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(l-r) Commissioner Shelia Smoot, Dr. Albert Sloan, Dr. Perry W. Ward and Congressman Artur Davis addressed the audience.

### **Miles College Takes First Steps to Establish Medical Programs (from Miles College)**

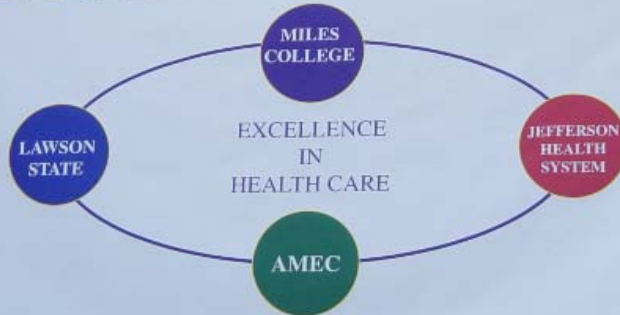
Jefferson County Commission President Larry Langford today announced the formation of an alliance between Miles College, Lawson State College, Jefferson Health System and Alabama Medical Education Consortium (AMEC) to begin exploration to establish medical programs at Miles College, one of the oldest Historically Black Colleges in Alabama. He noted this as a first step toward creating a recognized medical school at Miles College which is celebrating the centennial of its founding by the CME denomination in 1905.

Commissioner Langford announced the creation of a supervising executive committee to guide the selection of an advisory board which will create goals and guidelines for the programs and begin the research and study process necessary to establish the school.

In establishing the need for a new medical school in the community, Commissioner Langford cites research showing minority admissions to medical schools dropping dramatically over the last three decades. He also points to statistics showing the number of qualified candidates being denied admission to medical schools, despite a growing critical need for medical services throughout the country. "Our community has a long history of providing leadership in medical care. The establishment of a working partnership between Miles, Lawson, and Jefferson Health System and AMEC is a logical extension of our intention to expand medical training and services into our community, especially those areas which are underserved."

Invitations have been extended to a number of known and respected local and national leaders to serve on the Supervising Executive Committee and the Advisory Board. An announcement of the full advisory board and its chair will be forthcoming. **For more information contact: Elizabeth Bell 325-5504**

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