

**Paving the Way to Higher Performing Healthcare in New Jersey
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Speaker Biographies

Joel C. Cantor, ScD

Distinguished Professor & Director, Rutgers Center for State Health Policy

Joel C. Cantor (Sc.D., Johns Hopkins University) is a Distinguished Professor of Public Policy and the founding Director of the Center for State Health Policy at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Established in 1999, the Center is a leader in health policy research and development nationally, with a special focus on informing policy in New Jersey. Dr. Cantor is published widely in the health services and policy literature on innovations in health service delivery and the regulation of private health insurance markets. He serves frequently as an advisor on health policy matters to New Jersey state government, and was the 2006 recipient of the Rutgers University President's Award for Research in Service to New Jersey. Dr. Cantor is currently working with the Office of the Governor and state agencies to develop and test delivery system reforms in New Jersey under a major grant from the federal Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation. Prior to joining Rutgers in 1999, Dr. Cantor served as director of research at the United Hospital Fund of New York and director of evaluation research at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. He received his doctorate in health policy and management from the Johns Hopkins University, School of Public Health in 1988, and was elected a Fellow of AcademyHealth in 1996.

Elizabeth Connolly, MPA

Acting Commissioner, NJ Department of Human Services

Elizabeth Connolly became the Department's Acting Commissioner on February 28, 2015. She has worked in various roles at the department for 26 years, most recently as Chief of Staff. She began her career in the department's Division of Family Development and worked in child welfare reform as Director of Data Analysis and Reporting in the Office of Children's Services. Ms. Connolly also served as Director of Research and Evaluation, Special Assistant to the Commissioner and led the department's Sandy recovery initiatives and emergency preparedness activities related to Ebola Virus Disease. She lives in North Brunswick and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and Masters in Public Administration from Seton Hall University.

Jackie Cornell-Bechelli, MA

Region II Director, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

On August 11, 2014, Jackie Cornell-Bechelli was appointed by U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell as the regional director of HHS Region II, which includes the States of New York and New Jersey, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

As regional director, Jackie will serve as a key representative of Secretary Burwell in working with federal, state, territorial, local, and tribal officials on health and social service issues, including implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

Immediately prior to joining HHS, Jackie was director of outreach for Congressman Rush Holt (NJ-12). She also served as both the deputy field director in southeastern Pennsylvania, as well as the state director in New Jersey for President Obama's re-election campaign in 2012; and was named one of "50 Women Who Made the Election" by the Huffington Post. She has held leadership positions with New Jersey Citizen Action, Organizing for America, and Planned Parenthood, where she focused on coalition development and public engagement.

Cornell-Bechelli is the founder and immediate past board chair of the New Jersey chapter of the New Leaders Council, an entrepreneurial leadership program for rising young professionals. She currently serves as a mentor to students in the Women in Learning and Leadership Program at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ).

Cornell-Bechelli is a graduate of The College of New Jersey and lives in Ewing Township, New Jersey, with her husband and young son.

Robert Eidus, MD, MBA

President, Vanguard Medical Group

Dr. Eidus is a family physician and had been in solo private practice in Cranford, NJ since 2002, prior to merging with two other practices to create Vanguard Medical Group. Dr. Eidus is President of Vanguard Medical Group and is a principal in Vanguard Health Solutions which assists practices in transformation to patient-centered care. His practice, Cranford Family Practice was one of 35 practices which participated in the TransforMed national demonstration project. It has also received NCQA recognition as a Patient-Centered Medical Home. He speaks frequently on the topics of practice transformation and the Patient-Centered Medical Home and is on a number of related advisory committees.

Dr. Eidus spent the first eleven years of his career in academic family medicine, including seven as Residency Director and Department Chair at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center. He then spent eight years in managed care, serving as Medical Director of US Healthcare (New Jersey) and as Chief Medical Officer of ChoiceCare (Cincinnati, Ohio). Dr. Eidus then spent five years in the case management and disease management industries, the last four years of which he was CEO of Informed Health Decisions, an independent disease management company focusing on women's health. Prior to going into private practice, he was the Medical Director of Einstein Practice Plan in Philadelphia.

