

Task Force on Federal Health Reform Implementation

Monday, August 6, 2012

Room MPW W187abc - Level 1

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 pm

Co-Chair Biographies:



Assemblyman Herb C. Conaway, Jr.

New Jersey State Assembly

Herb Conaway, Jr., M.D., J.D. of Delanco, NJ was first elected to the New Jersey General Assembly in November 1997. Dr. Conaway 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. 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 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 Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU), and has been a Financial Representative with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network more than 30 years. From 1977-1981, Rep. Wren served as a Legislative Analyst for the Legislative Fiscal Office, Staff Assistant to the United States Senate.



Faculty Biographies: (In order of presentations)

Larry Singer, J.D.

Associate Professor; Director,

Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois



Prof. Singer has been an attorney, and then partner, with the Chicago office of McDermott, Will & Emery, where his practice focused on general corporate and transactional matters, medical staff affairs, and patient care issues. He also served as assistant to the general counsel of the American Hospital Association and as legal counsel in the America Hospital Association's Office of Legal and Regulatory Affairs. While in law school, Professor Singer worked as a legislative extern for Senator Edward Kennedy, staffing death penalty and health care legislation. Prof. Singer has been recognized multiple times as a "super lawyer" in health law. He also has been inducted as a Fellow in the Institute of Medicine of Chicago. Prof. Singer has served on, and chaired, multiple boards, including a large regional health system board, a facility for the developmentally disabled and a local chapter of the United Way. Education: B.A., with distinction, Michigan, 1981; M.A., Michigan, 1983; J.D., cum laude, Michigan, 1986.

Representative Matt Hudson

Florida House of Representatives

Representative Matt Hudson currently serves as State Representative for District 101, having been elected to the Florida State House of Representatives in November 2007. Rep. Hudson's family has long been involved in the pharmacy industry and he himself is a board certified pharmacy technician. In addition to his responsibility in Naples as chair of the Collier Legislative Delegation, Rep. Hudson now serves in Tallahassee as chair of the Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee. Rep. Hudson is also a member of the Appropriations Committee, the Federal Affairs Subcommittee, the Health and Human Services Committee, the Health and Human Services Quality Subcommittee, and the Joint Legislative Budget Commission. Prior to election to the Florida House, Rep. Hudson served from 2002 through 2007 as Golden Gate Fire Commissioner in the city of Naples. He is currently Vice-President of Operations and Broker of VIP Realty Group in Naples.



Cindy Mann, J.D.



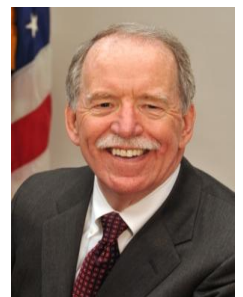
CMS Deputy Administrator/Director Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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, 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 also has extensive state-level experience, having worked on health care, welfare, and public finance issues in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York. Ms. Mann received a law degree from the New York University School of Law and a B.A. from Cornell University.

Michael Hash

Acting Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS/HHS); Director, Office of Health Reform, HHS

Michael Hash is the Acting Director of the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight and the Director of the Office of Health Reform at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. From April 2009 until January 2011, Mr. Hash served as the Deputy Director of the White House Office of Health Reform. For thirteen years, Mr. Hash was a principal at Health Policy Alternatives, Inc., a Washington based health consulting firm. From March 1998 through December 2000, Mr. Hash served as the Deputy Administrator and Acting Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration (now the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services). He served from 1990 to 1995 as the Senior Staff Associate of the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. From 1973 to 1980, Mr. Hash was employed by the American Hospital Association. Mr. Hash is a graduate of Washington and Lee University, with post-graduate studies in political science at Vanderbilt University. He has held teaching positions at the Johns Hopkins University and Georgetown University, and was chair of the board at Providence Hospital in Washington, D.C.



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 began working in Washington, D.C. on health care policy in 1988 as a legislative aide for Congressman Bill Thomas. After six years with Congressman Thomas, Mr. Webb worked five years in California 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.

Paul Skowronek

Vice President, State Affairs

America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

Paul Skowronek joined AHIP's state affairs department as vice president in January 2012 after more than a decade as a public affairs strategy consultant to AHIP and AHIP's member companies, where he directed high-profile reputational, positioning, policy and media relations campaigns that helped the health insurance industry make a compelling case on access, cost and quality. Mr. Skowronek's current work involves developing and executing strategies to advance AHIP's advocacy objectives in the states, including advancing initiatives to drive increased collaboration among state stakeholders with whom AHIP must work and bringing the work of our five regional teams together in an impactful way. Prior to joining AHIP, Mr. Skowronek served as the Vice President and Key Client Director at APCO Worldwide, the Director of Communications at Alliance of Community Health Plans and was a Senior Account Executive at Porter Novelli. Mr. Skowronek earned a Master's in American Studies from the University of London and a B.A. in American Studies from Trinity College-Hartford.



Assemblymember William W. Monning

California State Assembly 27th District



Assemblymember Bill Monning was elected in November of 2008 and then re-elected in November of 2010 to represent the 27th Assembly District. Assemblymember Monning has served as Chair of the Assembly Committee on Health with primary jurisdiction over health care policy issues such as Medi-Cal (California's Medicaid program). Assemblymember Monning is also a member of the Assembly Committee on Budget and the Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. During his time in office, Assembly member Monning has become a key leader on legislation to implement the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in California. Prior to Assemblymember Monning's service in the State Assembly, Bill Monning was a professor at the Monterey College of Law and the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

Assemblymember Monning served as a Senior Fulbright Specialist, was a member of the Monterey County Court-directed mediation panel and served for four years as Executive Director of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

Assemblymember Monning received his B.A. at the University of California at Berkeley and a law degree from the University of San Francisco, School of Law.