



## BIOGRAPHIES

### **JUDY FEDER**

Judy Feder is a professor of public policy and, from 1999 to 2008, served as dean of the Georgetown Public Policy Institute. She is also a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress.

Judy is one of the nation's leaders in health policy—particularly in efforts to understand and improve the U.S health insurance system. A widely published scholar, her three decades of policy research began at the Brookings Institution, continued at the Urban Institute, and, since 1984, flourished at Georgetown University. Her expertise on health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, and long-term care is regularly drawn upon by members of Congress, executive officials, and the national media.

Judy has also held leadership policy positions. As staff director of the congressional Pepper Commission—chaired by Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV (D-WV)—she is widely credited with setting the stage for the health reform debate of the 1990s. During former President Bill Clinton's first term, she served as principal deputy assistant secretary for planning and evaluation in the Department of Health and Human Services, where she worked to expand health insurance coverage, effectively manage Medicare and Medicaid, and assure the safety of food and drugs. In 2006 and 2008, Judy was the Democratic nominee for Congress in Virginia's 10th congressional district.

She is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine, the National Academy of Public Administration, and the National Academy of Social Insurance; a former chair and board member of AcademyHealth; a member of the Center for American Progress Action Fund board, the Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowships Program Advisory Board, and the Hamilton Project's Advisory Council; and a senior advisor to the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. Judy is a political scientist, with a B.A. from Brandeis University, and a master's and Ph.D from Harvard University.

### **MARTY FORD**

Marty Ford is the Director of Legal Advocacy for The Arc and UCP Disability Policy Collaboration. She has 25 years of experience in federal public policy issues affecting people with disabilities. Ms. Ford represents both The Arc of the United States and United Cerebral Palsy on Capitol Hill and in the federal agencies on issues affecting people with disabilities, including long term services and supports (including Medicaid), the Supplemental Security Income program, and Social Security disability issues. Ms. Ford is in her third year as Chairperson of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), a coalition of over 110 national organizations working on federal disability policy issues. She also serves as Co-Chair of the CCD Task Forces on Social Security and on Long Term Services and Supports. She is a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance.

### **RICHARD FRANK**

Richard G. Frank is a Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He directs the office on Disability Aging and Long-Term Care Policy. Frank is a health economist whose research has focused on economic issues related to mental health and substance abuse policy. Prior to joining ASPE he was the Margaret T. Morris Professor of Health Economics at Harvard Medical School. He also served as Editor of the Journal of Health Economics. Frank was elected to the Institute of Medicine in 1997. He recently co-authored (with Sherry Glied) the book *Better but Not Well* which examines the history of mental health policy in the U.S. since 1950.

### **CONNIE GARNER**

Connie Garner is Policy Director for Disability and Special Populations for Massachusetts Senator Edward M. Kennedy, who is Chairman of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP). Currently, she is responsible for interagency disability/health policy development for the HELP Committee, and she consults to the Senate Democratic Caucus on disability issues, mental health related issues, and domestic HIV/AIDS legislation.

Connie was the lead Democratic staff person for: (1) the "Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999; (2) the 2004 reauthorization of the Special Education legislation (IDEA); and, (3) the reauthorization of the "Ryan White Care Act of 2006". She was also responsible for negotiating the "Family Opportunity Act of 2005" - a bill that allows states to offer a Medicaid buyin to middle income families for their child with significant disabilities.

Connie is now working as the lead Democratic staff person for: (1) the Mental Health Parity Act of 2007; (2) the reauthorization of SAMHSA (the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration) and, (3) the new Class Act. which offers long term services and supports to persons with functional challenges so they can live more self-directed lives in their communities.

Prior to joining Senator Kennedy in 1995, Connie was the Senior Policy Analyst in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitation Services at the U.S. Department of Education. While working at the U.S. Department of Education, she was the Director of the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council for Children with Disabilities and also served as the liaison for the Secretary of Education on all interagency matters related to health and children - including representing the Secretary of Education's interests in the health care reform debate.

Connie received her B.S. in Nursing, her M.S. in Nursing, her Ed.S in Special Education, and her Doctorate in Public Policy. She is also certified as a Pediatric and Neonatal Nurse Practitioner. Connie is married to Dr. Fred Garner, a Pediatrician and is the mother of seven children, one of whom has an intellectual disability.

