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FACULTY BIOGRAPHIES (In order of appearance on the program)

NANCY CHOCKLEY, M.B.A. is the founding President and CEO of the National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) and NIHCM Foundation, and has led the organizations since their inception in 1993, steering them through one of the most interesting decades of health care policy. She has spearheaded NIHCM Foundation's work in obesity, pharmaceuticals, prevention, children's health and the uninsured. Ms. Chockley is a national voice in the health care arena and has been featured on many broadcasts such as ABC World News Tonight with Peter Jennings, NBC News with Tom Brokaw, BBC and CNN, and in numerous print outlets such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, and *USA Today*. Ms. Chockley received her M.B.A. in 1983 and her B.A., with Distinction in Economics, in 1980 from the University of Virginia. Prior to founding NIHCM, Ms. Chockley was a principal in the Strategy Practice of Mercer Management Consulting where she had worked with a variety of industries, including health care and pharmaceuticals, since 1985. Her experience spans the areas of business strategy development, best practices benchmarking and strategy implementation.

MODERATOR

SUSAN DENTZER is an on-air correspondent with *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer* on PBS where she leads a unit dedicated to providing in-depth coverage of health care, health policy and Social Security. The health unit was awarded the 2000 Robinson Electronic Media Award by the American Psychiatric Association for its report on schizophrenia, and a 2003 Gabriel Award from the Catholic Academy for Communication Arts Professionals for coverage of the "Eden Alternative" approach to nursing home reform. The unit, begun in 1998, is funded by a grant from the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. Prior to joining *The NewsHour* in 1998, Ms. Dentzer was chief economics correspondent and economics columnist for *U.S. News & World Report*, where she served from 1987 to 1997. Before joining *U.S. News*, Ms. Dentzer was at *Newsweek*, where she was a senior writer covering business news until 1987.

Ms. Dentzer's work in television has included appearances as a regular analyst or commentator on *ABC's Nightline*, *CNN's News Night with Aaron Brown* and *The McLaughlin Group*. Ms. Dentzer's writing has also earned her several fellowships, including a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University for the 1986-87 academic year and a U.S.-Japan Leadership Program Fellow in 1991. A graduate of Dartmouth, Ms. Dentzer holds an honorary Master of Arts degree from Dartmouth and an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio. She served on the Dartmouth Board of Trustees from 1993 to June 2004 and was the first woman ever to serve as Chair of Dartmouth's board from 2001 to 2004. She is a trustee of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and a member of the Board of Overseers of Dartmouth Medical School.

Ms. Dentzer is also a member of the Board of Directors of the International Rescue Committee, the nonprofit organization that works in relief, rehabilitation, protection, post-conflict development, resettlement services and advocacy for those uprooted or affected by violent conflict and oppression worldwide. At IRC, Ms. Dentzer heads the Board's Health Committee, which oversees the organization's health programs in 25 countries. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Global Health Council, the world's largest membership organization of groups involved in global health, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Japan Society of New York. She chairs the advisory board of the California Health Benefits Review Committee and is a member of the National Advisory Committee for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

CLAIRE D. BRINDIS, Dr. P.H., is Professor of Pediatrics and Health Policy, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Adolescent Medicine and the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Health Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). She is Executive Director of the National Adolescent Health Information Center and Associate Director of the Policy Information and Analysis Center for Middle Childhood and Adolescence; both organizations are sponsored by the Division of Adolescent Medicine and the Institute for Health Policy Studies (IHPS) and funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She is also a Director of the Center for Reproductive Health Research and Policy in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences and IHPS, UCSF.

Dr. Brindis' research focuses on adolescent and child health policy, adolescent pregnancy and pregnancy prevention, adolescent health and risk-taking behaviors, reproductive health services for men and women, school-based and integrated health and social services.

CLOSING THE GAPS: ACCESS PROGRAM PANEL

ABIGAIL ENGLISH, J.D., is Director of the Center for Adolescent Health & the Law in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The Center is a nonprofit legal and policy organization that works nationally to promote the health of adolescents and their access to comprehensive health services. The Center's work addresses a broad range of cross-cutting issues including consent, confidentiality, and financial access to services. The Center's work emphasizes the needs of vulnerable adolescents, including those who are living in poverty, homeless, or in state custody.

