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Dr. Kevin Fenton, Director of the National Center for HIV, STD, Viral Hepatitis and TB at CDC headlines the Friday Lunch Plenary and the panel for the Town Hall Meeting at the 2012 National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities

Atlanta, Georgia - Dr. Fenton will join other federal colleagues on the Friday Lunch Plenary and the panel on Friday, January 20th, 2012 at the annual Town Hall Meeting in New Orleans at the Marriott on Canal Street for the ninth edition of the Nation African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities slated for January 19-22, 2012 under the theme “Forward Together: Engaging Our Future Leaders”.

NAESM, My Brother’s Keeper, the local Host Committee and participating sponsors to date, HIV Prevention Trial Network, the Legacy Project, Road to AIDS 2012 and the Black Gay Research Group are enthused that Dr. Fenton will be able to update participants on the way forward and the new focus of the CDC.

Kevin Fenton, M.D., Ph.D., FFPH, is the director of the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP). In November 2005, Dr. Fenton was named director of the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, which was renamed NCHHSTP in March 2007 to reflect the addition of CDC’s Viral Hepatitis program. He previously served as chief of CDC’s National Syphilis Elimination Effort since January 2005. He has worked in research, epidemiology, and the prevention of HIV and other STDs since 1995 and was previously the Director of the HIV and STI Department at the United Kingdom’s Health Protection Agency. Dr Fenton has spearheaded the development of a number of national HIV, STD and behavioral surveillance and research programs in the U.K. and Western Europe including the National Chlamydia Screening Program in England, the 2nd British National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles and the European Surveillance of STI (ESSTI) Network. He is a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom.

For more information on registration, abstracts, sponsorships, exhibit space for Conference 2012 please visit www.naesm.org or call headquarters in Atlanta at 404 691 8880.