

**“Confronting Unprecedented Challenges, Embracing New Opportunities:
The Biden Administration, Congress, and Public Sector Purchasers”**

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Monday, November 1, 2021 | 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM | Pre-Conference Session

Now’s The Time - Addressing Health Equity & Social Determinants of Health



Nwando Olayiwola, MD
*Senior Vice President
Chief Health Equity Officer
Humana*

Dr. J. Nwando Olayiwola is the Chief Health Equity Officer & Senior Vice President and for Humana. She is responsible for creating and implementing a strategy to achieve health across all lines of business, including care delivery, giving all communities and groups of people a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible. Dr. Olayiwola leads cross-functional efforts for the organization’s journey toward more equitable care.

A longtime advocate for underserved communities, Dr. Olayiwola brings more than 20 years of experience in clinical, community and academic medicine, health technology leadership, public health and domestic and international health systems redesign. Her October 2020 Tedx Talk is a clarion call for health equity.

Prior to joining Humana, Dr. Olayiwola was the Chair & Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, where she was also the Founding Director of the Center for Primary Care Innovation and Transformation and Co-Chair of the OSU Wexner Medical Center’s Anti-Racism Action Plan. She previously served as Chief Clinical Transformation Officer for RubiconMD, Director of the UCSF Center for Excellence in Primary Care, and Chief Medical Officer of Community Health Center, Inc., Connecticut’s largest Federally Qualified Health Center system. She continues to practice as a Board-certified family serving a largely medically underserved patient population.

Dr. Olayiwola was a Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellow in Minority Health Policy at Harvard Medical School from 2004 to 2005. During this fellowship and leadership training, she received her master’s degree in public health with a concentration in health policy from the Harvard School of Public Health. She obtained her undergraduate degree in Human Nutrition/Pre-Medicine at the Ohio State University and her medical degree from the Ohio State University/ Cleveland Clinic Foundation. She completed her residency training in family medicine at Columbia University/New York Presbyterian Hospital, where she was a Chief Resident. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including Family Physicians who Are Changing our World by FMEC and the Woman of the Year by the American Telemedicine Association. Dr. Olayiwola was named one of 8 Black Women to Watch in Corporate America in Sept./Oct. 2021. Dr. Olayiwola is married and has two school-aged children.



Andrew Renda, MD
Vice President
Bold Goal & Population Health
Strategy
Humana

Dr. Andrew Renda is Vice President of Humana's Bold Goal and Population Health Strategy, leading Humana's mission to help improve the health of the communities it serves by making it easier for people to achieve their best health.

His work includes leading population health and social determinants of health work streams, including: Insights, Informatics, Strategy & Execution, Business Integration & Engagement, and Thought Leadership & Communications.

A published researcher and speaker in the fields of population health, social determinants of health and chronic disease, Dr. Renda's work strives to inform co-created solutions to improve community health.

Previous roles have included advancing clinical models of care through development, implementation and evaluation of population health initiatives aimed at preventing and delaying progression of chronic disease. This included product and benefit design, as well as health projects ranging from messaging campaigns and self-care interventions to clinician-led disease management programs. Significant initiatives include: Chronic Condition Special Needs Plans (C-SNP), Metabolic Syndrome Support Service, Asthma and COPD disease management and self-care programs, Sleep Apnea diagnostics and management strategy, Flu and pneumonia campaign, Tobacco cessation service integration and outreach.

Dr. Renda has a B.S. in psychology and biology from the University of Kentucky where he was a National Science Foundation Undergraduate Fellow. He received his medical degree and a diploma in clinical psychiatry from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, followed by a Masters in Public Health from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Next Steps in Data Innovation – You Collect Data. Now What?



John Thomas
Chief Data Officer
Benefitfocus for life™

John Thomas is the Chief Data Officer for Benefitfocus. His focus is on leveraging data to optimize existing processes, creating new capabilities, and driving bottom line growth. Prior to joining Benefitfocus, he launched and oversaw a machine-learning powered transformation of Red Ventures digital funnel. John has also started and led several Boston-area startups' data science teams in a variety of industries including social media analytics, online advertising, and telecom analytics.

