

BIOGRAPHY

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James E. Rawlings is the Executive Director of the Department of Community Health with over 20 years of experience as a hospital administrator at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Prior to his role at Yale-New Haven Hospital, Mr. Rawlings served 2 years as a Policy Analyst with HRSA in the Carter Administration. He is currently the Founder & Chair of the Greater New Haven Partnership for a Healthy Community and the Chair of the Health Committee of the CT State Conference of the NAACP. He also serves on the National Health Committee of the NAACP and is a Trustee of the National NAACP. He also chairs the Sickle Cell Committee and Clinical Research Committee of the national board. Mr. Rawlings is the President of the Greater New Haven Branch of the NAACP. He serves as Chair of the Greater New Haven Health Committee. The Branch has hosted the largest urban Career and Health Fair in New England. He previously served as the Treasurer of the National Sickle Cell Disease Association of America (SCDAA). He also serves on the IRB for Pfizer's New Haven Research facility and is the Vice Chair of Leeway, Inc. Additionally, he is Chairman of the Hannah Gray Development Corporation Board; a 20-unit congregated living facility for seniors. Mr. Rawlings also serves as a member of the HealthFirst Connecticut Authority. He provides active leadership to many local non-profit organizations involved in the enhancement of the health care status of the Greater New Haven community. Also, he has presented internationally on the subject of AIDS research, treatment and prevention at the International Conference on AIDS in Durban, South Africa; Geneva, Switzerland and Barcelona, Spain.

In April 2008 Mr. Rawlings led an effort to establish a Commission on Health Equity, which was recently adopted and approved as a new State Commission. In April 2007 the Yale School of Medicine Department of Epidemiology and Public Health approved the appointment of Jim as Clinical Instructor. Also in 2007, he received the highest National NAACP Award as Chair of the State NAACP Health Committee. He also received the 2005 Connecticut Hospital Association Community Service Award. His past awards include the 2002 Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Award from the Greater New Haven NAACP, and the 2002 Yale School of Medicine Department of Epidemiology & Public Health Community Leadership Award. In 1997, Mr. Rawlings was awarded the National Association for Community Leadership Civic Award as one of 37 men chosen nationally, the 1997 Nova Community Service Award from the American Hospital Association, the 1996 Community Service Award from the Connecticut Hospital Association, and in 1995 he received the Distinguished Community Service Award by the Greater New Haven Branch of the NAACP.

Mr. Rawlings has a Master Degree in Public Health from the Yale School of Medicine and a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Rhode Island.