

Conversation on Health Care and the 2018 Midterm Elections

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Agenda and Biographies

11:30-11:35 a.m.: Welcome & Opening Remarks

Drew Altman, President and CEO, KFF

11:35 a.m. -12 p.m.: Formal Remarks

Mollyann Brodie, Senior Vice President & Executive Director for Public Opinion and Survey Research, KFF

Larry Levitt, Senior Vice President for Health Reform, KFF

Emily Bazar, Kaiser Health News and California Healthline Senior Editor and Columnist

12 – 12:45 p.m.: Audience Q & A

Drew Altman is President and Chief Executive Officer of KFF (Kaiser Family Foundation). He is an innovator in the world of foundations and a leading expert on national health policy who publishes and speaks widely on health issues. Dr. Altman founded the current-day KFF in the early 1990s, directing a complete overhaul of KFF's mission, staff, and operating style. He is also founding publisher of KFF's Kaiser Health News, the largest health newsroom in the U.S., distributing coverage of health issues through major news outlets across the country.

Mollyann Brodie is Senior Vice President & Executive Director for Public Opinion and Survey Research at KFF where she is responsible for all aspects of KFF's public opinion survey efforts, including the monthly Kaiser Health Tracking poll, the Foundation's work on Americans' attitudes toward global health policy, and the ongoing survey partnerships with media organizations including *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, and NPR. Dr. Brodie's efforts focus on understanding public opinion and knowledge on health care policy issues, and the role of opinion in health policy debates. She is also responsible for all executive operations of the Foundation, including directing the President's Office and supporting the activities of the Foundation's Board of Trustees and Board Committees.

Larry Levitt is Senior Vice President for Health Reform at KFF and Senior Advisor to the President. Among other duties, he is Co-Executive Director of the Program for the Study of Health Reform and Private Insurance. He previously was Editor-in-Chief of kaisernetwork.org, KFF's online health policy news and information service, and directed KFF's communications and online activities and its Changing Health Care Marketplace Project.

Emily Bazar is a Kaiser Health News and California Healthline Senior Editor and Columnist of "Ask Emily", which addresses readers' concerns about the Affordable Care Act and other health care topics. The column has appeared in more than 25 newspapers and NPR affiliate websites across California and generated more than 2,500 direct questions and comments. Emily regularly appears on KPCC, KQED, Capital Public Radio and other California radio stations. She also covers stories about Medi-Cal, Covered California, and health care affordability and access.