John earned his BS in Mathematics and Computer Science from Gettysburg College and MS and PhD in Computer Science at Dartmouth College. Outside of Benefitfocus, he serves as the President of the Analytics & Big Data Society in Charlotte, as a member of the advisory board of Wake Forests' MS of Business Analytics program and was recognized as one of Charlotte's 40 under 40.



Damon Haycock
Public Sector Program Director
Benefitfocus for life™

Damon Haycock is the Public Sector Program Director for Benefitfocus. Damon has been with Benefitfocus since February 2020. Damon recently retired from the State of Nevada after 15 years – the last 4 as the Executive Officer of their Public Employees' Benefits Program. Damon provides public sector strategy to Benefitfocus and also serves as Account General Manager for multiple large state customers.

Damon holds a Bachelors degree in Business Administration from the University of Nevada, Reno, and a Masters degree in Business Administration from Western Governors University.

Monday, November 1, 2021 | 3:00 – 4:15 PM | Conference Session One

New Administration, New Congress: Perspectives on Health Care Policy During a Global Pandemic



Jonathan Cohn
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HuffPost
Author, "The Ten Year War: ObamaCare and the Unfinished Crusade for Universal Coverage"

Jonathan Cohn, Senior National Correspondent at HuffPost, writes about politics and policy with a focus on social welfare. He is also the author of SICK (2007, HarperCollins) and The Ten Year War: ObamaCare and the Unfinished Crusade for Universal Coverage (2021, St. Martin's).

Jonathan worked previously at the New Republic and American Prospect, and has written for the Atlantic, New York Times Magazine, and Self, among other publications. His journalism has won awards from the Sidney Hillman Foundation, the Association of Health Care Journalists, World Hunger Year, and the National Women's Political Caucus.

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Public Health, Public Policy and the Public Sector: Evaluating the Ongoing Global Pandemic



Arnad Parekh, MD
Chief Medical Advisor
Bipartisan Policy Center

Anand Parekh is BPC's chief medical advisor providing clinical and public health expertise across the organization. Since 2015, he has led specific efforts tackling a variety of policy issues including the opioid crisis, obesity epidemic & nutrition, health & housing, domestic and global HIV/AIDS, business & public health collaboration, emergency preparedness, social isolation, rural health, and prescription drug costs.

Prior to joining BPC, he completed a decade of service at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). As a HHS deputy assistant secretary for health from 2008 to 2015, he developed and implemented national initiatives focused on prevention, wellness, and care management. Specifically, he played instrumental roles in the implementation of the Recovery Act's Prevention and Wellness Fund, the Affordable Care Act's prevention initiatives, and HHS' Multiple Chronic Conditions Initiative.

Briefly in 2007, he was delegated the authorities of the assistant secretary for health overseeing ten health program offices and the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. Earlier in his HHS career, he played key roles in public health emergency preparedness efforts related to pandemic influenza and bioterrorism as special assistant to the science advisor to the secretary.

Parekh is a board-certified internal medicine physician, a fellow of the American College of Physicians, and an adjunct assistant professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins University, where he previously completed his residency training in the Osler Medical Program of the Department of Medicine. He provided volunteer clinical services for many years at the Holy Cross Hospital Health Center, a clinic for the uninsured in Silver Spring, MD.

Parekh is an adjunct professor of health management and policy at the University of Michigan School of Public Health. He currently serves on the dean's advisory board of the University of Michigan School of Public Health, the Presidential Scholars Foundation board of directors, and the board of directors of WaterAid America.

He has spoken widely and written extensively on a variety of health topics such as chronic care management, population health, value in health care, and the need for health and human services integration. His book *Prevention First: Policymaking for a Healthier America* was released in December 2019 and argues that prevention must be our nation's top health policy priority.

A native of Michigan, Parekh received a B.A. in political science, an M.D., and an M.P.H. in health management and policy from the University of Michigan. He was selected as a U.S. Presidential Scholar in 1994.

Perspectives and Health Care Priorities from the Biden Administration



Hon. Andrea Palm
*Deputy Secretary
 U.S. Department of Health
 & Human Services*

Andrea Palm is the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). As Deputy Secretary, she is the Chief Operating Officer and is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Department.

