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**STATE SURGEON GENERAL TO DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT THE
6th ANNUAL CARIBBEAN HEALTH SUMMIT**

ORLANDO, Fla. (September 4, 2008) – The Center for Multicultural Wellness and Prevention Inc. (CMWP) in collaboration with the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce of Florida Inc. and several community partners, are hosting the 6th Annual Caribbean Health Summit on Saturday, September 6th, 2008 at the Central Florida Fair & Exposition Park (Fairgrounds), located on 4603 West Colonial Drive, Orlando. The health summit is free to the general public and will be open from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

Florida’s State Surgeon General, Dr. Ana M. Viamonte Ros, is scheduled to deliver the keynote address during this year’s Caribbean Health Summit. The theme of this year’s event **“Making Prevention Your Priority”**, coincides with Dr. Viamonte Ros’ commitment for improved health care access, promoting healthy habits among Florida’s youth, reducing health disparities and leading Floridians to better health.

“The presence of the State Surgeon General certainly elevates the importance of grass-roots events, such as the Annual Caribbean Health Summit. I am extremely happy that the Surgeon General has accepted the invitation to deliver the keynote address, and I believe that everyone will benefit from what they will hear,” said Dr. Marie Jose Francois, Executive Director of CMWP and Event Coordinator.

The Caribbean Health Summit will provide participants from the Central Florida and Caribbean communities of all ages, access to health screenings, information and educational seminars related to health maintenance with an emphasis on promoting safety, optimal wellness and a happy lifestyle.

The event will bring together several local, City, County and State agencies, such as the Orange County Health Department, Florida Department of Health/Bureau of HIV/AIDS, Primary Care Access Network (PCAN), Florida Hospital Mobile Medical Clinic and many more. This year’s summit is being sponsored by Washington Mutual, Winter Park Health Foundation, American Cancer Society, Community Health Centers, Bank of America, Rosen Hotels and Resorts, Nirvana Health Services, Inc., Center for Health Futures at Florida Hospital.

The Caribbean Health Summit encourages Central Florida’s and the Caribbean’s communities to come out together to enjoy a full day of fun and health education for the whole family.

The Center for Multicultural Wellness and Prevention is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization with the mission to enhance the quality of life for diverse and ethnic populations through the provision of health promotion services in Central Florida.

CMWP has a well-defined history of providing health education and outreach to Central Florida’s minority population. CMWP is an established non-clinical setting, health education and outreach agency in Orlando, Florida. The organization has successfully partnered with community and social agencies to effectively address the health education needs of Central Florida’s minority communities. For more information about the Center for Multicultural Wellness and Prevention Inc., please call (407)648-9440 or visit our website at www.cmwp.org

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