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**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN  
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**SUMMARY OF FY05 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) \$550 MILLION FOR HRSA'S HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAMS, INCLUDING:
  - \$40 MILLION FOR MINORITY CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.**
  - \$40 MILLION FOR THE HEALTH CAREERS AND OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM.**
  - \$55 MILLION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS.****
- 2) 10% INCREASE FOR THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, INCLUDING \$250 MILLION FOR THE NATIONAL CENTER ON MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES**
- 3) CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR RESEARCH RESOURCES EXTRAMURAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.**
- 4) \$65 MILLION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S STRENGTHENING HISTORICALLY BLACK GRADUATE INSTITUTIONS PROGRAM.**
- 5) \$65 MILLION FOR THE HHS OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH.**

Mr. Chairman, thank you for the opportunity to present the views of the Association of Minority Health Professions Schools (AMHPS). I am Dr. Barbara Hayes, Dean of the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Texas Southern University and a member of the AMHPS board of directors.

AMHPS is comprised of the nation's twelve historically black medical, dental, pharmacy, and veterinary schools. Combined, our institutions have graduated 50% of the nation's African-American physicians and dentists, 60% of the nation's African-American pharmacists, and 75% of all African-American veterinarians.

Mr. Chairman, historically black health professions schools are addressing a critical national need by carrying out their mission of training minority students in the health professions. Studies have shown that African American and other minorities who graduate from our schools are more likely to: 1) serve in medically underserved areas, 2) care for minorities, and 3) accept patients who are Medicaid dependent or otherwise poor, than their peers from majority institutions. We are proud that our graduates are making a difference in the communities that need help the most.

However, because of the unique history and mission of our institutions, we do not benefit from the traditional sources of revenue enjoyed by other health professions schools. Consequently, we rely on annual support from our partners in the Federal government to maintain a high level of academic excellence.

Mr. Chairman, before I present our Association's appropriations recommendations for FY05, I would like to express our appreciation for your leadership, and the leadership of Congressman Jackson, in restoring funding for the Health Resources and Services Administration's Health Professions Training Programs in FY04. For many of our schools, support from these programs represents the difference between our doors being open or closed. We greatly appreciate your leadership in this area and hope to continue to work with you to prioritize these programs in FY05.

## **FISCAL YEAR 2005 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **1) HEALTH PROFESSIONS TRAINING AT HRSA**

For FY05, AMHPS joins with the Health Professions Nursing and Education Coalition in recommending an overall appropriation of \$550 million for HRSA's Title VII Health Professions Training programs. For those health professions programs specifically focused on enhancing minority representation in the health care workforce, AMHPS recommends the following: **\$40 million for Minority Centers of Excellence (an increase of \$5.9 million over FY04), \$40 million for the Health Careers Opportunity Program (an increase of \$3.9 million over FY04), and \$55 million for the Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students program (an increase of \$7.2 million over FY04).**

These critical programs are the only Federal initiatives designed to address the longstanding under-representation of minority individuals in the health professions and they serve an essential role in supporting those health professions institutions with an historic mission of training minorities in the health professions.

2) **THE NATIONAL CENTER ON MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES**

Established in 2000, the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities at the NIH is charged with addressing the longstanding health status gap between minority and majority populations. **For fiscal year 2005, AMHPS recommends a funding level of \$250 million for the National Center.** This increase of \$58 million will enable the Center to fully support all of its programs and more aggressively address the health status gap in minority and medically underserved communities.

3) **EXTRAMURAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AT NCRR**

Mr. Chairman, if we are to take full advantage of the historic increases in funding that the Congress has provided to NIH it is important that our nation's biomedical research infrastructure remains strong. Currently, the National Center for Research Resources Extramural Facilities Construction program is funded at \$119 million. This program provides valuable support for the expansion of research infrastructure at academic health centers and universities across the country. This program is a critical source of support for AMHPS member institutions. For FY05, we encourage the subcommittee to support this program by increasing its appropriation by the same percentage as NIH overall.