Palm most recently served as Secretary-designee of the Department of Health Services (DHS), overseeing one of the largest state agencies in Wisconsin as a member of Governor Tony Evers' cabinet. In this role, she had responsibility for the state's Medicaid program, its Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and behavioral health programs, among others. DHS is also Wisconsin's public health agency, and as such, Palm led the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Previously, Palm held a number of policy and operational roles in the Obama-Biden Administration at HHS, including Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Counselor, Chief of Staff and Senior Counselor to the Secretary. During her eight-year tenure, she worked on a variety of Administration priorities, including the Affordable Care Act, as well as providing leadership for the Department's work to combat the opioid epidemic.

Palm was born and raised in rural, upstate New York. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Cornell University and a Master's degree from Washington University in St. Louis.

A View from the U.S. Congress: U.S. Senate Health Care Reform Efforts



Conor Sheehy
*Health Policy Advisor – Minority
 Staff
 Office of U.S. Senate
 Committee on Finance*

Conor serves as a Health Policy Advisor on the Minority Staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, where he advises on a range of health care issues, including those related to Medicare Part B and Part D.

Prior to taking on his current role, Conor served as Deputy Legislative Director in the Office of U.S. Senator Tim Scott, where he managed the legislative staff and advised the Senator on health, education, labor, retirement, human services, nutrition, and Aging Committee policy. Conor held a variety of legislative roles in Senator Scott's office over a four-year period. Before coming to the Hill, he completed his term as a Teach For America corps member in the Bronx, NY.

Conor attended the University of Virginia as a Jefferson Scholar and an Echols Scholar, graduating with a B.A. in English with distinction and a 3.99 GPA. He earned his Master's degree at Relay Graduate School of Education.



Martha Cramer
*Health Policy Advisor
 Office of U.S. Senate
 Ben Cardin (D-MD)*

Martha Cramer is the Health Policy Advisor in the Office of U. S. Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD). Senator Cardin is a member of the Senate Finance Committee.

The Roundtable's Congressional Priorities



Andrew MacPherson
Senior Policy Adviser
Public Sector HealthCare
Roundtable and Managing Partner,
Healthsperien, LLC

Andrew MacPherson provides comprehensive strategic guidance, in-depth policy analysis, legislative strategy, and communications and messaging development on wide-range of federal health policy and political issues, including those related to the implementation of Affordable Care Act (ACA), quality and value-based purchasing, Medicare, Medicaid, prescription drug coverage and pharmaceutical cost containment, long-term care services and supports, chronic care management, and public and private insurance coverage expansions.

Andrew is the Managing Partner of Healthsperien, LLC – a nationally-recognized health care policy consulting firm located in Washington, DC. Through his work with dozens of public and private stakeholders at the local, state, regional and federal level, Andrew has a special emphasis on policy and political issues related to advanced illness and end-of-life. Andrew currently serves as Senior Advisor to several national organizations including the National Partnership for Hospice Innovation, the Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC), and End Well: Design for the End-of-Life Experience and is a member of the National POLST Paradigm Leadership Council. He regularly speaks to national audiences on a variety of health policy and political issues, and particularly those related to advanced illness and end-of-life care.

Prior to joining Healthsperien, Andrew was Founder and Principal of MacPherson Strategic, Inc., a health care policy, legislative strategy, and communications consulting firm. MacPherson Strategic served a diverse set of health care stakeholder clients, including consumer groups, broad-based coalitions, innovative health care start-ups, and the largest health care purchasers.

Prior to founding MacPherson Strategic, Andrew served as Director of Government Affairs at Jennings Policy Strategies, Inc. (JPS), a nationally recognized health policy consulting firm led by Chris Jennings, Former Senior Health Care Advisor to President Barack Obama and previously to President Bill Clinton. From 2007-2013, Mr. MacPherson staffed a wide variety of client and pro bono initiatives in the policy, political, and communications arenas with JPS, Inc., such as the Bipartisan Policy Center health reform project with former Majority Leaders Baker, Daschle, Dole and Mitchell, presidential campaigns including Obama for America and Hillary Clinton for President, and the Clinton Global Initiative. While at JPS, Andrew researched and co-authored numerous articles and speeches on a range of health policy issues.

