry left the field? How can funders work together to assure that new products are affordable when they reach market, learning from past mistakes?

Moderator: Elaine Lissner, *Parsemus Foundation*

Presenters:

Aida Cancel, *Family Health International*

Cynthia Harper, *Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health, University of California, San Francisco*

Kirsten Thompson, *Male Contraception Coalition*

1:00-2:00

Lunch

2:15-3:45

Plenary Session

Putting on the pressure: How advocates are holding governments accountable for services for vulnerable women

Sometimes the policies are in place but the services are still not reaching women who need reproductive health care. What are creative strategies and partnerships advocates are using to hold governments accountable for the services and supplies they should be providing, particularly to the most vulnerable, low-income women? What have advocates done to achieve "wins", even when working in the context of grim and dysfunctional governments? Weaving together their experiences as international and US advocates, panelists will describe efforts to influence the performance of national ministries of health and public health care provision in Guatemala and U.S. state-level advocacy efforts to push state government to fulfill their responsibility to provide or expand reproductive health services, particularly in the context of the Medicaid program.

Moderator: Sarah Jane Holcombe, *Erik E. and Edith H. Bergstrom Foundation*

Presenters:

Mirna Montenegro Rangel, *Instancia por la Salud y el Desarrollo de las Mujeres (Alliance for the Health and Development of Women), Guatemala*

Peggy Romberg, *formerly with Women's Health & Family Planning Association of Texas*

3:45-4:00

Break

4:00-5:30

Concurrent sessions

Impact two-fer: Promoting equity through girls' and young women's empowerment

Supporting gender equity is not only about seeking justice, but also about achieving a range of positive economic, health and other societal outcomes. The Nike and NoVo Foundations have

partnered in supporting a \$100 million initiative based on the “girl effect,” the powerful ripple effect that follows an investment in girls. We will hear from the Nike Foundation about that initiative and its underlying assumptions in this session. We will also learn about research linking girls’ empowerment to improved reproductive and sexual health. And we will hear from a domestic practitioner about unleashing the power of girls and young women to shape their own lives and communities, in particular in the context of reproductive health.

Moderator: Monica Kerrigan, *Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation*

Presenters:

Meg Greene, *International Center for Research on Women*

Lisa MacCallum, *Nike Foundation*

Suely Ngouy, *Khmer Girls in Action*

Joined in justice: Environmental challenges, reproductive impacts

From preconception into late adulthood, environmental contaminants are redefining reproductive health and our understanding of ‘choice.’ Poor people and people of color experience disproportionately heavier exposures to pollutants and toxics. Environmental injustice becomes reproductive injustice as science increasingly links these exposures to health problems such as compromised fertility, fetal exposures, chemicals in breast milk and premature puberty. This session highlights groundbreaking work at the crossroads of reproductive health, justice and the environment. It showcases a panel of leaders working along multiple stages of a woman’s lifecycle. It features stories of women and communities protecting choice by organizing around such rights as the right to conceive and bear a healthy child, to nurse without fear of contaminants in breast milk, to buy everyday products without hastening puberty or risking disease, and to breathe in their communities without compromising their health.

Moderator: Tina Eshaghpour, *Women’s Foundation of California*

Presenters:

Mary Brune, *Making Our Milk Safe (MOMS)*

Maria Gonzalez Mabbutt, *Women’s Voices for the Earth*

Shawna Larson, *Alaska Community Action on Toxics & Indigenous Environmental Network*

6:00 – 7:00 Reception

7:15 – 9:00 Dinner

Celebration and reflection on this tenth anniversary of the first Funders Network annual meeting



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:00–8:15

Breakfast

8:30–10:00

Plenary Session

Learning from winning: Lessons from the work of Women of Color-led groups

Women of Color-led Reproductive Justice efforts have been essential to some of the most defining reproductive health, rights and justice victories of the past decade. They are winning by engaging a wide spectrum of women, many of whom have not been a part of traditional pro-choice work in the past and by gaining the support of new sectors, such as labor and environment, that have historically refused to take a stand on reproductive issues. As funders examine new and innovative strategies for building a broad base of support amid rapidly shifting U.S. demographics, what can be learned from the approach of WOC-led groups? Panelists will tell the stories behind key policy wins on both traditional reproductive health and rights issues and on other reproductive justice issues that are broadening the agenda. They will also speak to the role that funders can play in building a more inclusive and unified movement with the power to win.