Dr. Eidus has had a long-standing interest in quality and outcomes and has served for 14 years with the National Committee on Quality Assurance, including 10 years on the Review Oversight Committee. He is currently the Chairman of the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians and a participant in the EnquireNet national ambulatory care research network. Dr. Eidus is also on the AAFP Commission on Practice and Quality, and he represents New Jersey in numerous activities to develop a primary care regional extension center and foster patient-centered care.

Paul Grundy, MD, MPH, FACOEM, FACPM - Keynote Speaker
Founding President, Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative & Global Director, Healthcare Transformation, IBM

Paul Grundy, MD, MPH, FACOEM, FACPM is the Global Director of Healthcare Transformation IBM Corporation where he develops and executes strategies that support IBM's transformation initiatives in the healthcare industry. Dr. Grundy is a Healthcare Ambassador for the Nation of Denmark and adjunct professor at the University of Utah Department of Family and Preventive Medicine. He is a member of the national Academy of Science's Institute of Medicine, director of the ACGME the (body responsible for accrediting graduate medical training programs), and member of the national advisory board of the National Center for Interprofessional Practice & Education, Mayo Clinic Center for Connected Care (C3). Dr. Grundy is the President of the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (PCPCC). The PCPCC is a broad-based coalition building Patient Centered Medical Home level care. He is a retired senior diplomat with the rank of Minister Consular, U.S. State Department.

Joe Hicks

President and CEO, Barnabas Health, Behavioral Health Services

Joe Hicks has been in the behavioral health services field for more than 30 years, during which he has been involved in many aspects of this health care specialty. Since 1995, he has held the position of President and CEO of the Barnabas Health Behavioral Health Network, where he has developed and directed the largest behavioral health network in New Jersey. During his tenure in this position, Mr. Hicks also developed the Barnabas Health Employee Assistance Program, Administrative Services Organization, Physician Referral Service and Access Center.

Mark Humowiecki, JD

Counsel & Director, Government Affairs, Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers

Mark Humowiecki is the Coalition's legal counsel and leads its local, state and national advocacy efforts. Prior to joining the Coalition, Mark served as Deputy Executive Director of the New York Workers' Compensation Board where he led transformational efforts to improve the administration of workers' compensation benefits. Before his work in government, Mark spent six years as an employment attorney for the Legal Aid Society and in private practice in New York City. Mark is a graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School.

John Jacobi, JD***Dorothea Dix Professor of Health Law & Policy, Faculty Director of The Center for Health & Pharmaceutical Law & Policy, Seton Hall School of Law***

Professor Jacobi received his B.A., summa cum laude, from the State University College of New York at Buffalo and his J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School. He teaches in the areas of Health Law, Health Finance, Disability Law, Public Health Law, Mental Health Law, and Torts. Professor Jacobi spent five years working for the New Jersey Department of the Public Advocate as Special Assistant to the Commissioner, where he worked on health, civil rights, and disability issues through litigation and advocacy in legislatures and regulatory agencies. He then became a Gibbons Fellow at the Gibbons firm, where he pursued health, prisoners' rights, and disability issues. During 2007-2008 he was on leave from the law school, serving as Senior Associate Counsel to N.J. Governor Jon S. Corzine on Health, Human Services, and Children's Issues. He serves on the Board of the Greater Newark Healthcare Coalition, and the North Jersey Community Research Initiative, an HIV service organization.

Professor Jacobi writes and speaks on issues including disability rights, health access and finance, public health, and mental health. His recent and current scholarly projects include the application of the health reform law to the poor and people with disabilities, state implementation of Medicaid and private health insurance reform, the improvement of chronic care in health systems, the funding and structure of services for children with disabilities, the obligations of government to provide services to people with serious mental illness, and the clash of disability rights and public health interests. He served on the Governor's Task Force on Mental Health, the Board of Advisors of the New Jersey Office of Child Advocacy, the New Jersey Olmstead Advisory Council on disability rights, and on other government and non-profit boards and committees. He is Faculty Director of the Seton Hall Health & Pharmaceutical Law & Policy Program.

