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**Wanda Jones, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Women's Health to Speak
at Women's Summit**

Dr. Wanda Jones, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (Women's Health) for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will be coming to the Oklahoma State Capitol on Friday, April 25th to speak at the 2008 Oklahoma Women's Summit, co-sponsored by Governor Brad Henry and the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women. Dr. Jones will be the keynote speaker for the session on Women's Health.

"Dr. Wanda Jones is a true champion of women and their health. She is a passionate advocate for women and has fostered innovative initiatives to reduce health disparities and improve quality of life", states Adeline Yerkes, Chief, Chronic Disease Service, OK State Department of Health and OCSW Advisory Council Member.

Dr. Jones is the Director of the Office on Women's Health (OWF). Since her selection in February 1998, she has focused her efforts on eliminating health disparities for women through various programs and initiatives. Dr. Jones actively participates in the Department's efforts concerning violence against women, disabilities, HIV/AIDS, mental health systems transformation, and global health.

Prior to her current position, Dr. Jones was the Associate Director for Women's Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta.

The session on health at the 2008 Oklahoma Women's Summit will also include panelists discussing a variety of topics such as unintended pregnancies, health in the maturing years and adverse childhood events (ACE). Those attending the Summit will participate in developing a state health agenda and have the opportunity to raise concerns that are of particular importance to Oklahoma women. Other sessions include women and leadership, legislation affecting women and families, and incarceration of women.

For those who are interested in attending Dr. Jones' presentation or any of the other sessions, register for the 2008 Women's Summit by going to www.opm.state.ok.us and clicking on the link for the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women. Registration forms are available to download. Registration is \$25.00 (\$15.00 for students) and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. On-site Registration is \$30.00 Registration begins at 8 a.m. on the 4th Floor Rotunda of the State Capitol building with opening sessions beginning at 9 a.m.

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