

**FINDINGS FROM 50-STATE MEDICAID BUDGET SURVEY
FOR STATE FISCAL YEARS 2009 AND 2010**

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Deborah Bachrach, Esq.

In January 2007, Ms. Bachrach was appointed Deputy Commissioner of Health, Office of Health Insurance Programs, where she is responsible for New York's Medicaid, Family Health Plus, Child Health Plus and EPIC programs and regulates managed care plans. She also serves as the State's Medicaid Director.

From 1992 until November 2006, Ms. Bachrach was a partner at the law firm of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips where she co-chaired the Health Care Practice Group. She specialized in the representation of health and human services organizations, providing legislative, regulatory and strategic counsel. At the firm, Ms. Bachrach worked extensively with hospitals, community health centers and health plans whose patients depended on public health insurance programs, including Medicaid, Medicaid managed care and State Child Health Insurance Programs. She has published numerous articles on the effectiveness of Medicaid and Child Health Plus in reaching the targeted populations.

Between 1987 and 1992, Ms. Bachrach served as Vice President, External Affairs at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center where she was responsible for all hospital government, community and public affairs programs. Before joining St. Luke's-Roosevelt, she served for four years as Chief Assistant Attorney General in the Office of New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams, where she oversaw the work of the Public Advocacy Division.

Ms. Bachrach graduated with honors from the NYU School of Law and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Charles Duarte

Charles Duarte was appointed as the Administrator for the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) in August 2000. He is responsible for the Medicaid and Nevada Check Up programs, the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), and for Nevada-based hospital cost reporting and analyses. DHCFP administers: program services and funding for Medicaid and Nevada Check Up eligible recipients, including comprehensive physician, hospital, pharmacy, diagnostic, and other medically needed services for almost 200,000 Nevadans; in home and nursing home long-term care services; and community based programs and support services provided by other state and local government entities serving Medicaid recipients throughout Nevada. In addition, the Division has responsibility for hospital cost and utilization reports, and for the analysis of data submitted by hospitals in the state.

Duarte has served on numerous boards and commissions, including a previous term as a board member and president of a non-profit HMO in Hawaii. He also served as a board member of the Hawaii State Primary Care Association and as a board member for the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations. He is a former State of Nevada Public Employee Benefit Program (PEBP) board member.

Prior to his appointment, Duarte served as Medicaid Administrator for the State of Hawaii from July 1997 to August 2000. He served as Executive Director of a non-profit, federally-qualified health center in Honolulu from 1995 through June 1997. Prior to that he served as Director of a

multi-specialty teaching clinic and assisted with development of a community-based Medicaid HMO that successfully won a managed care contract with the State of Hawaii. Other experiences include health insurance sales and marketing management with Hawaii's Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan, and as a medical technologist. Charles has a M.B.A. and a B.S. in Medical Technology from the University of Hawaii.

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. Ms. Rudowitz, who has been with the Commission since August 2004, identifies policy opportunities for the Commission, develops and oversees some of the Commission's research, and develops and writes Commission publications. Her work 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 also spent time working 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.

Vernon K. Smith

Vernon Smith is a Principal with Health Management Associates, where he focuses on Medicaid, Medicare, SCHIP, state budgets and trends in the health care market place. He has authored several reports on enrollment, spending and policy trends in Medicaid and SCHIP, on the Medicare prescription drug benefit, and on state directions to address the uninsured.

Before joining HMA, Dr. Smith served as Michigan Medicaid director and as budget director for the human services agency during 30 years of public service. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from Michigan State University. Among other involvements, he serves on the Board of Trustees of Anderson University, his undergraduate Alma Mater.