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Speaker Biographies

Donald J. Boyd, PhD, is the director of the Fiscal Studies Program at the Rockefeller Institute of Government, the public policy research arm of the State University of New York. The Fiscal Studies Program provides practical independent research about state and local government finances in the 50 states, including quarterly reports on state revenue trends and issues, and periodic papers on a broad range of budget issues. Don has more than 20 years experience analyzing state and local fiscal issues. His past positions include director of the economic and revenue staff for New York State's budget office, and director of the tax staff for the New York State Assembly Ways and Means Committee. Don holds a Ph.D. in Managerial Economics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York.

Robert Day, PhD, serves as Director of Medicaid Policy and Medicaid for Kansas. In this capacity, he oversees a budget of over \$1.2 billion. Kansas Medicaid is the third largest health insurer in the State of Kansas and the largest single insurer of children, covering over 250,000 Kansas citizens. Prior to his present position, Dr. Day served as the Deputy Commissioner of Substance Abuse, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. Further, he was honored by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (then the Health Care Financing Administration) for outstanding consumer service while acting as Superintendent of Kansas Neurological Institute. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Washington, and his Doctorate of Philosophy from Vanderbilt University.

Barbara Coulter Edwards, MPP, has been Deputy Director for the Office of Ohio Health Plans with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services since 1997. She is responsible for the management and oversight of Ohio's \$10 billion Medicaid health plan. Ms. Edwards is also responsible for management of Ohio's Title XXI children's health insurance plan and Ohio's Disability Assistance/Medical plan. Prior to joining Medicaid as assistant deputy director in 1994, Ms. Edwards was Project Manager of the Medical Cost Containment Council at Nationwide Insurance (1992-1994), and served as Chief of Health Policy at the Ohio Department of Health (1986-1991). She began her career in Michigan as an analyst for the Michigan Insurance Bureau and worked for the Michigan Governor's Council on Jobs and Economic Development. Ms. Edwards has a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of Michigan's School of Public Policy Studies and a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from Bowling Green State University.

Susan Fleischman, MD, is the Venice Family Clinic's first and only Medical Director since 1989. As the Medical Director, she oversees the clinical practice of the largest free clinic in the country providing 90,000 patient visits over 5 sites to the medically indigent, including the homeless. With a budget of 15 million dollars, she is responsible for the supervision of a large clinical and support staff, oversees the residency training rotations for nine residency training programs and the work of volunteer physicians. Since 1987, Dr. Fleischman has been an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the UCLA School of Medicine, General Internal Medicine Division. In this capacity, she teaches residents on site at the Venice Family Clinic. She is the President-elect of the California Primary Care Association., past president of District 5 of Los Angeles County Medical Association; and past Chair of the National Advisory Council to the National Health Service Corps. Dr. Fleischman was trained in Internal Medicine at the University of California Los Angeles.

John Holahan, PhD, is Director of the Health Policy Research Center at The Urban Institute. He has authored several publications on the Medicaid program. These include analyses of Medicaid expenditures, variations across states in Medicaid expenditures, and the implications of block grants and expenditure cap proposals on states. He has also published research on the effects of expanding Medicaid on the number of uninsured and the cost to federal and state governments. Other research interests include health system reform, changes in health insurance coverage, physician payment, and hospital cost containment.

Diane Rowland, ScD, 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 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.

Vernon Smith, PhD, is a Principal with Health Management Associates (HMA). He is nationally recognized for his expertise on state and federal health policy, with an emphasis on Medicaid and Medicare reforms. He has extensive experience analyzing and developing recommendations on health reform proposals, implementing programs and representing state agencies with federal and national organizations. Prior to joining HMA, Dr. Smith served as the Michigan Medicaid director and as senior advisor for federal policy for the Michigan Department of Community Health. He also served as the budget director for the state's largest department. As Medicaid director, Dr. Smith led the development, implementation, and operation of a statewide Medicaid managed care system, achieving mandatory enrollment in every county in Michigan. Throughout his career, Dr. Smith has been responsible for policy initiatives, cost containment strategies, reimbursement and coverage changes, and new large scale systems, including managed care, which produced millions of dollars in savings and improved access to quality care. Dr. Smith has held academic appointments as an adjunct professor in health services administration for Michigan State University and adjunct associate professor in public administration for Western Michigan University.

Victoria Wachino, MPP, is Associate Director of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. An expert in health care for low-income people, Ms. Wachino specializes in the Medicaid program, especially how the financing of the program affects health care coverage. Her recent work has focused on the impact of state budget and revenue shortfalls on the Medicaid program. Prior to joining the Kaiser Family Foundation, Ms. Wachino served as senior advisor to the Director of the White House Office of Management and Budget. She has also worked on health and welfare programs at the state and local level for the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Ms. Wachino is a graduate of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, where she earned a Master's degree in Public Policy, and of Mount Holyoke College.