Margaret Koller, MS***Executive Director, Center for State Health Policy***

Margaret Koller (M.S., Rutgers University) is the Executive Director at Rutgers Center for State Health Policy, serving as the Center's Chief Operating Officer overseeing all administrative, financial, communication, and strategic planning activities. Ms. Koller is also responsible for the Center's infrastructure grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and directs the Center's \$3.2 million budget. Her expertise is in the areas of health care coverage and access, and insurance regulations. Currently, she directs the Center's Affordable Care Act (ACA) research and technical assistance projects, including those supported by the State of New Jersey, as well as other funders, including the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She also successfully led the development of the Center's \$17 million CMS-funded portfolio which comprises a large-scale adaptation of the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers high-utilizer care management initiative as well as the State Innovation Model (SIM) Design grant recently awarded to advance New Jersey's delivery system transformation priorities. In 2004, Ms. Koller received a gubernatorial appointment to the New Jersey Small Employer Health Benefits Program Board of Directors where she currently serves as the Board's Vice Chairperson. Before joining the Center in February 2001, Ms. Koller worked for Prudential HealthCare, and later Aetna, in a series of

management roles. Prior to her experience in managed care, she served as a Congressional Aide in the New Jersey district office of Congressman Bernard Dwyer. Ms. Koller was a fellow at the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University where she earned an M.S. in Public Policy.

Steve Levin, MD

Medical Director, Eric B. Chandler Health Center

Dr. Levin is the Medical Director of Eric B. Chandler Health Center and Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. His primary focus is on the provision of primary care to patients without proper access to care, including special interests in the treatment of HIV, healthcare disparities, community oriented primary care, and multiculturalism. On faculty at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School since 1989, Dr. Levin has served as a mentor and inspiration for medical students. While at St. John's Health Center, he taught residents and students interested in family medicine and consistently mentored third-year medical students during their family medicine clerkship. Dr. Levin is the recipient of numerous accolades, most recently being named the 2007 Family Physician of the Year by the American Academy of Family Physicians and the New Jersey Family Physician of the Year in 2005 by the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians. He also earned the Humanism in Medicine Award from the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey in 2000. He earned his undergraduate degree from Brown University and was granted a medical degree from Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Levin completed his residency in family medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Russ Molloy, JD

Senior Vice President, Government Relations, Meridian Health

Russ Molloy has over 40 years of experience in government affairs with the last 20 focused on healthcare. He presently serves as Senior Vice President of Government Relations for Meridian Health and oversees all federal, state and local legislative strategies for New Jersey's second largest health system. Meridian Health includes six hospitals with over 1800 acute hospital beds, 906 post-acute beds, and a full range of health care services: from hospice and nursing homes to home health and primary care physician practices. The health system has 12,000 employees and an annual budget exceeding \$1.6 billion. Meridian, a Fortune 100 Best Places to Work honoree, includes the Regional Trauma Center at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, the K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital, and serves as a major teaching affiliate for Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey. Russ serves on Meridian's Senior Executive team and provides counsel on health policy and the external forces that are re-shaping the delivery of healthcare in the nation.

A frequent lecturer, Russ is an Adjunct Senior Fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics at the University of Pennsylvania. He is also past chair of the Health and Hospital Law Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association and served on the Board of Directors of the Trauma Center Association of America. He currently chairs the Government Relations Committee of the New Jersey Council of Teaching Hospitals and serves on the Steering Committee of the New Jersey Council of Children's

Hospitals, the Government Relations Steering Committee of the Association of American Medical Schools (AAMC) (emeritus), and remains the long-time chair of the Academic Health Centers of the Mid-Atlantic.

Prior to joining Meridian in 2001, Russ led the government affairs office for the University of Pennsylvania Health System, one of the nation's largest integrated health systems. The system was comprised of four owned-hospitals, hundreds of physician practices, 12 network hospitals, 12 educationally affiliated hospitals and 17,000 employees. The Health System's annual budget exceeded \$2 billion and the School of Medicine was ranked third in the nation. He served as the principal strategist for all local, state, regional and federal issues.

Russ was recruited to Penn following three years as the head of government relations for the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. UMDNJ was the nation's largest public health sciences university with eight schools and five campuses statewide before its recent merger with Rutgers. He crafted the annual legislative agendas for UMDNJ, which received \$200 million in direct state appropriations and \$150 million in federal grants each year.

