

Californians React to Health Reform: 2010 TCWF Field Health Policy Survey Briefing

Speaker Biographies

Kim Belshé



Kimberly Belshé was appointed Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in November 2003. In this capacity, she serves as a member of the governor's Cabinet and as his chief advisor on health, social services, and rehabilitative policies.

As secretary, Ms. Belshé is responsible for providing leadership and oversight of the agency's departments in their individual and collective efforts to promote the health and well-being of the people of California, particularly those most in need and at risk. She manages an agency that has more than 30,000 employees, with a total state budget of more than \$82 billion.

Ms. Belshé has served in a number of leadership positions in state government, including Deputy Secretary of the Health and Welfare Agency and Director of the Department of Health Services during the administration of Governor Pete Wilson. She has also served in leadership positions in California philanthropy, including Program Director for The James Irvine Foundation. Her civic activities are varied and include service on the California Children and Families Commission and the Great Valley Center, dedicated to the sustainability of California's Central Valley region.

Carmela R. Castellano-Garcia

Carmela Castellano-Garcia, Esq., is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the California Primary Care Association (CPCA), overseeing an organization of over 800 nonprofit, community-based primary health care clinics that serve over 4 million patients a year, over half of them Hispanic. Ms. Castellano-Garcia has been committed to advancing multi-cultural health policy issues for over 17 years, focusing on areas such as cultural and linguistic competency in health care delivery, ensuring the viability of safety net providers, health care reform, and access to care for vulnerable populations.



Prior to joining the CPCA, Ms. Castellano-Garcia served as the Founder and Executive Director of the Latino Coalition for a Healthy California (LCHC), a health care policy and advocacy organization seeking to improve access to health and human services for California's Latino population. In this position, she was involved in building a statewide coalition of Latino health organizations and health care professionals who provided significant input into health care reform and advocated for access to health care for the uninsured. The LCHC also played a leadership role in advocating for, and ultimately achieving, the adoption of cultural and linguistic

standards in the Medi-Cal managed care program in California and in the state's mental health program. These standards and the advocacy process that led to their adoption have served as a national model of cultural and linguistic access to care.

Ms. Castellano-Garcia's legal background includes six years as a Managing Attorney with Public Advocates, Inc., a public interest law firm in San Francisco. She has litigated in the areas of employment discrimination, insurance redlining, and ensuring access to the information superhighway for California's minority, low-income populations. Ms. Castellano-Garcia is a graduate of Yale Law School and holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California at Berkeley. While a student, she spent a year at La Universidad Central de Venezuela as a Rotary Foundation International Scholar.

Mark DiCamillo



Mark DiCamillo is Senior Vice President of Field Research Corporation and Director of the non-partisan Field Poll. As a senior member of Field Research's professional staff, Mr. DiCamillo directs a wide range of market and opinion research projects for corporate, foundation, media, government, and institutional clients. He has directed scores of large-scale public policy research studies in California, on a wide range of topics. These studies run the gamut and include health and health policy, the economy, education, child care, transportation, immigration, the environment, taxes and government spending, water, crime, and the criminal justice system.

As Director of The Field Poll, Mr. DiCamillo has been closely involved in measuring California voter preferences in all major statewide candidate elections and ballot proposition contests, as well as tracking the job performance of state and federal officeholders, and reactions to significant political developments in the state. He is the author or co-author (with Mervin Field) of over one thousand separate reports on California public opinion on political, economic, and social issues facing the state and is a recognized authority on opinion trends in California.

Mr. DiCamillo is a cum laude graduate of Harvard University and received an MBA from Cornell University's Johnson School of Business.

Gerald Kominski

Gerald Kominski, PhD, is a Professor of Health Services in the UCLA School of Public Health. He also serves as Director of the Health Economics and Evaluation Research (HEER) Program at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. Dr. Kominski teaches classes in research methods, health economics, cost-effectiveness analysis, and health policy. His research



focuses on evaluating the costs and cost-effectiveness of health care programs and technologies; improving access and health outcomes among ethnic and vulnerable populations; and developing micro-simulation models for forecasting population health and personal health expenditures.

