



June 2, 2009

Dear SPNS Grantee:

The George Washington University (GWU) YES Center and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) are pleased to invite you to participate in the ***SPNS YMSM of Color Grantee Meeting***. The meeting will be held from the evening of Sunday, July 26, 2009 through Tuesday, July 28, 2009. Please complete and submit the online registration form at [www.YESCenter.org](http://www.YESCenter.org) (click the "July 2009 Grantee Meeting Registration" link on the home page) by June 30, 2009 for each staff member planning to attend the conference.

**Hotel Information**

The Bethesda North Marriott Hotel is located at 5701 Marinelli Rd., Bethesda, MD. The hotel's telephone number is (301) 822-9200. Each grantee is responsible for reserving rooms DIRECTLY with the hotel. The process is:

1. Call 301-822-9200
2. Request "Group Reservations"
3. Reference the "George Washington University SPNS Meeting"
4. Provide the dates of "July 26-28, 2009"
5. Request the number of rooms and provide a credit card for payment and reservations.

Additional information about the hotel is available on their website at:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasbn-bethesda-north-marriott-hotel-and-conference-center/>

**General Information**

Costs for hotel rooms, air travel, ground transportation, and evening meals are the responsibility of the participants. Please contact your HAB project officer or your agency director if you have questions about allowable expenses. Conference attendees will receive a packet of meeting materials. To minimize the amount of materials participants must take home, however, the majority of materials will be placed on the YES Center website for use and review.

For those grantees desiring to venture out in DC, the concierge at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel is a great resource. The hotel lobby and each hotel room have information about area attractions. Gregory Phillips II, YES Center Senior Research Assistant, can also answer questions about area attractions or activities. Gregory can be reached at: [gphillipsii@gmail.com](mailto:gphillipsii@gmail.com) or 202-994-3429.

**Grantee Meeting Schedule**

The grantee meeting will begin with a Networking Session on Sunday evening from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel. Appetizers and beverages will be served. Participants should make dinner plans following this session. A restaurant list will be provided in your meeting packet. On Monday July 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday July 28<sup>th</sup>, the meeting will begin at 8:00 am and end at 5:00 pm (with breakfast from 8-9am).

### Food

On Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, appetizers and beverages will be provided at the Networking Session. Participants should plan individually for dinner. On Monday and Tuesday, a continental breakfast, morning refreshment, lunch, and afternoon break will be provided. Dinner on Sunday and Monday night is the responsibility of each participant. A list of local restaurants will be included in the registration packet.

### Travel

Washington, DC is served by three regional airports:

- **Washington Reagan National Airport (DCA)** is 20 miles from the hotel. This airport is directly accessible on the Metro system, using the Yellow and Red lines (\$2.35) and the closest stop to the hotel is the White Flint station, which is just 1 block east of the hotel. Please see directions below. Taxi service is also available from the airport. Cost from Washington Reagan National to the hotel via taxi is approximately \$55.00.
  - **To get from Washington Reagan National to Marriott via Metro:** Purchase a Metro ticket (\$2.35) at the kiosk located at the entrance of the Washington Reagan National Airport Metro Station (located inside the airport). Take the escalator up to the platform and wait for the Yellow Line train traveling in the direction of Fort Totten. The signs on the platform and the train will indicate the train arriving, its color, and its direction. Exit the train at Gallery Place/Chinatown and change to a Red Line train traveling in the direction of Shady Grove. Exit at White and take the escalators to the street level. Walk one block right on Marinelli Road to the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel.
- **Dulles Airport** is located 25 miles from the hotel. Taxi service from Dulles is approximately \$55.00 and 30 minutes in duration. Martin's Sedan and Limo Service is also available at a fee of \$65.00 in each direction, and requires a reservation made through the hotel. Driving directions are located on the hotel's website. If flying through Dulles, please be sure to allow sufficient travel time to and from the airport in case of traffic. **This airport is not recommended for this conference due to its location from the venue and recent issues with missed flights because of timely arrival.**
- **Baltimore-Washington International (BWI)** is 35 miles from the hotel. Taxi service from BWI is approximately \$75.00. Martin's Sedan and Limo Service is also available at a fee of \$65.00 in each direction, and requires a reservation made through the hotel. Driving directions are located on the hotel's website. If you are flying into BWI, please allow sufficient travel time to and from the airport in case of traffic. **This airport is not recommended for this conference due to its location from the venue and increased air traffic at this airport causing significant delays going through security.**

### Parking

On-site parking is available at a cost of \$4.00 per hour, or \$12.00 per day. Valet service is not available.

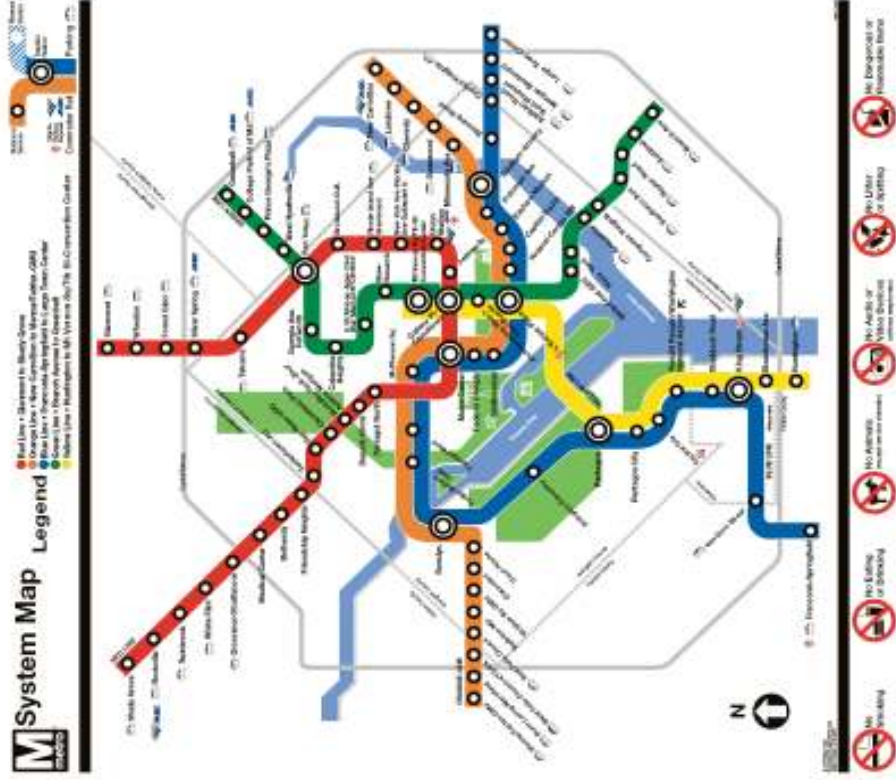
If you have any additional logistical questions, please contact Gregory Phillips II at (202) 994-3429 or via email at [gphillipsii@gmail.com](mailto:gphillipsii@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

*Gregory Phillips II*

Gregory Phillips II, Senior Research Assistant  
YES Center, George Washington University

# Ready Reference Travel Sheet



**Bethesda North Marriott Hotel**  
 5701 Marinelli Rd.  
 Bethesda, MD 20852  
 Tel: 301-822-9200  
 Fax: 301-822-9201

**YES Center Emergency Contact**  
 Dr. Julia Hidalgo 410-212-7554 (Cell)  
 Gregory Phillips II 202-994-3429 (Office)

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**Nearest Metro Station to Hotel**  
 White Flint (Marinelli Road)  
 Red Line