Moderator: Surina Khan, *Women's Foundation of California*

Presenters:

Vanessa Daniel, *Tides Foundation*

Paris Hatcher, *SPARK Reproductive Justice NOW (formerly Georgians for Choice)*

Julia Liou, *California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative*

10:00–10:30

Break

10:30–12:00

Concurrent sessions:

Equity on the horizon: The promise of health care reform

What good is quality health care if people cannot obtain it? Skyrocketing health care costs and high numbers of uninsured leave health care beyond reach for millions, especially for low-income Americans. No matter the outcome of the 2008 elections, health care reform in the United States will be on the national agenda. In this session, we will hear an overview of key issues, constituencies and interests, and how women's reproductive health needs are being advocated and addressed in the discussions of health reform.

Moderator: Vic De Luca, *Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation*

Presenters:

Eesha Pandit, *MergerWatch/Raising Women's Voices*

Judy Waxman, *National Women's Law Center*

People and the Planet: New Research, Policy and Practice

Growing concern about the environment is rekindling interest in population issues. After years of inattention to the population-environment nexus, mainstream journalists, policymakers and others are asking -- in the words of New York Times science writer Andrew Revkin -- "Can population continue to grow without depleting the planet's resources?" This revived interest could help mobilize resources for reproductive health and other vitally important programs -- if the issue is properly framed and understood. In this session, we will learn about the population-environment connection and explore how that connection can be framed to advance reproductive health and rights, equity and justice. We will hear about current research on the relationships among population growth, resource consumption and environmental quality. We will discuss policy options that are grounded in the new demographic realities and guided by a commitment to women's rights and social justice. Finally, we will learn how these ideas have been put into practice --and the challenges and lessons learned--by a new generation of "population-health-environment" programs.

Moderator: Laurie Mazur, *editor, Population, Justice and the Environmental Challenge (Island Press, forthcoming)*

Presenters:

Bob Engelman, *Worldwatch Institute*

Adrienne Germain, *International Women's Health Coalition*

Roger-Mark De Souza, *Sierra Club*

12:15-1:30 Lunch/Member meeting (Funders ONLY)

12:15-1:30 Lunch for presenters

1:45-4:00 Funding matters: Dialogue on topical issues (Funders ONLY)

Funders Network members highly value meeting time that is devoted to informal discussions of the ideas, concerns and challenges they currently face. In this facilitated, funders-only session we will use an innovative technique in which participants create and manage agendas of parallel working sessions on critical topics. These focused discussions on the self-selected that are most important to our community of funders will result in learning, sharing and moving forward to action.

4:00-4:15 Wrap up and adjourn

4:30 – 5:45 Funders Network Board of Directors meeting (Pebble)

Later that evening ... join us for off-site fun. Details to be announced.



Logistics

Facility The conference will be held at the Chaminade at Santa Cruz, California. Please call the Chaminade directly to make your reservations at (800) 283-6569 or (831) 475-5600 and identify yourself as "The Funders Network" conference attendee to receive our special conference rates. To be guaranteed a room and these rates, you must make your reservation no later than October 15, 2008. **Check in is at 4pm and check out is at 12pm.**

Rates \$365.36 (single) or \$260.86 (double occupancy) per night includes meals with the group during the entire meeting. Rate is inclusive of all taxes and service charges per person per night for Nov. 12 and 13. You must provide a credit card number to guarantee your reservation.

