

## **Rising Health Pressures in an Economic Recession**

### **Panelist Biographies**

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#### **Barbara Edinberg**

Barbara Edinberg is the Assistant Director of Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition. She has been with the agency since 1987. She has over 30 years of experience in health planning and program design, with a particular focus on health care access for underserved populations. She heads BCAC's research and community education efforts in advocating for social change to address critical needs of children at both the local and state level. Recent projects include, "Mobilizing Support for Healthcare4every1," which led to comprehensive health care reform legislation recently passed in Connecticut, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-funded initiative, "Covering Bridgeport Kids and Families," focusing on addressing policy and practice changes to increase enrollment in Connecticut's Medicaid and SCHIP program. Ms. Edinberg is also author of BCAC's annual *State of the Child in Bridgeport*, a report card on the status of Bridgeport's children.

#### **Joan Henneberry**

Joan Henneberry, Executive Director, Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, leads the agency responsible for managing public health insurance programs including Medicaid and CHP+. She is a senior health policy advisor to the Governor, developing and implementing health reform policies and initiatives. Prior to the cabinet appointment, she worked in the private sector after spending seven years at the National Governors Association providing consultation to states on health care services and financing, cost containment, and emerging policy issues. Joan spent 13 years at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, chairs the board of the Colorado Regional Health Information Organization, and serves on the Executive Committee for the National Academy for State Health Policy. She has a master's degree in management, and completed the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program at the Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government in 2008.

#### **Art Kellermann**

Dr. Art Kellermann is Professor and Associate Dean for Health Policy at the Emory School of Medicine. He holds a joint appointment as a Professor at Emory's Rollins School of Public Health. He practices in the emergency department of Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta's only public hospital and level I trauma center. He has published extensively on topics ranging from emergency cardiac care and injury prevention to access to care for the poor and the uninsured. A member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies, Dr. Kellermann has served on numerous committees and advisory groups to the federal government. From 2001 to 2004, he Co-Chaired the IOM's Committee on the Consequences of Uninsurance, which issued 6 reports on this important topic. From 2005-06, he served on the IOM's Committee on the Future of Emergency Care in the U.S. Health System. In 2007, Dr. Kellermann worked for a year as a health policy fellow with the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. He is a member of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. He also serves, on a part-

time basis, as a special advisor to the Emergency Care Coordination Center, Office of Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

### **Cindy Mann**

Cindy Mann currently serves as Director of the Center for Medicaid and State Operations (CMSO), part of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Prior to her appointment, Mann served as a research professor at Georgetown University, Health Policy Institute and the executive director of the Center for Children and Families at the Institute. Her work focuses on health coverage, financing, and access issues affecting low-income populations. She has written extensively on these issues -- and on how they relate to the Medicaid and CHIP, in particular -- and has worked closely with state and federal policymakers and program administrators on the design and implementation of Medicaid and CHIP. From 1999-2001, Ms. Mann was the director of the Family and Children's Health Program Group at the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), now the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. In that capacity, she directed, at the federal level, the implementation and oversight of the Medicaid program with respect to families, children, and pregnant women, and oversaw the implementation of CHIP. Prior to her work at HCFA, Ms. Mann led the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities' federal and state health policy work. She also has extensive state-level experience, having worked on health care, welfare, and public finance issues in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York. She holds a law degree from New York University School of Law.

### **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.

**Robin Rudowitz**

Robin Rudowitz is a Principal Policy Analyst for the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, a major initiative of the Kaiser Family Foundation. Ms. Rudowitz, who has been with the Commission since August 2004, focuses on Medicaid financing issues. Prior to coming to the Commission, Ms. Rudowitz was a Senior Manager at The Lewin Group, a health policy and management consulting firm, where she worked on a wide variety of health policy and delivery issues related to safety-net providers, Medicaid payments and the uninsured. Ms. Rudowitz has worked on budget and health policy issues at the federal, state and local levels of government. From 1999 to 2001 she served as the Medicaid Director in the Office of Legislation at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Prior to that, she worked for the District of Columbia's Chief Financial Officer, overseeing funding for the District's Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and public health programs. She also worked at the Congressional Budget Office preparing estimates for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program through the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and before that for the Ways and Means Committee for the New York State Assembly. Ms. Rudowitz was educated at Cornell University where she earned her undergraduate degree and a Master's in Public Administration.