



### **Drew E. Altman, Ph.D., President, Kaiser Family Foundation**

Drew Altman is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. One of the nation's largest private foundations devoted to health, the Foundation is a leading independent voice and source of research and information on health care in the United States. Since 1987, the Foundation has also operated a major program supporting efforts to develop a more equitable health system in South Africa. In 1991, Dr. Altman directed a complete overhaul of the Foundation's mission and operating style, leading to the Foundation's standing today as a premier health policy research and information organization.

Dr. Altman is a former Commissioner of the Department of Human Services for the state of New Jersey (1986-1989). Prior to joining the Foundation in 1990, Dr. Altman was director of the Health and Human Services program at the Pew Charitable Trusts. He was a vice president of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation from 1981 to 1986, and served in a senior position in the Health Care Financing Administration prior to joining the Johnson Foundation. Dr. Altman received his Ph.D. in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he taught graduate courses in public policy. He did his post-doctoral work at the Harvard School of Public Health before moving on to public service. Dr. Altman is a leading expert on national health policy and publishes and speaks widely on health issues.

### **Jon Gabel, Vice President, Health Systems Studies, Health Research and Educational Trust**

Jon Gabel is the Vice President of Health Systems Studies at the Health Research and Educational Trust. Mr. Gabel is responsible for conducting studies and surveys that track changes in health benefits and the health care delivery system. His clients include research foundations, government agencies, health plans and employers. He formerly was Director of the Center for Survey Research for KPMG Peat Marwick LLP. He has served as Director of Research for the American Association of Health Plans and the Health Insurance Association of America, industry trade associations representing HMOs and health insurance companies. He was also an economist at the Health Care Financing Administration and the National Center for Health Services Research. Mr. Gabel is the author of more than 90 published articles in scholarly journals and serves on the editorial boards of a number of journals. He is a frequent speaker at business and professional meetings, and has appeared on many major national television news networks. He holds degrees in economics from the College of William and Mary and Arizona State University.

### **John K. Igelhart, Founding Editor, Health Affairs**

Since 1981, John Igelhart has been editor of *Health Affairs*, a bimonthly policy journal that he founded under the aegis of Project HOPE. During this same period, Igelhart also served as national correspondent of *The New England Journal of Medicine*, for which he wrote more than 100 essays called Health Policy Report. Although Igelhart still contributes occasionally to *TNEJM*, he resigned its national correspondency at the end of 1996 to devote more time to *Health Affairs*, which increased its frequency of publication from four to six times a year, effective January 1997. *Health Affairs*, a peer-reviewed, multidisciplinary journal, is the largest circulation health policy periodical published in the United States. It has subscribers in 25 foreign countries as well. Before 1981, he was a vice president of the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and director of its Washington, D.C. office. During the decade 1969 to 1979, he held a variety of editorial positions, including the editorship, at the *National Journal*, a privately published weekly on federal policymaking. Igelhart was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in 1977 and served on its Governing Council for six years (1985-1991). He also is an elected member of the National Academy of Social Insurance. He holds a degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and has been a journalist-in-residence at Harvard University.

**Mary A. Pittman, Dr.P.H., President, Health Systems Studies, Health Research and Educational Trust**

Mary Pittman is President of HRET and a member of the executive staff of the American Hospital Association. Prior to assuming the leadership of HRET in 1993, she was President and CEO of the California Association of Public Hospitals. Her areas of interest are community health and access to vulnerable populations. She has provided education and training on a range of issues, e.g., program evaluation, substance abuse program development, and community health program implementation.

Dr. Pittman has over 20 years experience in community-based program planning and design and has developed numerous public policy and legislative proposals to expand access and quality of health care to undeserved populations. She has served as principal investigator on a number of research and demonstration grants. She is co-chair and founder of the Coalition for Healthier Cities and Communities.

Dr. Pittman has co-authored two books, *AIDS: Principles, Practices and Politics*, and *Death, Dying, and Bereavement*. She received master's degrees from the University of California - Berkeley in Public Health and City and Regional Planning, and her doctorate from UC-Berkeley in Public Health Administration. She serves on the boards of a number of organizations, as well as on many national advisory committees.

**Diane Rowland, Sc.D., Executive Vice President, Kaiser Family Foundation**

Diane Rowland is the Executive Vice President of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and the Executive Director of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. She is also an adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the School of Hygiene and Public Health of the Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Rowland is a noted authority on health policy, Medicare and Medicaid, and health care for poor and disadvantaged populations. Her federal health policy experience includes the staff of the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment of the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the House of Representatives of the U.S. Congress, as well as senior health policy positions in the Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of the Secretary and the Health Care Financing Administration. Dr. Rowland specializes in issues related to health insurance coverage, access to care, and health care financing for low-income, elderly, and disabled populations and has published widely on these subjects. She is the editor of *Financing Home Care* and *The Medicaid Financing Crisis: Balancing Responsibilities, Policies, and Dollars*, and is a co-author of *Medicare Policy: New Directions for Health and Long-Term Care of the Elderly* and *Health Care Cost Containment: Lessons from the Past and a Policy Proposal for the Future*.

Dr. Rowland serves on the Board of the Academy for Health Services Research and Health Policy, the Secretary's Task Force on Infant Mortality, and the Commonwealth Fund Task Force on Health Insurance for Working Americans. She is a founding member of the National Academy for Social Insurance, Past President and Fellow of the Association for Health Services Research, and a Brookdale Senior Fellow. Dr. Rowland holds a Bachelor's degree from Wellesley College, a Masters in Public Administration from the University of California at Los Angeles and a Doctor of Science in health policy and management from the Johns Hopkins University.