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CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Dr. Lovell Jones, director of the Center for Research on Minority Health at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, will give two presentations on Thursday, Oct. 7, as part of a program funded by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi through a three-year planning grant from the National Institutes of Health.

At 2 p.m., Jones will speak on “Obesity” at the West Oso Auditorium. Teachers who attend will be able to earn Continuing Professional Education units. The presentation is aimed at community members and is free and open to the public.

At 6 p.m., in the auditorium at Christus Spohn Memorial Hospital, Jones will address healthcare professionals on “Health Disparities: An Overview.” One Continuing Education Unit for “Ethics/Professional Responsibility” will be available. The South Coastal Area Health Education Center is sponsoring dinner. There is no charge but reservations are required. For reservations, call the South Coastal Area Health Education Center at 361.881.8133.

Jones is the founding co-chair of the Intercultural Cancer Council, the nation’s largest multicultural health policy group focused on minorities, the medically underserved and cancer. He is the founding chair of "Minorities, the Medically Underserved and Cancer," the nation's largest multicultural conference which provides a forum for exchanging the latest scientific and treatment information. In 2002, Dr. Jones, along with Dr. Armin Weinberg, the other cofounder of the Intercultural Cancer Council, received the Humanitarian Award from the American Cancer Society.

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