Ms. English has worked on legal and policy issues affecting adolescents' access to health care for more than 25 years. Before founding the Center for Adolescent Health & the Law, she worked at the National Center for Youth Law in San Francisco (1976-1998). She has taught at UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Public Policy, the Boalt Hall School of Law at UC Berkeley, and the School of Public Health at UNC Chapel Hill, where she is an adjunct faculty member. She has participated in major litigation affecting the legal rights of children and adolescents, authored numerous publications, and lectured widely to youth-serving professionals.

Ms. English served on the Advisory Panel for the Adolescent Health Study of the Office of Technology Assessment (1989-1991) and the Forum on Adolescence of the Institute of Medicine (1997- 2000). She received the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Adolescent Medicine from the Society for Adolescent Medicine in 2000, the Gallagher Lectureship from the Society for Adolescent Medicine in 1987, and the National Child Advocacy Award from the Young Lawyers' Division of the American Bar Association in 1997. She has been elected President of the Society for Adolescent Medicine for 2007-2008. Ms. English received her undergraduate

degree from Harvard University and her law degree from the Boalt Hall School of Law at UC Berkeley.

MISSY FLEMING, Ph.D., is the Program Director for Child and Adolescent Health at the American Medical Association (AMA). Prior to joining the AMA, Dr. Fleming spent 10 years at Northwestern Memorial Hospital as a counselor in their nursing school and later as the Director of Organization Development for Nursing in addition to serving as a clinical adjunct faculty member at the Northwestern University Medical School. Through the Child and Adolescent Program, Dr. Fleming directs the AMA's Partners in Program Planning for Adolescent Health (PIPPAH), a 5-year cooperative agreement with the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. In addition to the HRSA cooperative agreement, Dr. Fleming directed a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant to produce AMA's *Assessment and Management of Adult Obesity: A Primer for Physicians* which is part of the AMA Roadmaps series. From 1998-2002 Dr. Fleming served as the Co-PI on a National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) grant to develop an office-based treatment model for younger adolescents who experiment with alcohol, and she secured funding from the Carnegie Corporation in 1995 to implement clinical preventive services in school-based health centers. She is a member of the Society for Adolescent Medicine, American Public Health Association, American Psychological Association, and the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care through which she served as the co-director of their Center on Evaluation and Quality for 3 years. Dr. Fleming is a co-author on articles published in the *Journal of Adolescent Health* and *Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine* in addition to writing workbooks on delivering culturally effective health care to adolescents and *Healthy People 2010*. She wrote an overview of adolescent clinical preventive services implementation, shorter pieces on adolescent HIV education, and serves as a reviewer for three medical journals. Dr. Fleming is an elected member of the school board for her community's high school and has served as an adult basic education tutor.

DAWN WOOD, M.D., M.P.H., is Vice President and Corporate Medical Director of WellPoint State Sponsored Business, which has over one million enrollees in California. Since joining WellPoint in April 1996, Dr. Wood has been responsible for the development, implementation, and oversight of quality management, utilization management and case management for Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program, Access for Infants and Mothers and Managed Risk Medical Insurance Program for Blue Cross of California. In 2004, Dr. Wood successfully led the NCQA accreditation process for Blue Cross of California. Blue Cross of California State Sponsored Business is the first and only health plan in the state to have achieved the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) status of Excellent for its Medicaid product.

Dr. Wood's accomplishments in International Health include serving as consultant to the World Health Organization (WHO/UNICEF) working group on the "Sick Child Initiative" in Africa; participating in the WHO/TDR work group on the "Healthy Woman Initiative" in Kenya; and participating with Project Help as one of 10 physicians who delivered 11 tons of medical supplies in the Philippines. She received her medical school training at the University of California, San Francisco. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine, and received a Masters in Public and International Health at UCLA. Dr. Wood continues her affiliation with UCLA as Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine.