From 2005 to 2007, Andrew served in the Government Relations Department with the American Psychiatric Association (APA). At APA, Andrew developed national policy positions, conducted in-depth research on physician access and reimbursement, and engaged on all aspects of targeted lobbying activities including those related to implementation of the Medicare Part D drug benefit, physician reimbursement under Medicare and mental health “parity” legislation.

From 2001 to 2004, Andrew worked for a range of policy and political organizations and elected officials, including Senator Carl Levin (D-Mich.), Democratic Governors’ Association, Vermont Democratic Party, Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) and Penn, Schoen & Berland Associates, Inc., a market research and strategic communications consulting firm based in Washington, D.C.

Originally from Vermont, Andrew received a B.A. in Political Science from The George Washington University in May 2005.

Drug Costs and the Purchaser Community



Daniel A. Kracov
*Partner, Co-Chair, Life Science and
Healthcare Regulatory Practice
and Board Chair, Food and Drug
Law Institute*

Dan Kracov is co-chair of the Life Sciences and Healthcare Regulatory practice, which was recently named the top Healthcare practice in the country by *Law360*. For decades, he has been one of the foremost Food and Drug Administration lawyers in the country, and his expertise in critical regulatory matters has been widely recognized by *Chambers*, the *Legal Times*, *Best Lawyers in America*, and other publications. A particular focus of his practice is assisting pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device and diagnostic companies, including start-up companies, trade associations, and large manufacturers, negotiate challenges relating to the development, approval and marketing of FDA-regulated products. He also has extensive experience in matters relating to foods, dietary supplements and cosmetics.

In addition to day-to-day counseling on regulatory strategies and concerns, Mr. Kracov regularly handles product and compliance-related government and internal investigations, the development of global corporate compliance programs, and due diligence in financings, mergers and acquisitions. He has a widely recognized experience in biomedical public policy matters, including Congressional investigations and advising on FDA-related legislation.

Controlling the Cost of Prescription Drugs – A Panel Discussion



Zachary A. Goodman, MD
*Director, Clinical Innovation
Evernorth*

Dr. Zac Goodman is a physician and Clinical Innovation Director at Evernorth and is based out of the Lab in St. Louis.

Given his background, Zac works on innovative solutions for patients and providers. Notably, Zac is part of the team that launched the Express Scripts Digital Health Formulary, the industry's first formulary specifically designed to provide patients access to best-in-class digital health solutions while ensuring value for payers in return for their healthcare investment.



Steve Knievel
*Advocate
Public Citizen's Access to
Medicines Program*

Steven Knievel is advocate for Public Citizen's Access to Medicines program, leading its work on Capitol Hill. He has helped to draft, provided technical feedback and influenced the content of dozens of Federal bills relating to drug pricing and access to medicines, including legislation on Medicare drug price negotiation, drug price spike protections, curbing abuse of government-granted monopolies, increasing global COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing capacity, and more.

He has been leading Public Citizen's advocacy to enact bold drug pricing reform through the Build Back Better Act.



Larry Atkins, Ph.D.
*Advisor
Value-in-Medicine Initiative*

Dr. Atkins is Research Director of the Long-Term Quality Alliance in Washington, DC. He is a Board member and immediate past-President of the National Academy of Social Insurance. He was recently the Staff Director of the federal Commission on Long-Term Care, which issued its final report in September 2013. Prior to that, he was Executive Director, U.S. Public Policy at the global pharmaceutical manufacturer Merck.

Dr. Atkins is a veteran of more than 30 years of health and social policy analysis, policy development, and legislative representation at the local, state, and federal levels. He directed Public Policy at Schering-Plough Corporation; was founder and President of Health Policy Analysts, Inc., a firm providing consultation on pharmaceutical, health benefits, and health care reimbursement issues; was Executive Director of the Corporate Health Care Coalition, an alliance of Fortune 100 companies on federal and state health reform issues; and headed a health and benefits policy practice in the Washington office of the New York law firm Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam and Roberts. During the 1990s, Dr. Atkins served on two quadrennial Social Security Advisory Commissions – 1991 as a Commission member and 1995 as a member of the Technical Panel.