Early arrivals/Late departures The Chaminade is offering a preferred rate of **\$249 + 10%** occupancy tax for those arrive before the 12th or staying beyond the 13th.

Other rates that may apply:

Day Guests The day guest package rate is **\$105.00 per person plus tax (payable to the Funders Network)**, and it includes lunch in the Sunset Dining Room, morning and afternoon refreshment breaks, and gratuities. **(No breakfast is included at this rate.)**

Partner Program The partner rate of **\$84.00 per day plus tax (payable to the hotel)** includes shared room accommodations with meeting attendee, breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Sunset Dining Room, on-site recreational amenities, and gratuities.

About the Chaminade & Santa Cruz

Built high on a bluff in the lower Santa Cruz mountains, with a panoramic view of the Monterey Bay, the Chaminade is surrounded by nearly 300 acres of woods and gardens. Guests are housed in garden-style buildings surrounding a central lawn in newly renovated rooms featuring feather beds, Aveda bath amenities and complimentary wireless Internet access. The Chaminade offers a variety of recreational opportunities, including a heated outdoor pool, fitness center, tennis courts, nature trails, and a spa with massage and sauna. All of the Chaminade's guestrooms, public space, and meeting facilities are nonsmoking.

In addition to the superb dining and relaxing ambiance at the Chaminade, nearby Santa Cruz attractions include fine restaurants, magnificent beaches, golf, and wineries. Santa Cruz boasts 300 days of sunshine in an average year; in October, daytime temperatures are in the high 60s/low 70s, and nighttime in the low 50s.

Getting there The Chaminade is approximately 45 minutes from the San Jose International Airport (SJC) and 90 minutes from San Francisco International Airport. The Chaminade can provide transportation to and from the San Jose Airport for \$49 per person each way; or to and from the San Francisco Airport (SFO) at \$120 per person each way, billed to your room folio. Reservations can be made directly with the Chaminade via their transportation coordinator or guest services department at (800) 283-6569. To avoid additional charges and/or full value cancellation fees, reservations must be made or canceled 48 hours in advance of travel. If you choose to drive, there is no charge for parking at the property. Driving instructions to the Chaminade will be included in your registration confirmation.

Registration

Please complete the registration form and mail in with payment (check or credit card).
Mail or overnight to:

Conference/Funders Network

1215 Veirs Mill Road
Rockville, MD 20851
(301) 294-4157

Registration policy

You must be a staff person, board member, or trustee of a grantmaking institution to attend the Funders Network annual meeting.

Conference fees

Early bird (by Oct. 1): \$300

Member: \$350

Non-member: \$425

Late registration (After Oct. 31): \$400

Late registration non-member (After Oct. 31): \$450

We do not want meeting fees to stand as a barrier for anyone who wants to attend the annual meeting. If cost is a problem, please contact Funders Network executive director Denise Shannon at (512) 928-9503.

Note: After October 31, the registration fee will not be refundable.

Registration Form

If you are mailing multiple registrations, please make copies of the form and complete separate forms for each and mail together with payment. Please print (in black ink) or type all information.

Name _____

Title _____

Foundation _____

Address _____

City/State/Country/Zip or Postal Code _____

Phone (_____) _____

Fax (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Please check if attending:

International Funders Working Group dinner/meeting Wed., Nov. 12, 6-8pm

Women of Color Working Group dinner/meeting Wed., Nov. 12, 6-8pm

Emergency contact:

Name _____ Relationship _____

Daytime phone (_____) _____ Evening phone (_____) _____

Mobile Phone (_____) _____

Please check one:

Foundation Trustee Foundation staff Foundation Board

Please tell us what you need, including any mobility, audio, or visual access requirements, to fully participate in the conference. _____

Number of registrations enclosed

Total fees enclosed: \$ _____

Please make check payable to the Funders Network or if paying by credit card, please provide the following information:

Type of Card: Visa or Mastercard ONLY

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