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Atlanta Experts Identify Social Determinants of Mental Health

ATLANTA – March 16, 2015 – The Morehouse School of Medicine Transdisciplinary Collaborative Center (TCC) for Health Disparities Research presents the second event in the *Health Policy to Practice Forum* series, **The Social Determinants of Mental Health: A Conversation with the Experts**. A dynamic panel discussion and Q&A will include editors and contributing authors of the recently published textbook, "The Social Determinants of Mental Health."

Panelists will discuss how society is positioned to improve mental health and reduce risk for mental illnesses. Testimony will explain how understanding the social, environmental and policy contexts of mental health is crucial to setting the conditions necessary to reduce mental health disparities and achieve mental wellness for the entire population.

Name of Event: The Social Determinants of Mental Health: A Conversation with

the Experts

Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2014 **Time:** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. EST

Duration of the Event: 2.0 hours

Speakers Include:

David Satcher, MD, PhD, Director of Satcher Health Leadership Institute, Morehouse School of Medicine; 16th Surgeon General of the United States

Kisha Holden, PhD, MSCR, Deputy Director of Satcher Health Leadership Institute, Associate Professor in Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences & Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine, Morehouse School of Medicine (moderator)

Michael Compton, MD, MPH, Chairman of Department of Psychiatry, Lenox Hill Hospital; Professor in Department of Psychiatry, Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine at Hofstra University, New York, NY

Ruth Shim, MD, MPH, Vice Chair of Education and Faculty Development in Department of Psychiatry, Lenox Hill Hospital; Associate Professor in Department of Psychiatry, Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine at Hofstra University, New York, NY



Brian McGregor, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Morehouse School of Medicine

John O. Gaston, MD, Associate Professor in Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science, Morehouse School of Medicine; Vice Chief of Service, Grady Hospital, Atlanta, GA

For More Information

For more information on the event and to learn more about the Transdisciplinary Collaborative Center (TCC) for Health Disparities Research, please contact:

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