During the 1980s, Dr. Atkins served on the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging as professional staff, Deputy Staff Director and Republican Staff Director for Chairman John Heinz (R-PA), and advised Senator Heinz as a member of the Senate Finance Committee on retirement income and health policy matters, and as a member of the 1983 National Commission on Social Security Reform. Prior to his work in the Congress, Dr. Atkins developed health and human services policy at the state and local government levels.

Dr. Atkins holds a Ph.D. from the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University, where he is currently a member of the Board of Overseers. He holds master degrees from the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky, and an undergraduate degree from Kenyon College.

A View from Our Medicare Advantage Partners



Mary Beth Donahue
President and CEO
Better Medicare Alliance

Mary Beth Donahue was named President and CEO of Better Medicare Alliance in 2021, bringing nearly three decades of management, health care policy, and patient advocacy to the role.

Mary Beth began her career working in state government in her native Massachusetts and ascended to a role as Chief of Staff at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under Secretary Donna E. Shalala during the Clinton administration.

Most recently, she served as Executive Director of Kidney Care Partners, a coalition of patient advocates, dialysis professionals, care providers, researchers, and manufacturers dedicated to improving quality of care for individuals living with kidney disease.

A leader in patient advocacy and health equity, Mary Beth additionally serves on the Board of Directors for the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, a national nonprofit dedicated to empowering children to develop lifelong healthy habits. She served as an Advisory Council Member to the Cancer Support Community.

Mary Beth is also the past Executive Vice President of Advocacy and Operations of AHIP, the trade association representing companies providing health insurance coverage in the United States.

She holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Boston College and a master's degree in public policy from Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy where she served on the Alumni Board of Directors.

Mary Beth lives in Maryland with her two daughters.

Promoting Health Care Competition: Alleviating Pricing Pressure for Purchasers



Synda Mark
Attorney Advisor
Commissioner Rebecca Kelly
Slaughter
U.S. Federal Trade Commission

Synda Mark serves as an attorney advisor on competition matters to FTC Commissioner Rebecca Kelly Slaughter. In this role, Synda advises on Commission rules and guides, as well as on recommendations in merger and conduct matters.

Before joining Commissioner Slaughter's office, Synda was an attorney in the Health Care Division of the FTC's Bureau of Competition. There she focused primarily on investigating and litigating cases involving anticompetitive conduct in the pharmaceutical industry. Synda joined the Commission after clerking for federal District Court Judge Clarence Cooper in the Northern District of Georgia. Before her clerkship, Synda was a law firm associate.

She is a graduate of Howard University School of Law, has an M.A. in African-American Studies from Columbia University, and holds a B.A. in Political Science/African-American Studies from Virginia Commonwealth University.

2021-22 Outlook on Key Issues for Public Sector Purchasers



Katy Spangler
*Coalition to Address Surprise
Medical Billing*

Katy Spangler of Spangler Strategies brings years of experience working in Washington, DC to clients seeking assistance navigating Capitol Hill, the White House, and the federal agencies. Spangler Strategies utilizes a deep knowledge of health care policy, successful advocacy, and diverse coalition building to support clients by working on a wide variety of health care issues, including preserving and strengthening employer-provided health coverage and promoting value-based insurance design and value-based payment reform. Katy is Senior Advisor to the American Benefits Council and the Alliance to Fight the 40, a coalition established to protect employer-provided health coverage. Spangler is also Co-Director of the Smarter Health Care Coalition, a diverse group of stakeholders focused on integrating benefit design innovations and consumer engagement within broader delivery system reform in order to better align coverage, quality, and value-based payment goals. Katy also serves on the Advisory Board to The University of Michigan Center for Value-Based Insurance Design.

Before forming Spangler Strategies, Katy served as Senior Vice President, Health Policy for the American Benefits Council, a trade association based in Washington, D.C. representing primarily Fortune 500 companies that either sponsor or administer health and retirement benefits covering more than 100 million Americans. Katy directed the development and advocacy of The Council's health policy priorities, and led the Council's efforts to establish the Alliance to Fight the 40, a diverse coalition comprised of public and private employer organizations, consumer groups, patient advocates, unions, businesses and other stakeholders championing repeal of the 40% "Cadillac Tax" and protecting employee health benefits.

