



National Advisory Committee Bios

Georges C. Benjamin, M.D., F.A.C.P.

Georges C. Benjamin, Executive Director, The American Public Health; Former Secretary of Health for the State of Maryland; Chief of Emergency Medicine at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center; Commissioner for Public Health for the District of Columbia; Fellow, American College of Physicians; Past President of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials; Appointed to: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Public Health Preparedness and to the Advisory Committee to the Director of the CDC.

Michael Bird, M.S.W., M.P.H.

Michael E. Bird, Executive Director of the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center; Staff with Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; President, American Public Health Association; President, New Mexico Public Health Association; Fellow, U.S. Public Health Service Primary Care Fellowship Program and a Board Member of HealthNet New Mexico; and Finisher of the National AIDS Marathon in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The Honorable Mary H. Coleman

Mary H. Coleman, Member, Mississippi House of Representatives; Vice Chairman of the Interstate Cooperation Committee; Member of the County Affairs, Public Health & Human Services, Public Property and Ways and Means committees; President, National Black Caucus of State Legislators; Board Member, e General Missionary Baptist State Convention; Life Member; the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Member, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Rotary Club, NOBEL Women, the Southern Christian Leadership Council (SCLC), National Organization of Women (NOW) and Women in Government; and Executive Assistant, Mississippi State Auditor.

The Honorable Sandi B. Colquitt

Sandi Colquitt, Councilperson, City of University City, University City, MO; President/CEO, Heads Up Foundation; Treasurer and Former Regional Director, National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials. Deputy Director, Regional Education and Advocacy Coalition on HIV/AIDS; Case Manager, Regional Education and Advocacy Coalition.

Nathan Congdon, M.D., M.P.H.

Nathan Congdon, Director of Eye Health for the Helen Keller Foundation, Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine; Clinical Staff Member, Johns Hopkins Hospital Wilmer Eye Institute; Glaucoma Specialist; and Fluent in Mandarin Chinese and conversational in Spanish.

The Honorable Bill Crawford

William “Bill” A. Crawford, Member, Indiana General Assembly, House of Representatives; Chairman, Ways and Means Committee; Delegate to: the National Conference on the Black Agenda; The National Black Leadership Summit Meeting, and the African, African American Summits; Co-Chairman, Jackson for President; Member, Indiana Black Legislative Caucus and National Black Caucus of State Legislators; Appointee, National Conference of State Legislatures Budget and Finance Committee and Manager of Community Relations and Outreach Programs, Ivy Tech State College.

Ronald David, M.D., M.Div. (Ex-officio Member)

Ronald David, Former Assistant Professor of Neonatal/prenatal Medicine at The University Health Center of Pittsburgh; Deputy and Acting Secretary of Health, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and Lecturer, at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government; Chief Medical Officer, DC Health and Hospitals Public Benefit Corporation; Postulant Orders in Episcopal Church, Diocese of Los Angeles.

The Honorable Ronald Dellums (Ex-officio Member)

Ronald V. Dellums, President, Dellums and Associates; Former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives (27 years); Lecturer, San Francisco State College and the Berkeley Graduate School of Social Welfare; director of Hunters Point Youth Opportunity Center; Creator of an endowed chair in his name in the Peace and Conflict Studies of University of California, Berkeley.

The Honorable George Flaggs, Jr

George Flaggs, Jr, Member and Chairman of the Justice Committee, Mississippi House of Representatives; Advocate, juvenile justice causes; Architect and Chief Sponsor of major reforms to Mississippi juvenile justice system; Youth Counselor, State of Mississippi.

Harold Freeman, M.D.

Harold P. Freeman, Associate Director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and Director, NCI Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities; Director, Surgery at North General Hospital, New York City; Medical Director, The Ralph Lauren Center for Cancer Care and Prevention in New York City; Professor of Clinical Surgery, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons; Director of Surgery, Harlem Hospital (25 years); President and CEO, North General Hospital, NYC.; Senior Resident in Cancer Surgery, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center; Diplomat, American Board of Surgery; Fellow, American College of Surgeons; National President, American Cancer Society; and Past Chairman of the United States President's Cancer Panel.

H. Jack Geiger, M.D., M.Sci. Hyg.

H. Jack Geiger, Arthur C. Logan Professor Emeritus of Community Medicine, City University of New York Medical School; Founding Member and Past President of Physicians for Human Rights, which shared in the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1998; Founding Member and Past President of Physicians for Social Responsibility, the U.S. affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, which received the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1985; Founding Member and Past President of the Committee for Health in Southern Africa. Chairman, Department of Community Medicine, Tufts University Medical School; Visiting Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School; Chairman of the Department of Community Medicine, School of Medicine, State University of New York at Stonybrook; Founding Member, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE); and Founding Member and Past President, Physicians for Human Rights.

Catherine Alicia Georges, RN, Ph.D

Catherine Alicia Georges, Lecturer and Coordinator, Department of Nursing at Lehman College of the City University of New York; President, National Black Nurses Foundation; Past President, National Black Nurses Association; Member, National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice and the New York State Governor's Health Care Advisory Board; Licensed to practice nursing in the states of New York, New Jersey and the US Virgin Islands; Founder, CAG Home Health Services, US Virgin Islands.

John P. Howe, III, M.D.

