Chiquita Brooks-LaSure
Deputy Center and Policy Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO, CMS) , Maryland

Chiquita Brooks-LaSure is the deputy center and policy director at the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO, CMS). She previously served as director of coverage policy in the Office of Health Reform (OHR) at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). OHR provides leadership and coordination of the development of the Administration’s policy agenda across agencies for the Affordable Care Act of 2010. Within OHR, Chiquita is responsible for policies regarding health insurance reforms, Exchanges and the expansion of Medicaid coverage. Prior to joining HHS, she was Democratic staff for the US House of Representatives Ways & Means Committee. There, she played an integral role in the passage of the new health care reform law. Prior to joining the Committee, Chiquita was a director at Avalere Health, a strategic advisory group that advises clients on health policy. From 1999 to 2003, she worked at the White House Office of Management and Budget. Chiquita received her AB from Princeton University and her MPP from Georgetown University.

Karen Ignagni
President & CEO, America’s Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)  
Washington, D.C.

As President and Chief Executive Officer of America’s Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), Karen Ignagni is the voice of health insurance plans, representing members that provide health and supplemental benefits to more than 200 million Americans. During Ms. Ignagni’s tenure as CEO, she has led two mergers with other organizations to form AHIP, making it the leading voice for the health plan community in America.

Ms. Ignagni has won many accolades for her leadership, earning recognition by leading publications, including the New York Times, National Journal, The Hill, Time Magazine, The Washingtonian, Fortune Magazine, and Modern Healthcare, for her extensive health policy background and intrinsic feel for politics. The National Journal said she is “among the most respected and effective lobbyists in Washington,” and also named her as one of the top 25 most influential women in D.C. Ms. Ignagni is one of only eight individuals to be included in Modern Healthcare’s annual rankings of the “Most Influential People in Healthcare” for each year of its existence, a testament to her continued success and leadership in the industry. She is a frequent contributor to the national health care dialogue, appearing in NBC Nightly News, ABC News, CBS Evening News, CNN, Fox Business, New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Associated Press, Reuters, NPR, PBS, USA Today, New England Journal of Medicine, and Health Affairs. Prior to 1993, Ms. Ignagni directed the AFL-CIO’s Department of Employee Benefits. In the 1980s, she was a Professional Staff Member on the U.S. Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, preceded by work at the Committee for National Health Insurance and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Timothy Jost, J.D.
Professor, Washington and Lee Univ. School of Law; NAIC Consumer Representative  
Virginia

Tim Jost holds the Robert L. Willett Family Professorship of Law at the Washington and Lee University School of Law. He is a co-author of a casebook, Health Law, used widely throughout the United States in teaching health law, and of a treatise and hornbook by the same name. He is also the author of Health Care Coverage Determinations: An International Comparative Study; Disentitlement? The Threats Facing our Public Health Care Programs and a Rights-Based
Response; and Readings in Comparative Health Law and Bioethics, the second edition of which appeared this spring. He has also written numerous articles and book chapters on health care regulation and comparative health law and policy, and has lectured on health law topics throughout the world. His most recent book is Health Care at Risk: A Critique of the Consumer-Driven Movement, published by Duke University Press in 2007. His Health Affairs blog on health reform consumer, legal and constitutional issues is widely read and cited.

Susan V. McNally
Senior Advisor, Intergovernmental Affairs, Congressional and Legislative Affairs, U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), Washington, DC

Susan V. McNally is Senior Advisor in the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs. In this position she is responsible for planning and directing communications strategies and developing executive level partnerships with State, local, and tribal governments to support OPM programs. Prior to assuming this role, Ms. McNally was Assistant Director, National Healthcare Operations, where she led the development and implementation of new programs given to OPM under the Affordable Care Act, including the Multi-State Plan Program and the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan program. From 2002 to 2009, Ms. McNally was Director of the Low Income Programs Analysis Group in the Office of Legislation at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). In this role, she planned and implemented strategies to achieve the enactment of legislative initiatives for the Medicaid, CHIP, and low income Medicare programs as well to improve coverage for the uninsured. She represented CMS in negotiations on major legislative initiatives such as the Medicare drug benefit and Medicaid reform, and managed the provision of policy and technical assistance to congressional committees.

Sandy Praeger
Kansas Insurance Commissioner
Chair, Health Insurance and Managed Care Committee of National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC)

Sandy Praeger (R) was elected as Kansas’ 24th Insurance Commissioner in 2002 and began serving in the position January 13, 2003. She was re-elected in 2006 and 2010. She previously served three terms in the Kansas Senate and one term in the Kansas House of Representatives. She also served as mayor of Lawrence, KS, and was on the Lawrence City Commission. Praeger was president of the NAIC in 2008 and currently serves as chair of the Health Insurance and Managed Care Committee and Antifraud Task Force, and is a member of several other NAIC committees.

