

Biographies of Participants

Sheila Burke

Sheila P. Burke, MPA, RN, FAAN, is the Smithsonian's Under Secretary for American Museums and National Programs. Previously, Burke was executive dean in public policy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She served as the chief of staff to former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole from 1986 to 1996 and was elected to serve as secretary of the Senate in 1995. Burke served as deputy chief of staff to the Senate Majority Leader from 1985 to 1986, as deputy staff director of the Senate Committee on Finance from 1982 to 1985, and as a professional staff member of the committee from 1979 to 1982.

Burke currently serves as a member of the board of trustees of Marymount University and the University of San Francisco. She is a member of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC), a member of the board of the Kaiser Family Foundation, the Center for Health Care Strategies Inc., the Kaiser Commission on the Medicaid and Uninsured, the national advisory council at the Center for State Health Policy, and the board of trustees of the American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation.

Kristina Hanson

Kristina Hanson, Ph.D., is a senior research manager with the Health Care, Education, and Public Policy group at Harris Interactive in New York City. Previously, she was a senior policy analyst at the Kaiser Family Foundation in Washington, D.C. Her work at Kaiser focused on Medicare, with an emphasis on projects concerning prescription drug coverage and Medicare's under-65 disabled population. She holds a doctorate in Health Policy from Harvard University, where her research and writing focused on the politics of health reform, public opinion and health care, and mental-health policy.

Jackie Judd

Jackie Judd, an Emmy award-winning journalist, is a Senior Visiting Fellow with the Kaiser Family Foundation. During her fellowship, which began in September 2003, Ms. Judd is exploring better ways to communicate health policy information. Ms. Judd joined ABC News in 1987 and in 1994 was named special assignments correspondent. She provided reports for "World News Tonight with Peter Jennings," "Nightline" and "Good Morning America." She is a former news anchor for National Public Radio's "Morning Edition" and weekend news anchor for "All Things Considered" and a former CBS News Radio correspondent. Her honors include a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship in political history at the University of California at Santa Barbara, several Emmy Awards, an Edward R. Murrow Award, the Joan Barone Award, a duPont Award, a commendation from Women in Radio and Television for a series on women's health issues, an Emmy for "Nightline's" coverage of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, and an Overseas Press Club Citation of Excellence for her piece on the Czechoslovakian secret police.

Patricia Neuman

Patricia Neuman, Sc.D., is a vice president of The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and is director of the Foundation's Medicare Policy Project. She focuses primarily on health policy issues related to Medicare, long-term care, and health coverage for low-income elderly and disabled populations. Before joining the Foundation in 1995, Dr. Neuman served for six years on the professional staff of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health in the U.S. House of Representatives, and for three years on the staff of the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging. Dr. Neuman received a Doctorate of Science degree in health policy and management and a Masters of Science degree in health finance and management from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.

Michael Perry

Michael Perry has been a partner at Lake Snell Perry & Associates, Inc., a public policy research firm, for the last seven years. At LSPA, Mike heads a team of researchers who specialize in studying public attitudes and experiences on health care issues. A key component of Mike's research is seeking out and including the perspectives of diverse populations on important health issues. For national foundations such as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Commonwealth Fund, and most recently the Kaiser Family Foundation, Michael has conducted focus group and survey research on issues such as long-term care, access to health coverage, Medicaid, prescription drug coverage, mental and emotional health needs, and access to coverage for people with disabilities. Prior to joining LSPA, Mike was a senior associate at Mathew Greenwald and Associates, a market research firm in Washington, D.C., and a Fellow at the Center for the Study of Policy Attitudes.

Diane Rowland

Diane Rowland, Sc.D., 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 service on the staff of the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment of the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the House of Representatives, 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 serves on the Board of Academy Health, the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality for the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Commonwealth Fund Task Force on the Future of Health Insurance. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine, a founding member of the National Academy for Social Insurance, Past President and Fellow of the Association for Health Services Research, and a Brookdale National Fellow.

Bob Williams

Bob Williams is the co-director of Advancing Independence, a nonpartisan policy forum that identifies and advances responsible reforms in Medicare and Medicaid needed to enhance the health, independence, and self-sufficiency of children, adults and older Americans with disabilities. From 1993 to 2001, he served as the commissioner of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities and then as the deputy assistant secretary for Disability, Aging and Long Term Care Policy in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He also worked on the passage of the ADA and the closing of Forest Haven, the District of Columbia's institution for people with developmental disabilities.