Dr. Kominski received his PhD in public policy analysis from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School in 1985. Prior to joining the faculty at UCLA in 1989, he served as a staff member of the agency now known as the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC). He is co-author of over 120 articles and reports, including the widely used textbook, *Changing the U.S. Health Care System: Key Issues in Health Services Policy and Management*, which was published in its 3rd edition in 2007.

Sharon Levine



Sharon Levine, MD, Associate Executive Director for The Permanente Medical Group of Northern California since 1991, has responsibility for clinical education, management training, and leadership development for the group's physicians; government and community relations, health policy and external affairs; and pharmacy policy and drug use management.

A board certified pediatrician, Dr. Levine has held multiple leadership roles within The Permanente Medical Group, as well as academic appointments at Tufts University School of Medicine and Georgetown University School of Medicine, and she spent two years as a Clinical Associate at the National Institutes of Health, Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

Dr. Levine serves on the Boards of Directors of the Integrated Healthcare Association, the Public Health Institute, the California Association of Physician Groups (CAPG), The Reagan Udall Foundation, the Medical Board of California, and she is a member of the Committee on Evidence-Based Benefit Design of the National Business Group on Health.

A native of Boston, Dr. Levine received her undergraduate degree from Radcliffe College at Harvard University, and her MD degree from Tufts University School of Medicine.

Peter Reed

Peter S. Reed, PhD, MPH currently serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Health Improvement (CHI), based in Sacramento, California. CHI is a national, independent non-profit public health organization dedicated to promoting sound policies and healthy communities. Specifically, CHI uses health policy training and support of community programs to promote the recognition of health as an asset for everyday living across the entire lifespan, with a focus on Healthy Children,



Healthy Adults, and Healthy Seniors. As President and CEO, Dr. Reed is responsible for overall strategic and operational leadership of the organization.

Dr. Reed comes to CHI from the National Office of the Alzheimer's Association, where in his role as Senior Director of Programs he led a staff of nearly 60 in developing, implementing, and evaluating innovative programs for use by the Association's nationwide network of 77 chapters and 300 offices. He served as the principal investigator on several federally-funded projects, including the Healthy Brain Initiative for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He also served as a spokesperson for the Association, with appearances on NBC, ABC, and CNN.

Dr. Reed joined the Alzheimer's Association in January 2004, after working on research related to dementia and aging at the University of North Carolina (UNC) Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research and the UNC Center on Minority Aging. A Fellow at the UNC Institute on Aging, he earned his doctor of philosophy and master of public health degrees in health behavior and health education at the UNC School of Public Health. He is author and co-author of more than 50 peer-reviewed and invited articles, book chapters, and monographs, and is a frequently-invited national speaker on issues of health, health care, and aging.

Sandip Roy



Sandip Roy is an editor with New America Media and host of its radio show New America Now on NPR-affiliate KALW 91.7 FM in San Francisco. He writes frequently for ethnic and mainstream publications like the San Francisco Chronicle, San Jose Mercury News, India Currents, India Abroad, and The Times of India. He focuses on issues pertaining to ethnic and minority communities. He is also a regular commentator for NPR's Morning Edition and blogs for the Huffington Post.

Gary Yates

Gary L. Yates is President and Chief Executive Officer of The California Wellness Foundation and serves as a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors. He is also an assistant clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Southern California School of Medicine and a licensed marriage and family therapist. Mr. Yates joined the Foundation staff in 1992 after more than 20 years of experience in education and public health.



Immediately prior to his association with The California Wellness Foundation, Mr. Yates was associate director of the division of adolescent medicine at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles. He received his undergraduate degree in government from American University in Washington, DC,

and his master's degree in counseling psychology from the University of Northern Colorado. His primary area of interest and expertise is adolescent health, about which he has written and spoken extensively.

Mr. Yates is actively involved in the leadership of numerous philanthropic, civic, and community organizations and currently serves as a member of the board of Independent Sector. He previously served as treasurer of Hispanics in Philanthropy, vice chair of the boards of the Council on Foundations and Independent Sector, and chair of the boards of Grantmakers In Health, the Foundation Consortium, and Southern California Grantmakers. In recognition of his civic leadership and work in the field of health and human services, Mr. Yates has received numerous awards and official commendations.