She has testified before the U.S. Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee on “balanced federalism” as it relates to health regulatory issues. She also appeared before the U.S. Senate Small Business Committee expressing concerns about association health plans; before the subcommittee of the House Committee on Financial Services regarding flood reform; and before the Senate Select Committee on Aging. In 2010, she became a recipient of the prestigious Dr. Nathan B. Davis Award by the American Medical Association, given to individuals who have made a significant contribution to the public health through elected and career government service. Praeger is a graduate of the University of Kansas and lives in Lawrence, KS, with her husband, Dr. Mark Praeger. They have two married children and three grandchildren.

Elaine Ryan
Vice-President, State Strategy & Integration, AARP
Washington D.C.

Elaine Ryan is the vice president of State Advocacy and Strategy Integration (SASI) in AARP’s Government Affairs group. She leads a team of dedicated legislative staff who work with AARP state offices to advance advocacy with Governors and state legislators, helping people 50+ attain and maintain their long-term financial security and health.
Cheryl Smith
Senior Practitioner, Health Insurance Exchange Practice, Deloitte Consulting; former director, Utah Health Exchange, Utah

Cheryl S. Smith is a member of Deloitte Consulting's state government health care practice where she serves as a leader specializing in health insurance exchanges. Smith advises Deloitte’s state government clients on health reform, health insurance exchange development and implementation, and driving meaningful change in states’ healthcare services and offerings. She played a central role in Utah’s Health Insurance Exchange, one of only two functioning state health insurance exchanges in the country. Prior to Deloitte, Cheryl worked as a director in the Health Insurance Exchange practice at Leavitt Partners and in the Utah Governor’s Office of Economic Development as the Director of Policy and Strategy of the Utah Health Exchange office. Her leadership and expertise in the area of insurance exchanges and health system reform often draws national attention as she is frequently cited in a number of respected publications including the Washington Post, Politico, The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and the New York Times. Cheryl has participated multiple times as a presenter, panelist, or moderator at a number of national conferences including those sponsored by the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), the Republican Governors Association (RGA), the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL), and America’s Health Insurance Plans (AHIP).

Nancy E. Taylor, J.D.
Outside Counsel, the Business Roundtable; Co-Chair, Health & FDA Business Practice, Greenberg Traurig
Washington D.C.

Nancy Taylor has advised clients on health care related matters for more than two decades. She acts as outside counsel for the Business Roundtable, the national trade association representing many of the largest firms in the United States. She has broad experience in areas relating to the Affordable Care Act provisions, CMS reimbursement and policy issues relating to providers and plans, and she has done a significant amount of FDA regulatory work. Prior to joining Greenberg Traurig, Nancy served 10 years as Health Policy Director for the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources. She also served as CEO of a start-up medical device company, where she obtained eight product clearances, including securing reimbursement coverage for each product. During her tenure on Capitol Hill, she drafted and was instrumental in most major health care laws enacted during the past two decades, including the Safe Medical Devices Amendments of 1988, the Nutritional Labeling and Education Act of 1990, the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act of 1988, COBRA (extension of health benefits) the Orphan Drug Amendments of 1983, the Americans with Disabilities Act (relating to health), and many other bills included in reconciliation or as freestanding health care.

**MONDAY, Aug. 12 – Alphabetical order**

Representative Mark Biviano
Member, House of Representatives, Arkansas

Rep. Mark Biviano of Searcy is serving his second term in the Arkansas House of Representatives. During the 89th General Assembly, Rep. Biviano serves on the Joint Budget Committee, Education Committee, and the Insurance and Commerce Committee. During the 88th General Assembly, Rep. Biviano served as vice chair of the House Insurance and Commerce Subcommittee for Financial Institutions. He also served on the House Revenue and Tax Committee, and the Arkansas Legislative Council. Rep. Biviano works in real estate. He represents District 46, which includes part of White County. Originally from Blytheville, Arkansas, he graduated high school from McDonald High in Ohio. He earned a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Arkansas. Rep. Biviano has been involved with
several civic and youth organizations in his district, including Jaycees, where he served as president. He is also a coach for youth sports teams. He and his wife, Barbara, have three children.

Senator Karen Keiser
Ranking member, Senate Health Committee
Washington

Karen Keiser has been a Washington State Senator since 2001 and has earned a reputation as a tireless advocate for improving health care. Before coming to the Senate, she served in the House of Representatives from 1996 to 2001. Karen has chaired the Washington state Senate Health & Long-Term Care Committee since 2005, where she works to improve the state’s health care delivery system. She also sits on four other committees including the Ways and Means and Rules committees. In addition to serving the citizens of Washington, Karen serves as the chair of the Working Group of State Legislators for Health Reform, a group of legislators from across the nation working to implement health reform. She also is a vice-chair of the National Conference of State Legislators Health Committee and an Executive Board member of the Progressive States Network.