Russ graduated from Rutgers College in 1977 and obtained his law degree from Seton Hall University School of Law in 1981. He is admitted to the New Jersey Bar and has practiced extensively in the civil arena. A past chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association's Health and Hospital Law Section, Russ received the section's Distinguished Service Award in 2010. He currently serves on the Bar Association's Legislative Committee. He also received the 2010 Grassroots Champion Award from the American Hospital Association.

He has served as policy advisor to two Governors and as assistant counsel to the New Jersey State Senate. He also established the governmental relations program at Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, New Jersey, before being recruited to UMDNJ.

John Monahan, MSW

President and CEO, Greater Trenton Behavioral Healthcare

John Monahan, LCSW is the Founding President & CEO of Greater Trenton Behavioral HealthCare (GTBHC), which he has managed for the past 33 years. He is a board member and past president of the New Jersey Association of Mental Health & Addiction Agencies, where he chairs the Medical Integration & Health Home Committee. He was appointed by Governor Christie and Governor Corzine to serve on the Interagency Council to End Homelessness, and is also a founding board member of the Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness. He has also participated on numerous planning bodies on both the state and local level over the past 33 years. John received his MS in social work from Columbia University, and his BA from Rutgers College. He is very committed to supportive housing as a resource for ending homelessness and promoting recovery, and has a close family member who entered recovery from mental illness and homelessness because of a Housing First supportive housing program in another state.

Mary E. O’Dowd, MPH

Commissioner, NJ Department of Health

Mary E. O’Dowd has been serving as the New Jersey Health Commissioner since April 2011. As Commissioner, she oversees a staff of more than 1,200 and a budget of \$1.9 billion. Commissioner O’Dowd is entrusted by Governor Christie to protect the public’s health, promote healthy communities and continue to improve the quality of health care in New Jersey.

The Commissioner has focused on three priority areas: building healthier communities, raising awareness about end-of-life care planning and working smarter.

She has worked to ensure residents have access to health care to lead healthier lives. Under O’Dowd’s leadership, the Department has invested funding to support the health care safety net—more than \$1 billion is provided each year to New Jersey hospitals and the state’s Federally Qualified Health Centers to care for the uninsured and underinsured.

Recognizing the importance of giving children a healthy start in life, Commissioner O’Dowd has led an expansion of the Newborn Screening program and an initiative to increase breastfeeding rates in New Jersey. Under her leadership, New Jersey was the first state to implement pulse oximetry screening to improve early detection of critical congenital heart defects. Additionally, she expanded newborn testing from 54 to 60 genetic and metabolic disorders. To increase breastfeeding rates, the Department has supported maternity hospitals to implement the Baby Friendly Hospitals Initiative, a World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) program that encourages and recognizes hospitals that promote and support breastfeeding. Four New Jersey hospitals have achieved this designation since the initiative began and several more have made significant improvements.

During her time as Commissioner, O’Dowd has worked to generate greater discussion around end-of-life care planning. She has convened roundtable discussions with health providers, authored articles and visited facilities to raise awareness around this issue. In collaboration with the New Jersey Hospital Association, O’Dowd implemented the Practitioner Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment—or POLST form. This form empowers individuals to work with their physician or advance practice nurse to document preferences for medical care at the end of life.

In the area of working smarter through creative partnerships, the Commissioner has worked to achieve measurable results in promoting organ, tissue and blood donations in the state. By collaborating closely with advocates and the Motor Vehicle Commission to increase the number of registered organ donors—there has been a 13 percent increase statewide. Through a partnership with some of the state’s leading corporations, as co-chair of the Workplace Blood Donor Coalition, Commissioner O’Dowd is working to reduce the state’s chronic blood shortage. A targeted 2012 summer campaign resulted in an 11 percent increase in units of blood collected. To build on this success, the Department has partnered with the 2014 New York/New Jersey Super Bowl Host Committee to conduct a campaign called the Super Community Blood Drive.

As Commissioner, she led the Department's response and recovery efforts to Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy—working closely with healthcare facilities, emergency responders and public health partners before, during, and after the storms to ensure they had the resources needed to care for residents.

During her time at the Department, she coordinated the state's response to the emergence of a novel flu virus and worked closely with the state's healthcare leaders and local public health officials to control the spread of H1N1 and support a successful vaccination program across the New Jersey.