HARVINDER SAREEN, Ph.D., M.P.H., is the Director for Health Care Management, WellPoint State Sponsored Programs. She supports all Commercial and State Sponsored Programs related to childhood obesity. Dr. Sareen holds a doctoral degree from the UCLA School of Public Health, Department of Community Health Sciences, with a minor concentration in Anthropology. She has played a primary role in developing and analyzing several surveys

including the National Survey of Early Childhood Health (NSECH 2000). As a project manager and research scientist at the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families, and Communities, her work has largely focused on child health and development within different cultural and ecological contexts. Her previous work has included coordinating nutritional assessments of women and children in underserved populations in northern India, and evaluating the Women, Infants, and Children program (WIC REI) in South Los Angeles. She has also provided oversight for two consecutive evaluations of the Healthy Start program in California for the California Department of Education. More recently, she has worked closely with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Division of Health Policy Research to identify disparities in the provision of child developmental assessments, psychosocial assessments, and referrals to community-based services among families with young children. Her recent work has also included working with the Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Development in Ventura County to coordinate and conduct evaluations of First 5 Ventura County-funded programs and services for young children and their families.

Dr. Sareen is an active member of the American Public Health Association (APHA) and the Society for Research on Child Development (SRCD). She was inducted into the Delta-Omega National Honorary Society in Public Health, Iota Chapter, in 1994.

CLOSING THE GAPS: PREVENTIVE CARE PROGRAM PANEL

JONATHAN D. KLEIN, M.D., M.P.H., is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and of Preventive and Community Medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine. Dr. Klein is an expert in adolescent medicine and child and adolescent health services research. Dr. Klein's research addresses the organization of services, access and quality of care for youth, systems and individual clinician behavior change for tobacco control and for comprehensive adolescent preventive services. He attended Brandeis University, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School, and the Harvard School of Public Health. He completed his residency in Pediatrics and a chief residency at the Boston Floating Hospital, New England Medical Center, and was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He joined the University of Rochester faculty in 1992.

Dr. Klein serves as Chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Committee on Adolescence, and as a member of the tobacco consortium of the AAP Center for Child Health Research. Dr. Klein was the lead evaluator for the CDC funded coalition partnership for the prevention of teen pregnancy in partnership with the City of Rochester and the Metro Council on Teen Potential from 1996-2003, and served as a member of the US Preventive Services Task Force from 2001-2004. He serves as the Technical Assistance coordinator for the HRSA, Maternal and Child Health Bureau Leadership Education in Adolescent Health training program at the University of Rochester, and as the lead evaluator for the Upstate Center of Excellence for the New York State Assets Coming Together (ACT) for Youth Initiative.

MARY E. VERNON-SMILEY, M.D., M.P.H., currently serves as Senior Medical Officer for the Division of Adolescent and School Health, Office of the Director, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia. She is responsible for managing and directing various school health-related projects including school-based health services and mental health services. She recently completed a 15-month detail as the Senior Program Consultant to the *Steps To A HealthierUS*, a cooperative agreements program which was funded to help Americans live longer, better, and healthier lives by reducing the burden of diabetes, overweight, obesity, and asthma and addressing their risk factors of physical inactivity, poor nutrition, and tobacco use.

Prior to her detail to *Steps to a HealthierUS*, Dr. Vernon-Smiley was Team Lead for the National Capacity Building Program Section in the Division of Adolescent and School Health. She came to the CDC in 1991 from Duke University Medical Center where she served as an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Department of Pediatrics and Director of Adolescent Health Programs, Lincoln Community Health Center in Durham, North Carolina. She completed her Pediatric residency training and a Robert Wood Johnson General Academic Pediatric Fellowship at Duke (1976-1981). She received her Medical Degree from the Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City (1976) and Masters in Public Health from The Maternal and Child Health Division at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, School of Public Health (1990). Dr. Vernon-Smiley has a long history of commitment to the health care of children and adolescents and was selected by CDC/OD to train for three weeks in Washington, DC as a Public Health Service Primary Care Policy Fellow. This Fellowship allowed her to increase her knowledge, skills, and understanding of the processes that are involved in developing and implementing primary care policies, programs, and legislative issues.

BETSY LA FORGE, M.P.H., is the Director of Healthcare Program Design and Development for Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina. In her role, she led the development of Blue Cross Blue Shield's Healthy Lifestyle Choices initiative, a program that has received national recognition for its innovative approach to obesity management and prevention. She has more than 18 years of health care experience in developing and managing preventive care, disease management, and quality improvement programs and services. Betsy holds a masters degree in public health from UCLA.