Cindy Mann, J.D.
CMS Deputy Administrator/Director, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS)
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Cindy Mann, J.D. has served as the Director of the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) within the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) since June 2009. As CMS Deputy Administrator and Director of CMCS, Cindy is responsible for the development and implementation of national policies governing Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the agency’s provider survey and certification activities. CMCS also serves as the focal point for all CMS interactions with state and local governments and the territories.

Prior to her return to CMS in 2009, Cindy served as a research professor at the Georgetown University Health Policy Institute and was the Executive Director of the Center for Children and Families at the Institute. Her work at Georgetown focused on health coverage, financing, and access issues affecting low-income populations and states. Cindy served as Director of the Family and Children’s Health Programs Group in the CMS (then HCFA) Center for Medicaid and State Operations (now CMCS) from 1999 – 2001, where she played a key role in implementing the SCHIP program and led the center’s broader work on Medicaid policies affecting children and families. Before joining HCFA in 1999, Cindy directed 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. Cindy received a law degree from the New York University School of Law and a B.A. from Cornell University.

Kathleen Sebelius
Secretary
U. S. Department of Health and Human Services

Kathleen Sebelius was sworn in as the 21st Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on April 28, 2009. Since taking office, Secretary Sebelius has led ambitious efforts to improve America’s health and enhance the delivery of human services to some of the nation’s most vulnerable populations, including young children, those with disabilities, and the elderly.

As part of the historic Affordable Care Act, Secretary Sebelius is implementing reforms that end many of the insurance industry’s worst abuses, and will help 34 million uninsured Americans get health coverage. Under the law, she is also carrying out policies that put a new focus on wellness and prevention, support the adoption of electronic medical records, and help recruit and train more primary care health providers. In addition, Secretary Sebelius is working closely with doctors, nurses, hospital leaders, employers, and patients to slow the growth in health care costs through better
care and better health. And under her leadership, HHS has formed a historic partnership with the Department of Justice to stamp out health care fraud that has already returned record sums to the Medicare Trust Fund.

Secretary Sebelius also leads the nation’s emergency health response to crises and natural disasters, including the Haiti earthquake, the Gulf oil spill, and the Joplin, Missouri tornado. And as America’s top health official, she continues to work with our international partners to confront global health issues like polio, HIV/AIDS, and the growing costs of chronic disease around the world. Forbes has named Secretary Sebelius one of the 100 most powerful women in the world. Before her Cabinet appointment in April, 2009, she served as Governor of Kansas beginning in 2003, where she was named one of America’s Top Five Governors by Time Magazine. From 1995 to 2003 she served as Kansas Insurance Commissioner. She was a member of the Kansas House of Representatives from 1987 to 1995. She holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Kansas and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Trinity Washington University. She is married to Gary Sebelius, a federal magistrate judge. They have two sons, John and Ned, and a daughter-in-law, Lisa.

**NCSL Health Reform Task Force Co-Chairs**

**Assemblyman Herb C. Conaway, Jr., M.D., J.D., New Jersey**

Herb Conaway, Jr., M.D., J.D., of Delanco, NJ was first elected to the New Jersey General Assembly in November 1997. He chairs the N.J. Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee, is vice-chair of the State Government Committee and serves on the Appropriations Committee. He serves on the Executive Committee of NCCL and co-chairs the NCSL Task force on Federal Health Reform Implementation (2010-present).

Dr. Conaway received his Bachelor of Arts in politics from Princeton University; his Doctor of Medicine from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia; and his Juris Doctor from Rutgers Law School in Camden. He served in the United States Air Force Medical Corps from 1992 to 1996 and attained the rank of Captain. The only member of the Legislature with both a medical and law degree, Dr. Conaway specializes in internal medicine and practices in Willingboro, New Jersey.

**Representative Greg Wren, Alabama**

Greg Wren is serving his fourth term as a Republican Member of the Alabama House of Representatives. He is chairman of the Joint Legislative Medicaid Committee, chairman of the Joint Energy Committee, vice-chairman, Insurance Committee, and the Ways and Means General Fund Committee. Representative Wren serves on the Executive Committee of NCCL and co-chairs the NCSL Task force on Federal Health Reform Implementation (2010-present). He also serves as president-elect of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL), member of the American Legislative Exchange Council’s (ALEC) Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development Task Force, and a member of The Energy Council.

He holds a B.A. in Public Administration from the University of Alabama and currently owns Wren and Associates with areas of expertise including advocacy efforts in areas such as insurance and financial services, health care, tax and fiscal policy, and military issues. He is also a Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) and Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU), and has been a Financial Representative with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network more than 30 years. From 1977-1981, Representative Wren served as a legislative analyst for the Legislative Fiscal Office, and staff assistant to the United States Senate.

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