The Commissioner has received numerous awards for her efforts to improve health outcomes in the state. The March of Dimes presented Commissioner O'Dowd with the FDR visionary award for outstanding leadership and support of the March of Dimes and its mission. O'Dowd was honored by the AARP for promoting high quality health care and programs that support independence, dignity and choice for all seniors. The New Jersey Primary Care Association has recognized her leadership in women's health care and as a champion for community health centers. New Jersey YMCA Alliance presented Commissioner O'Dowd with the "Spirit of the YMCA" award for her efforts on the Department's Shaping NJ initiative, which is the State Partnership for Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity Prevention. O'Dowd is routinely ranked as one of NJ Biz's most powerful people in New Jersey Health Care.

Prior to becoming Commissioner, she served as Deputy Commissioner for a year and as Chief of Staff for two years. Before joining the Department, Ms. O'Dowd managed Revenue Cycle Operations for the Emergency Department at NYU Medical Center. Additionally, she worked as a Legislative Aide for the NJ General Assembly on education and healthcare issues, and as Assistant Vice President of Legislation and Policy with the New Jersey Hospital Association.

Commissioner O'Dowd is a graduate of Douglass College, Rutgers University, holds a Master in Public Health from Columbia University and completed a fellowship in hospital finance at NYU Medical Center. She currently serves on the board for the Institute for Women's Leadership at Rutgers University.

Steven R. Peskin, MD, MBA, FACP

Senior Medical Director, Clinical Innovation, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey

Dr. Steven R. Peskin is the Senior Medical Director of Clinical Innovations at Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. His expertise encompasses physician leadership, medical delivery management, performance improvement in health care, contracting; applications in technology include mobile/social media, clinical/scientific communications for health care professional and consumer audiences.

Dr. Peskin is the former Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer for MediMedia USA, CEO of Pharmaceutical Research Plus, President/COO of Nelson Managed Solutions and has worked in multiple executive positions in health plans at PacifiCare Health Systems, CIGNA Healthcare, and John Hancock.

Dr. Peskin has authored industry and scientific articles and book chapters and spoken at various conferences and events about physician leadership, the medical home, mobile health and social media.

Dr. Peskin continues to work at the Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson School of Medicine as a clinical preceptor and instructor at the Eric B. Chandler Clinic and assists in the business of medicine curriculum. He is Course Director for Internal Medicine Grand Rounds at The University Medical Center in Princeton. He has held faculty appointments in medicine at several universities across the country and is currently an Associate Clinical Professor, of Medicine Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson School of Medicine.

Dr. Peskin is a Diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, serves as Governor for the Southern Region of the ACP in New Jersey, Board of Trustees for Friends of the National Library of Medicine, editorial advisory boards of The Journal of Population Health Management and Managed Care and is a Senior Scholar in the School of Population Health at Thomas Jefferson University. His community service includes the Boards of the Greater Donnelley Neighborhood Initiative and Young Audiences of New Jersey.

Dr. Peskin received a bachelor's degree from The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and a medical degree from Emory University School of Medicine. He completed residency at Saint Elizabeth's Medical Center in Boston and holds an MBA from the Sloan School of Management at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Robert Remstein, DO, MBA

Vice President, Accountable Care, Capital Health

Dr. Remstein works closely with the Chief Medical Officer in developing Capital Health's outpatient network and helping Capital Health to remain competitive in the changing healthcare environment.

Prior to his current position, Dr. Remstein served as vice president of Medical Affairs at Capital Health. He has been a member of the Capital Health medical staff for more than 27 years serving in many voluntary leadership positions. Dr. Remstein is a founding member and current president of the Trenton Health Team, an organization supported by Capital Health to further the development of an urban accountable care organization. His background as a physician practicing in the community, coupled with his successful experience in working with his colleagues on the Capital Health medical staff on matters ranging from the clinical to administrative, uniquely qualifies him for this important position.

Dr. Remstein received his medical degree from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed a residency in internal medicine at Albert Einstein Medical Center, PA. He previously served as Medical Director of Henry J. Austin Health Care Center in Trenton, and was a founding member of Mercer Internal Medicine Associates.

He is also a practicing internist at Capital Health Primary Care – Lower Makefield in Yardley, PA.

Bob Schwaneberg, JD, LL.M.