### **LARRY MINNIX**

Larry Minnix is President and CEO of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA), a position he has held since 2001. For more than 35 years, Minnix has been a passionate advocate for leadership and innovation in not-for-profit aging services. He entered the field as an administrative intern at Wesley Woods Center of Emory University, where he went on to serve as CEO. He also served as an AAHSA board member prior to joining the association as its CEO.

Minnix has translated his passion into practice as AAHSA's CEO. During his tenure, he established the Center for Aging Services Technologies (CAST), developed programs to address important issues like workforce retention and regulatory reform, and is currently advocating for long-term care financing reform. Minnix is a frequent speaker on long-term care, quality, ethics, and public policy. He serves on the boards of Generations United and the Erickson School of Aging Studies. Most recently, Minnix was named to NonProfit Times' 2008 "Power and Influence Top 50" list.

Minnix received his undergraduate and doctorate degrees from Emory University and is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. Areas of expertise: Continuing care retirement communities, Culture Change in Aging Services and Trends in Senior Living

### **DIANE ROWLAND**

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 Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Bloomberg School of Public Health of the Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Rowland has directed the Kaiser Commission since 1991 and overseen the Foundation's health policy work since 1993. She is a noted authority on health policy, Medicare and Medicaid, and health care for poor and disadvantaged populations and frequently testifies as an expert witness before the United States Congress on health policy issues. 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 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 (now Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services). Dr. Rowland is a nationally recognized expert with a distinguished career in public policy focusing on health insurance coverage, access to care, and health care financing for low-income, elderly, and disabled populations.

Dr. Rowland 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 (now AcademyHealth), a Senior Fellow of the Brookdale Foundation and a member of the Board of Grantmakers in Health. She is also co-chair of the Public Policy Advisory Group for the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unwanted Pregnancy, and a member of the Campaign's Board. Dr. Rowland has served as a national expert on the Governor's Health Reform Task Force in Louisiana, the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality, and the Commonwealth Commission on the Future of Health Insurance and Commission on Women's Health.

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.

### **NORA SUPER**

Nora Super is Director, Federal Government Relations, Health and Long-Term Care at AARP. In this role, she is responsible for managing AARP's lobbying and government relations activities regarding health care reform, Medicare, Medicaid, long-term care, and prescription drugs. Prior to coming to AARP, Nora served as Kaiser Permanente's Director of Public Policy and Government Relations, where she represented the political and health policy interests of KP's eight regional Permanente Medical Groups.

Nora has more than 20 years of experience working in Washington, DC, with an impressive background in a wide range of health policy issues, including Medicare, Medicaid, HIPAA, ERISA, and other federal and state health programs. She has worked in academia and in the private sector, including GWU Medical School, the National Health Policy Forum, the Washington Business Group on Health, and the Employee Benefit Research Institute. She has also worked in government at the local, state, and congressional level. She is a prolific writer and a frequent speaker at conferences.

A native of New Orleans, Nora studied political science at Tulane University and did her masters work in public administration, with a concentration on health policy, at George Washington University.

### **PAUL N. VAN DE WATER**

Paul N. Van de Water is a Senior Fellow at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, where he specializes in Medicare, Social Security, and health coverage issues.

Previously he was Vice President for Health Policy at the National Academy of Social Insurance. From 2001 to 2005 Van de Water served as Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Policy at the Social Security Administration, where he managed the agency's policy analysis, research, and statistical activities. From 1999 to 2001, he was Associate Commissioner for Research, Evaluation, and Statistics at Social Security.

Van de Water worked for over 18 years at the Congressional Budget Office. From 1994 to 1999 he was Assistant Director for Budget Analysis. In that capacity he supervised the agency's budget projections, analyses of the President's budget, cost estimates of legislative proposals, and estimates of the cost of federal mandates on state and local governments. As Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis from 1992 to 1994, he coordinated CBO's analysis of the Clinton Administration's health plan and other proposals to reform the financing and delivery of health care.

Van de Water holds an A.B. with highest honors in economics from Princeton University and a Ph.D. in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.