Katy has distinctive knowledge and extensive understanding of the Affordable Care Act, having served as Deputy Health Policy Director of the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee during the health care reform debate, working for Senator Michael Enzi (R-WY), who during Katy's tenure, was both the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee and a member of the Finance and Budget Committees.



Kyle Zebley
*Vice President, Public Policy
American Telemedicine Association*

Kyle Zebley is Vice President of Public Policy at the American Telemedicine Association, working with and on behalf of ATA members and like-minded organizations to eliminate barriers to the expansion of telehealth and ensure patients, providers, and payers can realize the benefits of virtual care. Previously, Kyle was the Chief of Staff in the Office of Global Affairs (OGA) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Kyle collaborated with senior leadership from HHS, the White House and other cabinet departments to develop, advise, and promote U.S. global health policy, including in such policy areas as drug pricing, global health security, and non-communicable diseases.

Prior to HHS, Kyle worked in Congress as a Legislative Director, leading a legislative team in developing policy and drafting legislation, particularly on matters concerning the House Committee on Ways and Means, the House Budget Committee and the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.



Beth Connolly
*Project Director
Substance Use Prevention and
Treatment Initiative
The Pew Charitable Trusts*

Beth Connolly directs Pew's substance use prevention and treatment initiative. She leads research and technical assistance efforts across the federal government and states to promote evidence-based transformation of the treatment system, expand the substance use disorder workforce, optimize coverage and reimbursement for effective treatment, and improve the delivery and coordination of care for underserved populations.

Before joining Pew, Connolly served as the commissioner of New Jersey's Department of Human Services. She has 30 years of state government experience serving people who are often underrepresented and face social challenges such as homelessness and a lack of health care. Throughout her career in New Jersey, she was involved in reforms related to behavioral health, Medicaid and its expansion, public assistance, child welfare, and the adoption of home- and community-based support systems.

Connolly holds a bachelor's degree in social work and a master's degree in public administration from Seton Hall University.

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 | 3:00 to 4:15 PM | Conference Session Five

Innovations in Home-based Health Care: The Emergence of 'Hospital at Home'



Bruce Allen Leff, M.D.
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Dr. Leff is Professor of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. His research focuses on novel models of care delivery for older adults with an emphasis on home and community-based models of care including Hospital at Home, home-based primary care, CAPABLE, and others. His research interests extend to issues related to multi-morbidity, risk prediction, performance measurement, and quality measurement and improvement.

He Co-Leads the Hospital at Home Users Group (<https://hahusersgroup.org>), which leads Hospital at Home development and technical assistance efforts at the national level. He co-directs The National Home-Based Primary Care Learning Network (<https://improvehousecalls.org/>) whose mission is to advance the field of home-based medical care through a coordinated program of quality improvement and applied research.

Dr. Leff has served on multiple NQF, NCQA, and CMS Technical Expert Panels. He is past-director of the JHOME (home-based primary care) Program at Johns Hopkins, cares for patients in the acute, ambulatory and home settings, and is an award-winning teacher and mentor. He serves as the Chair of the Geriatric Medicine Board of the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) and Chair of the ABIM Council. He has served as past-President of the American Academy of Home Care Physicians, a past-member of the Board of Regents of the American College of Physicians and serves on the editorial board of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

Innovation in the Public Sector... Case Study: Innovation in Breast Cancer Care



Jane Cheshire Gilbert, CPA, CGBA
*Director
Retiree Health Care
Teachers' Retirement System of
Kentucky*

Jane Gilbert is the Director of Retiree Health Care for the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky (TRS) and has served TRS retirees since April 2002. She manages two retiree health plans covering 48,000 retirees. She also serves as a leader in the areas of health insurance cost containment, project management, risk management and federal health care solutions.

Ms. Gilbert served in management and directorship positions for a Louisville Kentucky law firm and cost containment company, The Rawlings Company, from 1989 through 2002. Prior to serving at The Rawlings Company, she worked as an accountant for a national CPA firm.