CLOSING THE GAPS: SPECIAL POPULATIONS PROGRAM PANEL

MONIQUE FOUNTAIN, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A. LCRD, USPHS, is the director of the Medical Home and Healthy Ready to Work Initiatives at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Division of Services for Children with Special Health Care Needs. The DSCSHN (Division of Services for Children with Special Health Care Needs) administers the national public health program for children with special health care needs and their families, providing the national focus for leadership in planning, developing, implementing, directing, monitoring, and evaluating health and medical programs for this population of children and families. As the Director, she is responsible for the national program on Medical Home and Healthy and Ready to Work with responsibility for all aspects of access to ongoing comprehensive care for CYSHCN and their families.

Dr. Fountain is trained in Pediatrics and Preventive Medicine. She completed her medical training at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio. She did her Pediatrics training at Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel in Newark, NJ. After completing her training in Pediatrics, she developed a strong interest in population medicine and went on to do further training in Preventive Medicine at Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health at which time she also completed a Masters in Public Health and a Masters in Business Administration with an emphasis in "the business of medicine".

She has been committed to providing accessible, quality, community-based care to all children regardless of their race, ethnicity or special needs for several years. She lives by a quotation that quite simply states, "*A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.*"

BRIANNE SCHWANTES has combined personal and universal struggles and successfully fought some of the most difficult fights. She was born with Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI), a rare genetic disease that causes brittle bones. The prognosis at birth was not hopeful, yet she and her

family were dedicated to her survival. Brianne graduated *cum laude* from American University with a degree in communications, law, economics, and government in May of 2003. Brianne has dedicated her life to helping others and sharing her story of optimism and strength. Since birth, Brianne has participated in experimental research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Though faced with much adversity and many disappointments and so many broken bones “that it’s too depressing to count,” Brianne’s never-fading hopefulness and determination helped her to evolve into the poster child for OI. Between the ages of eight and fourteen, Brianne was asked to testify six times before the Health and Human Services subcommittees in both the Senate and House of Representatives. Her testimony advocated additional funding for bone diseases and over time resulted in the reinstatement of million dollars in funding.

Brianne also focuses her energy on a multitude of service activities, including work with the Heart of America Foundation®, the American Red Cross and Camp AmeriKids. Brianne is a compelling motivator, and was recently featured on the Oprah Winfrey Show, in the books *A Courage to Give*, *The Heart of America: Ten Core Values That Make Our Country Great*, and in many publications such as the *Wall Street Journal*, *ReAct* magazine, and *Ladies Home Journal*. Brianne surpasses challenges in life, service, and education, which are common themes within all her presentations. She shares her own personal story of a young adult beating the odds and her presentations empower audiences to overcome their own obstacles so they may help others in need.

DONALD R. FISCHER, M.D., M.B.A. is Senior Vice President of Integrated Clinical Services and Chief Medical Officer at Highmark Inc. in Pittsburgh, PA. Among his responsibilities are quality management, pharmacy affairs, medical management, behavioral health management, preventive health services, and medical policy. He is also actively involved in Highmark’s initiative to create a regional strategy to address Childhood Obesity.

Dr. Fischer is a 1973 graduate of the University of Notre Dame and received his M.D. from the University of Illinois in 1977. After completing a pediatric residency and pediatric cardiology fellowship at the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh in 1981, he joined the full time faculty there in the division of Pediatric Cardiology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He was promoted to the rank of Professor in 1995, and held the position of Medical Director at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh from July 1996 through December 2000. Dr. Fischer also holds an M.B.A. degree from the University of Pittsburgh Katz Graduate School of Business.

Dr. Fischer is Board certified in Pediatrics and Pediatric Cardiology, and is a Fellow in both the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Cardiology. He is a Certified Physician Executive in the American College of Physician Executives. He is a member of the Boards of Directors of the Pennsylvania Cancer Control Consortium (PAC3), the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Heart Association, the Pittsburgh Regional Healthcare Initiative, and the DePaul School for Hearing and Speech. In addition he serves as CoChair of the Pennsylvania Coalition to Save Antibiotic Strength (PaCSAS).