

2009 Health Policy Synergy Workshop

June 18-19, 2009

Goals of the Workshop:

By the end of the workshop, participants will:

1. Develop a working knowledge of the legislative process as it relates to health policy at the federal level
2. Experience and network with a variety of policy makers and offices that are high level consumers of health policy research
3. Explore in depth a particular contemporary health policy concern or issue
4. Understand the dynamics of health policy decision making at the nexus of health science, policy, politics and 'How Washington Works'

Thursday, June 18, 2009

**The Keck Center of the National Academies
Room 100
500 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001**

- 8:00 am Breakfast**
- 8:30 am Welcome and Introductions**
Marie Michnich, Director, RWJF Health Policy Fellows
Robert Graham, Chair, RWJF Health Policy Fellows Advisory Board
- 9:00 am An Overview of Health Policy at the Federal Level**
Marie Michnich
- 10:00 am Break for interaction with participants and speakers**
- 10:15 am The Role of Research in Health Policy**
Gail Wilensky, Project Hope
- 11:00 am Break for interaction with participants and speakers**
- 11:15 am Washington Health Policy Making: A View from the Stakeholders**
John Rother, Policy Director AARP
Marina Weiss, Sr. VP, March of Dimes
Lori Reilly, Vice President of Policy, PhRMA

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12:00 noon Break for interaction with participants and speakers

12:15 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Washington Health Policy Making: A View from the Administration:
Josh Sharfstein, M.D. Deputy Commissioner, FDA

1:45 pm Break for interaction with participants and speakers

2:00 pm Panel of RWJ Health Policy Fellows: Lessons Learned
Speakers: 2008-2009 RWJ Fellows
Thomas Tsang, House Ways and Means Committee
Margaret Moss, Senate Aging Committee
Janet Phoenix, Office of Senator Orin Hatch
Reginald Alston, Office of Senator Tom Harkin

2:45 pm Break for interaction with participants and speakers

3:00 pm Overview of the Plan for the Break-out Groups

3:15 pm Washington Health Policy Making: A View from the Congress
Wendell Primus, Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives

3:45 pm Break-out Groups

Group I	FDA Reform	Room 207
Group II	Comparative Effectiveness	Room 202
Group III	Social Determinants of Health A	Room 208
	Social Determinants of Health B	Room 205
Group IV	Quality Improvement/Disparities/Access	Room 700
Group V	Payment Reform/ Medicare Reform/ Cost Containment	Room 213
Group VI	Health Care Workforce	Room 106

4:45 pm Adjourn for Evening Events at the Main Building

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**The National Academy of Sciences Building
2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006**

Enter at 2100 C Street entrance

5:00 pm Taxis Depart for Travel to the Main Building

5:45 pm Photograph at Einstein Statue

**6:00 pm Evening Reception
Rotunda**

**6:30 pm “Science, Policy and Politics: Working at the Nexus”
Judy Feder, Georgetown University
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**7:00 pm Dinner
Seating assignments by Break-out Groups**

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8:15 am Breakfast

9:00 am The Role of the Media in Shaping Policy
Robert Cunningham, Consultant, National Health Policy Forum

9:45 am Break

10:00 am Return to Break-out Group Rooms

***Changes in Rooms:**

Group IV Quality Improvement/Disparities/Access Now in Room 201

Group VI Health Care Workforce Now in Room 204

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Continue Break-out Sessions and Prepare Reports

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm Reconvene in Room 100 and Present Reports

2:50 pm Report from Group I

3:00 pm Report from Group II

3:10 pm Report from Group III

3:20 pm Report from Group IV

3:40 pm Report from Group V

3:50 pm Report from Group VI

4:00 pm Discussion and Wrap Up

4:15 pm Adjourn

Dress: Business Casual