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UPMC Family Medicine Chair, Dr. Jeanette South-Paul to speak at the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania's Third Diabetes Workshop

(Pittsburgh, PA – August 22, 2011) The African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania is set to hold the third in a series of diabetes workshops on September 8, 2011 at Noon at UPMC's Ronald B. Herberman Conference Center in Shadyside. The guest speaker for the workshop, hosted by UPMC, will be Dr. Jeanette South-Paul, MD, Chair of UPMC's Family Medicine Department. During the workshop participants will have a question and answer opportunity with Dr. South-Paul. In addition, participants will be joined for lunch by Registered Dieticians and a Nutritionist to learn about healthful eating.

Dr. South-Paul became the first woman and the first African American to serve as a permanent department chair at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. South-Paul has been given both the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences Distinguished Service Medal and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Exemplary Teaching Award. She was appointed the Andrew W. Mathieson University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Professor of Family Medicine in April of 2005.

UPMC is a \$9 billion global health enterprise with more than 50,000 employees headquartered in Pittsburgh, and is the second largest employer in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The African American Chamber of Commerce is conducting a two year project entitled "Diabetes: The Silent Killer, Self Management of a Chronic Disease". **The Western Pennsylvania region now has the highest incidence of diabetes among African Americans in the nation?** The project was developed to address the epidemic level of diabetes in this area, its impact on residents, and the economic implication for this region. The project consists of eight workshops on the awareness, prevention, and treatment/management options with a focus on all small business owners and professionals.

The workshops are provided, at no cost, as a public service of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania. For more information, or to attend the session, call 412-392-0610.

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