John P. Howe, III, Chair in Health Policy, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio; President & CEO of Project HOPE; Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Texas; President, Texas Medical Association; President, Bexar County Medical Society; Board Member, Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research, and the Southwest Research Institute; Senior Advisor, the Chinese Center for Communicable Disease Control and Prevention; Chairman, Harvard College Board of Overseers

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The Honorable Mattie Hunter

Mattie Hunter, Member, Illinois State Senate; Vice Chairman, Senate Health and Human Services Committee; Member, Senate Local Government and State Government Committees; Director, Chicago Housing Authority; Member, Illinois Sports Facility Authority Advisory Board, Council on Aging, Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency, Council on Disabilities; and Specialist, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs; Vice President, Office of External Affairs, Human Resources Development Institute, Inc; Managing Director, Center for Health and Human Services, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Marsha Lillie-Blanton, Dr. P.H

Marsha Lillie-Blanton, Vice President, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation; Adjunct Faculty, Department of Health Policy and Management of the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health; Editorial Board, *American Journal of Public Health* editorial board; Board Member, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization (HCFO) Initiative; Board Member, the D.C. Department of Health Medicaid Medical Care Advisory Committee; Elected Member of the National Academy of Social Insurance; and Author and Co-Author articles, book chapters, and reports on health care access and financing issues for vulnerable populations.

Beverly Malone

Beverly Malone, General Secretary, Royal College of Nursing. Appointee, Board of Higher Education Funding Council for England; Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health in the United States Department of Health; and Dean, School of Nursing at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

Ron Pollack

Ron Pollack, Executive Director of Families USA; Dean, Antioch University School of Law; Founding Executive Director, Food Research and Action; Appointee, Presidential Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry. Founder and Chair, Health Assistance Partnership; and Guest, The News Hour With Jim Lehrer, NBC's, Today show, ABC's Good Morning America and Nightline, CNN's Larry King Live and Crossfire, NPR's All Things Considered and Morning Edition.

Gary A. Puckrein, Ph.D.

Gary A. Puckrein, Social Scientist and Historian; Visiting Scholar and Fellow, Smithsonian's National Museum of American History; Visiting Fellow, Princeton University; CEO, Minority Health Communications; Publisher, *Minority Health Today*, Former Publisher, *American Visions* magazine; and Professor, Brown University, Rutgers University, Connecticut College, and Roger Williams College.

Joan Y. Reede, M.D., M.P.H., M.S.

Joan Y. Reede, Dean, Diversity and Community Partnership, Director of the Minority Faculty Development Program and Faculty Director of Community Outreach Programs, Harvard Medical School; Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School; Associate Professor of Maternal and Child Health, Harvard School of Public Health; Assistant in Health Policy, Massachusetts General Hospital. Prior to coming to Medical Director, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Youth Services; and Member, Board of Governors, Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center and the National Advisory Dental and Craniofacial Council of the National Institutes of Health.

Lloyd Sederer, M.D.

Lloyd Sederer, Executive Deputy Commissioner for Mental Health, New York City Department of Health and Mental Health; Director of clinical Services, American Psychiatric Association; Medical Director and Executive Vice President, McLean Hospital, Harvard Medical School; Distinguished Fellow, American Psychiatric Association; Fellow; New York Academy of Medicine.

Westley Sholes

Westley Sholes, Principal, Sholes & Associates; Vice President, Health Programs, National Organization of Black County Officials; Deputy Director, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services; Member, Board of Directors and Chairman, California Prostate Cancer Coalition; Founding Member, Brother-to-Brother Associates; Member, National Prostate Cancer Coalition; Member, Board of Directors, Intercultural Cancer Council, Houston, Texas; Member, Advisory Committee, Summit Health Institute of Research & Education, Washington, DC; and Former Trustee, California Museum Foundation.

Gloria Richardson Smith, Ph.D

Gloria Smith, Former Dean, University of Oklahoma, Director, State of Michigan Department of Public Health; Dean, Wayne State University; Vice President for Programs, W.K. Kellogg Foundation; and Director, Public Health for the State of Michigan and Public Health Activist for over 35 years.

George Strait

George Strait, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Public Affairs, University of California; Vice President of Content and Media, Dr Spock Company; Chief Medical Correspondent, ABC NEWS; Contributor, WORLD NEWS TONIGHT with PETER JENNINGS, and NIGHTLINE; Correspondent in Charge, Hillary Clinton's Task Force on health care reform; Chairman of the Board, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.

The Honorable Louis Stokes (National Advisory Committee Chair)

Louis Stokes, Former United States Congressman from the state of Ohio (30 years); Senior Counsel, [Squire, Sanders & Dempsey](#); Visiting Senior Scholar at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University; Member, Committee of Official Conduct and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; Chairman, House Select Committee on Assassinations to investigate the circumstances surrounding the deaths of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King; Member, Appropriations Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives; Member, Budget, Education and Labor and House Un-American Activities Committees (now the House Internal Security Committee).

The Honorable Louis W. Sullivan, M.D (Ex-officio Member)

Louis W. Sullivan, President Emeritus, Morehouse School of Medicine; Former Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration; Assistant Professor of Medicine, Associate Professor of Medicine, and Professor of Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine; Founder, Boston University Hematology Service, Boston City Hospital; Co-Director of hematology at Boston University Medical Center; and Assistant Professor of Medicine (Hematology Division) at Seton Hall College of Medicine, Jersey City, NJ.

Ho Luong Tran, M.D., M.P.H

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Arturo Vargas

Arturo Vargas, Executive Director of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) and the NALEO Educational Fund; Vice President for Community Education and Public Policy, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund; and Recipient, Hispanic Magazine's Hispanic Achievement Award for Community Service, and the National Association of Bilingual Education's President's Award.

David Williams, Ph.D.

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