## Task Force on Federal Health Reform Implementation
## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

NCSL 2012 Legislative Fall Forum

**Thursday, December 6, 2012, 1:30 pm – 4:45 pm**

**Washington Hilton Columbia Hall - 11-12 Terrace Level**

**Co-Chair Biographies:**

### Assemblyman Herb C. Conaway, Jr.

**New Jersey State Assembly**

Herb Conaway, Jr., M.D., J.D. of Delanco, was first elected in 1997 and currently chairs the New Jersey Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee, is Vice-Chair of the State Government Committee and serves on the Appropriations Committee. Dr. Conaway received his Bachelor of Arts in politics from Princeton University; his Doctor of Medicine from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia; and his J.D. from Rutgers Law School in Camden. Assemblymember Conaway served in the United States Air Force Medical Corps from 1992 to 1996 and attained the rank of Captain. Dr. Conaway specializes in internal medicine and practices in Willingboro, New Jersey.

### Representative Greg Wren

**Alabama House of Representatives**

Greg Wren is serving his fourth term as a Republican Member of the Alabama House of Representatives. Rep. Wren is Chairman of the House Local Legislation Committee, Chairman of the Joint Legislative Energy Committee, Vice-Chairman of the House Insurance Committee, Member of the House Ways and Means General Fund Committee, and Chairman of the Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Task Force. Rep. Wren serves as Treasurer of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL), Vice-Chairman of the Commerce, Financial Services, and Communications Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), Chairman of NCSL's Health Reform Implementation Task Force, member of the American Legislative Exchange Council's (ALEC) Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development Task Force, and a member of The Energy Council. Rep. Wren holds a B.A. in Public Administration from the University of Alabama and currently owns Wren and Associates. Rep. Wren is also a Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) and Charted Life Underwriter (CLU), and has been a Financial Representative with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network more than 30 years.

**Faculty Biographies: (In order of presentations)**

### Gary Cohen, J.D.

**Deputy Administrator & Director,**
**Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO)**
**Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS**

Cohen joined the California Health Benefit Exchange as chief counsel in April 2012. He served as director of CCIIO's Oversight Group, 2010-2012; his responsibilities included implementation, compliance, and enforcement of market rules, the medical loss ratio requirement governing how much insurance plans must spend on medical claims, and rate review provisions, Cohen also served as deputy commissioner and general counsel to the California Department of Insurance, and chief of staff to a California congressman. Cohen was also general counsel of the California Public Utilities Commission.

## Brian Webb

**Manager of Health Policy and Legislation**
**National Association Insurance Commissioners (NAIC)**

Brian Webb is the Manager of Health Policy and Legislation for the National Association Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). The NAIC represents the insurance regulators in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 5 U.S. territories. Before joining the NAIC, Mr. Webb worked on Medicare and Medicaid policy for the BlueCross BlueShield Association and, prior to that, was the Assistant Vice President for Legislation for the then-Federation of American Health Systems (FAHS). Mr. Webb worked as a legislative aide for Congressman Bill Thomas and for Governor Pete Wilson's Washington, D.C., office as health and welfare aide and Deputy Director. Mr. Webb has a master's degree in Public Administration from the George Washington University and a bachelor's degree from BIOLA University in California.

## Cindy Mann, J.D.

**CMS Deputy Administrator/Director**
**Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS)**
**Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS**

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, Ms. Mann 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. Prior to her return to CMS in 2009, Ms. Mann 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. Ms. Mann 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, Ms. Mann directed the center on Budget and Policy Priorities' federal and state health policy work. Ms. Mann received a law degree from the New York University School of Law and a B.A. from Cornell University.

## Matt Salo

**Executive Director**
**National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD)**

Matt has served as the first Executive Director of NAMD, since January 2011. He formerly spent 12 years at the National Governors Association, where he worked on the Governors' health care and human services reform agendas, and where he firmly believes he was responsible for securing the entire tobacco settlement for the states, getting more than $100 billion in state fiscal relief, and in modernizing the Medicaid program. Matt taught high school for two years at T.C. Williams High in Alexandria, VA. He holds a BA in Eastern Religious Studies from the University of Virginia, and is still trying to find ways to explain how that got him to where he is today.

## J. Richard Johnson

**Senior Vice President**
**National Public Sector Health Practice Leader**
**The Segal Company**

Based in Segal's Washington, D.C. office, Rick has over 35 years of consulting and analytical experience in all areas of health and retirement benefits, including particular efforts in helping public sector clients assess the impact of the Affordable Care Act. He consults to a wide variety of public sector clients, including state governments, cities, counties, public school districts, universities and the federal government. Mr. Johnson received a B.A. with Honors from Hendrix College in Arkansas and a Master of Arts in Speech and Communication from Louisiana State University.