Policy Advisor for Health Care, Office of Gov. Chris Christie

Robert W. Schwaneberg, J.D., LL.M., is the Policy Advisor for healthcare in the office of the Governor of New Jersey. He is responsible for advising Governor Christie on policy for the Department of Health, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (Medicaid) in the Department of Human Services and health insurance in the Department of Banking & Insurance. Prior to this, Mr. Schwaneberg was a Statehouse reporter for the Star-Ledger covering the New Jersey Legislature, New Jersey Supreme Court, New Jersey Commission on Legal and Ethical Problems in the Delivery of Health Care (the bioethics commission), New Jersey Attorney General's Office, Public Health Council and Casino Control Commission.

Terry Shlimbaum, MD

Chief, Adult Primary Care Service and Physician Integration, Summit Medical Group

Terry E. Shlimbaum, MD, specializes in family medicine. In addition to his position at Summit Medical Group, Dr. Shlimbaum is Chief of Adult Primary Care at Summit Medical Group and Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick.

Dr. Shlimbaum is Former Medical Director of the Delaware Valley Family Health Center, Phillips-Barber Family Health Center, Hunterdon Regional Community Health, and Hunterdon Care Center. He is Former Interim Director of the Hunterdon Medical Center Emergency Department and Cofounder of the Hunterdon County Medication Access and Compliance Partnership. He has been a member of the Hunterdon Family Practice Residency Program, a partner at Hickory Run Family Practice Associates, and an associate of the Monmouth Family Medical Group.

Dr. Shlimbaum's research interests are primarily devoted to patient / physician satisfaction, insomnia management, protocols for people with diabetes, Lyme disease evaluation and costs, and colorectal cancer screening. He has delivered local, regional, and national invited presentations on these and related topics in his field, some of which have been televised on New Jersey Network.

Dr. Shlimbaum says, "I have been interested in science and helping others since childhood. Because family medicine allows me to help my patients and be involved in science, it is an ideal career for me." He adds, "In addition to delivering high-quality care for my patients, I'm focused on patient satisfaction and running an efficient office. I believe in team-based care, the patient-centered medical home, and strategies for addressing challenges of the rapidly changing healthcare system."

Dr. Shlimbaum is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, New Jersey Medical Society, Hunterdon County Medical Society, New Jersey Family Medicine Research Network Board of Trustees, and Society for Teachers of Family Medicine.

Susan Walsh, MD, FACP

Vice President Community Medicine, ACO Medical Director, Jersey City Medical Center

Susan Walsh, MD, FACP is a board-certified internist and former Deputy Commissioner for the Public Health Services Branch of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, now the NJ Department of Health (DOH). In her role as Deputy Commissioner, she oversaw the Divisions of HIV/AIDS; Family Health Services; Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health; the NJ Public Health Laboratory and the Office of the State Epidemiologist. As directed by DOH Commissioner Heather Howard, Dr. Walsh facilitated the first meetings in Newark and Trenton of what would become the Greater Newark Healthcare Coalition and the Trenton Health Plan: organizations that bring leadership together to jointly plan for healthier communities of shared patient populations. During her tenure at DOH, she facilitated the state's response to the H1N1 epidemic and the legalization of medical marijuana.

Prior to joining DOH, Dr. Walsh had a long service career in primary care and public health. As a National Health Service Scholar, she began her core years as a staff physician at Neighborhood Health Services Corp, a federally qualified health center, and completed her time at the Center as Vice President/Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Walsh has since served in leadership positions at North Hudson Community Action Corporation and Newark Community Health Centers, Inc.

Currently, Dr. Walsh is the Vice President, Community Medicine and the Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Medical Director at Jersey City Medical Center-Barnabas Health and is charged with leading the medical and ancillary staff through change dynamics associated with ACOs and healthcare delivery reform.

She serves as chair of the Governance Committee of the Greater Newark Healthcare Coalition; is a board member of both Healthy Newark, a NJ Medicaid ACO initiative, and Cusack Care Center; and is a member of the research and education arm of the New Jersey Hospital Association. Dr. Walsh is also co-founder of Wealth from Health®, Inc. which brings a reward point-based incentive program to populations of patients engaged in improving health.

Dr. Walsh earned her medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry, New Jersey Medical School and completed her residency in internal medicine with a concentration in community primary care at University Hospital in Newark.

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