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Human Services Co-Sponsoring Symposium on Healthcare In Our Community

PITTSBURGH – A panel of experts will examine access, delivery and costs of healthcare in the contemporary American system at a symposium, “Healthcare In Our Community: Possibilities and Realities,” being held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the University Club, 123 University Place, Oakland. Audience participation in the discussion will be encouraged.

Among issues to be discussed are disparities in quality and delivery of healthcare when income is a factor; whether government programs such as Medicaid or Medicare equalize accessibility and affordability; and potential improvements to the system.

Panelists will include:

- **Steven Albert, Ph.D** – Professor and Chair of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health
- **April Arsenault** – Coordinator, Health Care for the Homeless Program of Primary Health Care Services
- **Sharon Connor, Pharm.D** – Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy
- **Erika Fricke** – Chief of Staff for State Representative Dan Frankel, D-Squirrel Hill
- **John Lovelace** – President, Government Programs and Individual Advantage, UPMC Health Plan
- **Sally Jo Snyder** – Director, Advocacy and Consumer Engagement, Consumer Health Coalition
- **Kenneth Thompson, M.D.** – Physician and Health Advocate, Medical Director of the Pennsylvania Psychiatric Leadership Council
- **Adrienne Walnoha** – CEO for Community Human Services

The free, informational symposium is sponsored by Allegheny County Department of Human Service’s Allegheny Link to Aging and Disability Resources (The Link); APPRISE (Pennsylvania’s Health Insurance Assistance Program); and the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Pharmacy and School of Social Work. Space is limited, so please RSVP to William McKendree, Program Director, APPRISE, at mckendree@fswp.org.

Continuing Education Units will be available for social workers and attorneys.

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