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“Primary Health Care: Spotlight on Innovation and Reform”

The St. Regis Hotel
923 16th and K Streets, NW
Washington, D.C.
October 27–29, 2004

AGENDA

Thursday, October 28 To be held at Kaiser Family Foundation Conference Center (1330 G Street)

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. – 8:35 a.m. **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**
Karen Davis, The Commonwealth Fund

8:35 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Presentation of the 2004 International Health Policy Survey of the
Public’s Views of Primary Care in Five Countries**

TO BE WEBCAST

Moderator, *John K. Iglehart*

Robin Osborn and Cathy Schoen, The Commonwealth Fund

Reactor: *Andrew Bindman, M.D., University of California, San Francisco*

Ministers’ Queries and Reactions:

*Carolyn Clancy, M.D., Director, U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research
and Quality*

The Honorable John Hutton MP, Minister of State for Health, England

The Honorable Annette King, Minister of Health, New Zealand

*Franz Knieps, Director-General, Ministry of Health and Social Security,
Germany*

Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Canada

*John Horvath, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health and
Ageing, Australia*

Enrique Ruelas, M.D. Under Secretary of Health, Mexico

Discussion

**to be confirmed*

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Coffee Break**

10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Ministers’ Policy Roundtable: Current Issues on the Policy Agenda**

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Moderator, *John K. Iglehart*

John S. Hoff, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary, United States
The Honorable John Hutton MP, Minister of State for Health, England
The Honorable Annette King, Minister of Health, New Zealand
Franz Knieps, Director-General, Ministry of Health and Social Security, Germany
Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Canada
John Horvath, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health and Ageing, Australia
Enrique Ruelas, M.D. Under Secretary of Health, Mexico

Discussion

12:15 pm – 12:30 pm

Bus to St. Regis Hotel

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
St. Regis Hotel

Lunch and Afternoon Sessions

Panel I: Re-designing Primary Health Care Systems for Quality, Access and Health Promotion

Moderator, *Robert Graham, M.D.*

Richard Grol. – Netherlands Quality Improvement in General Practice
Jonathan B. Perlin, M.D. – Patient-Centered Care in the Veterans Health Administration
Jackie Cumming – New Zealand Primary Care Reform

Panel II. Electronic Medical Records in Primary Care: Going to Scale, Connectivity, Access, and Quality Improvement

Moderator, *Clive Smee*

Richard Granger, U.K. Department of Health
David J. Brailer, M.D., U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Richard C. Alvarez, Canada Health Infoway

Panel III. Primary Care Quality Improvement: Case Studies on Innovations, Impact, and Sustainability

Moderator, *Karen Poutasi, M.D.*

Sir John Oldham, M.D. – U.K. Primary Care Collaboratives
Mats Bojestig, M.D. – Sweden's "Esther Project"
Alan Bansemer – Australian Primary Care Initiatives

Thursday, October 28
St. Regis Hotel – Crystal Ballroom

6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Reception in the State Salon

7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Dinner in the Crystal Ballroom

John M. Eisenberg, M.D. International Lecture:

“A Vision for Health Care in the 21st Century: What are the Challenges and Opportunities”

*The Honorable Mark B. McClellan, M.D.
Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services*

Introduced by Karen Davis