4) **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S STRENGTHENING HISTORICALLY BLACK GRADUATE INSTITUTIONS PROGRAM**

The Department of Education's Strengthening Historically Black Graduate Institutions program plays a pivotal role in supporting our nation's historically black graduate schools. Funding is used to enhance educational capabilities, establish and strengthen program offices, initiate endowment campaigns, and support numerous other development activities. Annual support from this program is critical to the operation of many of our schools. **For FY05, AMHPS recommends an appropriation of \$65 million (an increase of \$11.6 million over FY04) for this important program.**

5) **HHS OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH**

Mr. Chairman, the Office of Minority Health (OMH) at the Department of Health and Human Services plays a leading role in ensuring that all Public Health Service agencies focus appropriate resources on improving the health of our nation's minority citizens.

Our Association is pleased to work closely with OMH on a number of minority health initiatives. For example, OMH is a sponsoring partner of our Annual Symposium on Careers in the Biomedical Sciences. This unique event brings together over 1,000 minority high school and college students each year to expose them to careers in the health sciences. **To continue the important mission of the OMH, AMHPS recommends a funding level of \$65 million (an increase of \$9.3 million over FY04).**

Mr. Chairman, thank you for the opportunity to present the views of the Association of Minority Health Professions Schools. I would be pleased to respond to any questions that you may have.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
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RELATED AGENCIES**

Your Name: DR. BARBARA HAYES

1) Other than yourself, please list what entity or entities you are representing:

ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOOLS

2) Are you testifying on behalf of a Federal, State, or Local Government entity? NO

3) Are you testifying on behalf of an entity other than a Government entity? YES

4) Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) which you have received since October 1, 2001:

1) Title: Institute for Research Into Health Issues of the Disadvantaged  
Agency: NIH/NCRR, RCMI  
\*Dr. Priscilla D. Slade, TSU President, is the PI of the RCMI Project  
Duration: 9/01/99-8/31/04  
Amount: \$5,921,483  
EFFORT: 20%

2) Title: Establishing Health Professions Program in the College of Pharmacy  
and Health Sciences (Project Director)  
Agency: Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education,  
Department of Education, Congressionally authorized award  
Duration: 10/01/03-9/30/04  
Amount: \$298,000  
EFFORT: 5% (No salary support received for this project)

3) Title: Title III-Strengthening HBGI Proposal (Program Director)  
Agency: Department of Education  
Duration: 10/01/03-9/30/04  
Amount: \$792,136.00 - EFFORT: 5% (No salary support received for this project)

5) If you answered "Yes" to question number 3, please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) which were received by entities listed under question number 1 since October 1, 2001, which exceed 10% of the entities revenue in the year received, including the source and amount of each grant or contract to be listed.

NONE

6) If you answered "Yes" to question number 3, do any of the entities disclosed in question number 1 have parent organizations, subsidiaries, or partnerships whom you are not representing?

YES

7) If you answered "Yes" to question number 3, please list any offices or elected positions held or briefly describe your representational capacity with the entities disclosed in question number 1:

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Signature: Barbara Hayes

Date: 4/14/04

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Texas Southern University (Houston)  
B.S., Pharmacy, 1975

### **LICENSURE:**

Registered Pharmacist, State of Texas, 1975-Present

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

- 11/03-Present      Member, Policy Advisory Board, Region VI Regional Center of Excellence in Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Diseases, UTMB
- 01/02 - Present      Member, Scientific and Technical Review Board (STRB) for Biomedical and Behavioral Research Facilities, National Institutes of Health, National Center for Research Resources
- 04/01 - Present      Dean, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Texas Southern University, Houston, TX
- 01/00 - 03/01      Interim Dean, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Texas Southern University, Houston, TX
- 9/99 - Present      Program Director, Research Centers in Minority Institutions Program, Institute for Research into Health Issues of the Disadvantaged

