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Lessons Learned from the Front Lines of Health Advocacy: A Dialogue with Crystal D. Crawford, Esq.

**Crystal Crawford
Vice-Chairperson
L.A. County Public Health Commission**

Monday, December 1, 2014 11:00am– 12:15pm, Sierra Hall 322

Crystal D. Crawford is Vice-Chairperson of the Los Angeles County Public Health Commission and serves as a grant-maker with a private health foundation. Previously, she was CEO of the California Black Women's Health Project (CABWHP), the only statewide organization solely devoted to improving the health of California's black women and girls through policy, advocacy, education and outreach. Prior to her role as CEO, she was CABWHP's director of public policy. Before working in the nonprofit, public interest sector, Crawford was a litigation associate with nationally renowned corporate law firms in Los Angeles, Boston and New York, as well as a public school teacher.

Crawford is actively involved in the leadership of numerous civic and community organizations. She serves as a member of the Women's Health Policy Council for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Office of Women's Health. She served on the executive committee of the Women's Health Council of the statewide Office of Women's Health (OWH) until its elimination in July 2012. She serves on the board of the Rockefeller Center for Public Policy at Dartmouth, which provides students with public policy and leadership development, academic instruction, training opportunities and internships. She is also an officer of her church in Inglewood, where she directs the provision of \$50,000 annually in college scholarships to youth and young adults in South Los Angeles. In 1997, she founded and continues to direct College Conquerors, her church's undergraduate pipeline program that provides youth with college preparation and counseling services. She previously served on the boards of the Tucker Foundation at Dartmouth College, Health Access California, SisterSong and on the advisory council for the California Breast Cancer Research Program.

Crawford is the recipient of numerous awards including the 2009 Advocates' Award from the Western Center on Law and Poverty and the 2012 Power PAC Award from the Los Angeles African American Women's Political Action Committee.

Originally from Harlem, New York, Crawford earned her bachelor's degree in History from Dartmouth College and law degree from New York University School of Law. She is admitted to the bar in California, New York and New Jersey.

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