Baker, Adamson Featured Speakers at Health Policy Summit

Linda Renee’ Baker, who held key managerial positions under three Illinois governors, and Katie Clark Adamson, the director of Health Partnerships and Policy for the YMCA of the U.S.A. will be the keynote speakers at the 6th Annual Health Policy Summit from 7:45 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. November 14, 2014 at the Fountains Conference Center at Four Points Sheraton in Fairview Heights.

This year’s keynote speakers will focus on the Affordable Care Act and how certain provisions of the act effect communities, schools, business and the healthcare community. Afternoon breakout sessions will address specific policies, environmental design, and local examples of progress towards improving the health of St. Clair County.

Ms. Baker joined the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute on March 18, 2003 after stepping down as the secretary of Illinois’ largest state agency, the Department of Human Services, a post she held for three years.

Her focus at the Paul Simon Institute is to expand access to high-quality health care in partnership with the SIU School of Medicine and helping minorities and people with disabilities realize their full potential. She also teaches a course on leadership for SIU-Carbondale.

Katie Clark Adamson has more than 24 years of experience in health policy, partnership development and strategic planning in the non-private, private and government sectors. She helps advance healthy living legislative and advocacy strategies at the state and federal level, including the drafting and implementation of legislative initiatives and accompanying policy documents; and, assisting with congressional, corporate and health partnerships.

Prior to working at the YMCA, Katie spent several years as a managing director of public law and policy strategies at law firms in Washington D.C. She represented 25 chronic disease and disability non-profit organizations in their work with Congress and federal agencies. She drafted legislation, lobbied for and secured tens of millions of dollars annually through the health appropriation process for these not-for-profits.
The cost of the Summit for professionals is $35 plus an additional $10 for nurses seeking contact hours. For students, the cost is $25 for the first 50 students and $35 thereafter.

To register for the Summit, visit the Get Up & Go! website at www.getupgo.info and complete the online registration process. You can also register by mail by completing the downloadable form and sending it and a check payable to Get Up & GO! to Post Office Box 304, Belleville, IL 62220.

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The Summit is a collaborative effort undertaken by key partners including: the St. Clair County Health Care Commission, Get Up & Go!, Dr. Willard C. Scrivner Public Health Foundation, McKendree University, Lindenwood College, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville School of Nursing, Smithton Illinois, the Heartlands Conservancy, St. Elizabeth’s Hospital, YMCA of Greater St. Louis and the Metro East Parks and Recreation District.

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