Ms. Gilbert graduated with honors from Bellarmine University in Louisville, Kentucky, with a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting in 1987, became a CPA in 1992, and achieved her Certified Government Benefits Administrator (CGBA) designation in 2012. Ms. Gilbert served on the Board of the State and Local Government Benefits Association and is a proud member of the Public Sector Healthcare Roundtable.



Brian Erpenbeck, BS, BA
*Director
National Accounts & Strategic
Partnerships, Breast Cancer Index*

Brian Erpenbeck is a strategic molecular diagnostic leader with nearly two decades of experience in facilitating the adoption of paradigm-shifting technologies within personalized medicine and integrated healthcare delivery. As Director of Strategic Partnerships at Biotheranostics, Brian helps reduce uncertainty around treating early-stage hormone receptor-positive (HR+) breast cancer, by facilitating Breast Cancer Index educational partnerships.

Brian works together with passionate and thought-leading organizations to educate and empower breast cancer patients with a personalized plan of anti-estrogen oral medication duration (5yrs or 10yrs), derived from a specialized genomic test called Breast Cancer Index. Breast Cancer Index improves patient satisfaction, reduces decision anxiety, changes treatment decisions, and can improve anti-estrogen therapy adherence, all while reducing overall healthcare costs.

Generic Drugs Price-Fixing Litigation – An Update



Cindy Reichline
*Partner
BRS LLP*

Cindy is a skilled litigator whose practice focuses on antitrust legal strategy, analysis, and advocacy in state and federal courts across the United States, as well as before international third-party arbitral tribunals. She has extensive experience with a broad range of high-stakes litigation and has managed all aspects of complex commercial litigation and dispute resolution, with an emphasis in antitrust and unfair competition litigation.

Cindy regularly represents national and multinational clients in a variety of industries, including construction and homebuilding, telecommunication and Internet suppliers, hospital and health care providers, department store retailers, oil and gas producers and manufacturers.

Launching the Roundtable's 2021-22 Specialty Drug Survey



Sean Douglass

Survey Project Manager and Onsite Project Manager for the Michigan Office of Retirement Services

Sean Douglass is an employee of Willis Towers Watson, and for the past nine years has been a dedicated consultant to the State of Michigan's Office of Retirement Services. Sean's work specializes in project management, request for proposal development, strategic initiatives, vendor audits, and contract administration.

He has also led three annual cycles of the Specialty Drug survey and white paper project for the Public Sector Healthcare Roundtable.

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 | 4:30 PM | Annual Business Meeting



Gary Harbin, CPA, President, Public Sector HealthCare Roundtable, Executive Secretary, Teachers' Retirement System of Kentucky

Gary L. Harbin has served as the Executive Secretary of the Teachers' Retirement System of Kentucky (TRS) since December 2000 and was Chief Deputy Executive Secretary from 1999 until assuming duties as Executive Secretary. Prior to coming with the System in 1999, he was Chief Financial Officer of two nationwide companies, and prior to that, a partner in a regional CPA firm for twenty years in Frankfort, Kentucky. While partner in the CPA firm, he was in charge of the audit of TRS and other public plans for nineteen years, giving him over thirty years of experience with public pension plans.

During his tenure as Executive Secretary of TRS, Mr. Harbin has been recognized for implementing significant advancements in the governance and operations of the retirement system. In 2010, Mr. Harbin lead a coalition that developed a plan to pre-fund retiree health benefits through the "shared responsibility" of retired members, active teachers, employers and the state. The historic solution eliminated \$5 billion in future taxpayer responsibility for providing medical benefits for retired teachers. Mr. Harbin also has developed strategies for returning to work following retirement in an actuarially sound manner, reorganized the system's Investment Committee to include nationally recognized investment experts, implemented a web-based trustee education program, established an internal audit program, established a call center and imaging system for member records, replaced TRS's legacy computer system with a web-based system and is currently overseeing a pilot project for retiree healthcare implementing personalized medicine.

Mr. Harbin serves as President of the Public Sector Health Care Roundtable, headquartered in Washington, DC. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Know Your Rx Coalition and served as President of the National Council on Teacher Retirement.

Mr. Harbin is a 1972 graduate of the University of Kentucky, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. He was admitted to practice as a Certified Public Accountant in 1975.