

Quality Care for Less Money: Can Regional Successes Go National?
Speaker Biographies
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T. R. Reid

T. R. Reid has become one of the nation's best-known reporters through his coverage of global affairs for The Washington Post, his books and documentary films, and his light-hearted commentaries on National Public Radio. Reid majored in Classics at Princeton University, and served as a naval officer, a teacher, and in various other jobs. At the Washington Post, he covered Congress and four presidential campaigns. He served as the paper's bureau chief in Tokyo and in London. Reid has written and hosted documentary films for National Geographic TV, for PBS, and for the A&E network. He has written seven books in English and three in Japanese, and translated one book from the Japanese. He recently co-authored the dual-language book "Reimagining Japan" (in Japanese, *Nippon no Mirai ni tsuite Hanasou*), contemplating Japan's future after the disasters of March, 2011. His new film, "U.S. Health Care: The Good News" will be broadcast by PBS in February, 2012.

Reid is a member of the board of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, the Japan-America Society of Colorado, and the Health Research and Educational Trust. He has been a Kaiser Media Fellow. He has taught at Princeton University and the University of Michigan. T. R. Reid has been married for 40 years to the attorney Margaret M. McMahon. They have three children.

Carol Beasley

Carol Beasley, MPPM, Director of Strategic Projects at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), has overseen numerous projects in multiple areas including: improving the care of dialysis patients; developing a framework for optimal use of health information technology in primary care environments; and launching the Triple Aim initiative focused on improving population health and individuals' experience of health care, while stabilizing or reducing per capita cost. Since its inception, this work has engaged over 100 teams in 9 countries. She currently serves as director for IHI's project on regional application of the Triple Aim and on the team (along with leaders from Booz Allen Hamilton and the Brookings Institution) that is providing technical support to the Beacon Community initiative through the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. She is trained in management, strategy, leadership and organizational change.

Sean Cavanaugh

Sean Cavanaugh is the Acting Deputy Director, Programs and Policy, in the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Previously, Mr. Cavanaugh was director of health care finance at the United Hospital Fund in New York City. He has also served in senior positions at Lutheran Healthcare (Brooklyn, NY), the New York City Mayor's Office of Health Insurance Access, and the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission. He started his career on Capitol Hill working for a member of the Ways and Means Health Subcommittee. He attended the University of Pennsylvania and the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health.

Elliott Fisher

Dr. Fisher is the James W. Squires, MD Professor at Dartmouth Medical School and Director for Population Health and Policy at The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice. He received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Harvard University and completed his internal medicine residency and public health training at the University of Washington. He is the director of the Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care and a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

His research has focused on exploring the causes of the two-fold differences in spending observed across U.S. regions and health care systems, on understanding the consequences of these variations for health and health care, and on the development and testing of approaches to performance measurement and payment reform that can support improvement. The research revealed that most of the differences in spending are due not to differences in health status, preferences, prices or poverty, but rather to greater use of discretionary services, such as the use of the hospital as a site of care and specialist referrals or diagnostic tests that would not have been ordered in lower spending regions. The findings that per-capita spending -- on these services -- is essentially uncorrelated with either quality or health outcomes highlighted the potential opportunity to improve the efficiency of U.S. health care.

His current policy work has focused on advancing the concept of "accountable care organizations" (ACOs) and includes co-directing, with Mark McClellan, a joint Brookings-Dartmouth program to advance ACOs through research, coordination of public and private initiatives and the creation of a learning collaborative that includes several pilot ACO sites across the U.S.

Jackie Judd

Jackie Judd is Vice President and Executive Producer, Multimedia at the Kaiser Family Foundation. She joined the Foundation in 2003 as a Senior Visiting Fellow. Ms. Judd is responsible for developing multimedia content for Kaiser Health News and in that capacity hosts the weekly webcast "Health on the Hill." She also produces documentary videos that complement Foundation policy reports and supervises the Foundation's production team. Ms. Judd is involved in organizing events at the Foundation's Barbara Jordan Conference Center. She serves as a technical advisor to the Foundation's international broadcast partners in the development of news content.

Ms. Judd is a former broadcast journalist who covered a range of issues including politics, health care policy and Congress. As an ABC News Correspondent she reported for "World News Tonight with Peter Jennings," "Nightline" and "Good Morning America." At National Public Radio, Ms. Judd was a news anchor and co-host of "Morning Edition" and weekend "All Things Considered." She is also a former CBS News Radio correspondent. Ms. Judd's honors include National Emmy awards, an Edward R. Murrow Award, the Joan Barone Award, the David Bloom award, a duPont Award, a commendation from Women in Radio and Television for a series on women's health issues; and an Overseas Press Club Citation of Excellence. She received a bachelor's degree from American University and serves on the Board of Rebuilding Together in Washington, D.C.

Mark McClellan

Mark McClellan is senior fellow, director of the Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform, and Leonard D. Schaeffer Chair in Health Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution. Established in 2007, the Engelberg Center provides practical solutions to achieve high-quality, innovative, affordable health care with particular emphasis on identifying opportunities on the national, state and local levels. A doctor and economist by training, McClellan has a highly distinguished record in public service and academic research. He is a former administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and former commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration. McClellan served as a member of the President's Council of Economic Advisers and senior director for health care policy at the White House under President George W. Bush. He also served in the Clinton administration as deputy assistant secretary of the Treasury for economic policy, where he supervised economic analysis and policy development on a range of domestic policy issues.

Previously, McClellan was an associate professor of economics and associate professor of medicine with tenure at Stanford University, where he directed Stanford's Program on Health Outcomes Research; served as associate editor of the *Journal of Health Economics*; and was co-principal investigator of the Health and Retirement Study, a longitudinal study of the health and economic status of older Americans. McClellan holds an MD from the Harvard University–Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Division of Health Sciences and Technology, a PhD in economics from MIT, an MPA from Harvard University, and a BA from the University of Texas at Austin.