

Speaker Biographies

“The Health of Safety-Net Hospitals: How are they Faring? What’s the Outlook?”

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Deborah Bachrach, special counsel on health care transaction and policy with Manatt Health Solutions in New York, has more than 20 years of experience in health policy and financing in both the public and private sectors. She has an extensive background in Medicaid policy and health care reform. Until 2010, Ms. Bachrach was the Medicaid director and deputy commissioner of health for the New York State Department of Health. There, she was responsible for coverage, care and payment policies for more than 4 million children and adults enrolled in New York’s Medicaid and child health insurance programs. She is an adjunct professor of law at the New York University School of Law, where she teaches a seminar on federal health reform. In addition to her teaching duties, she advises states and other policy makers as well as private stakeholders on implementation of federal health reform and Medicaid reform strategies. Ms. Bachrach is a frequent commentator on exchange implementation, Medicaid expansion strategies, and Medicaid payment and purchasing reforms. She received her law degree from the New York University School of Law and a B.S. in economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Patrick Conway, MD, is chief medical officer for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and director of the Office of Clinical Standards and Quality. He has overall responsibility for CMS’ health care quality initiatives. Previously, Dr. Conway was director of hospital medicine and an associate professor at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. Still earlier, he was chief medical officer in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the Department of Health and Human Services. In 2007-08, he was a White House Fellow assigned to the Office of Secretary in HHS and the director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. He also served as executive director of the Federal Coordinating Council on Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER), coordinating the investment of the \$1.1 billion for CER contained in the 2009 Recovery and Reinvestment Act. At McKinsey & Company, he was a management consultant serving senior management of mainly health care clients on strategy projects. He is a practicing pediatric hospitalist, completed his pediatrics residency at Harvard Medical School’s Children’s Hospital Boston, and graduated with high honors from Baylor College of Medicine. He completed an M.S. degree focused on health services research and clinical epidemiology at the University of Pennsylvania and Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

Arthur A. Gianelli is president and chief executive officer of the Nassau Health Care Corporation (the NuHealth System), a \$545 million teaching facility and public safety net provider. The NuHealth System operates the Nassau University Medical Center and the A. Holly Patterson Extended Care Facility; co-operates four family health centers in partnership with the Long Island FQHC, Inc.; runs one school based clinic; is the majority owner of

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South Ocean Care, Inc.; and is a part owner of Healthfirst, Inc. Additionally, Mr. Gianelli teaches health care and hospital management to graduate students at Hofstra University's Dowling College and Columbia University. Previously, Mr. Gianelli served as the executive vice president and chief operating officer of NuHealth. Earlier, he was deputy county executive for budget and finance for Nassau County and director of operations for the Town of North Hempstead. Mr. Gianelli serves on several boards of directors, including Regional Policy Council 2 of the American Hospital Association as well as the executive committees of Healthfirst and the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems. He has received numerous professional, educational, and civic awards, most recently being designated by the *Long Island Press* as one of the 50 most influential Long Islanders in 2010. Mr. Gianelli earned a bachelor's degree from St. John's University and three master's degrees – an M.A. in political science from Brown University, an MBA from Dowling College, and an MPH from Columbia University.

Billy Millwee is the Texas Medicaid director and deputy executive commissioner for health services operations for the state's Health and Human Services Commission. He is responsible for overseeing and managing policy and operations associated with the state's Medicaid program, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Medical Transportation Program, and activities of the Office of Program Coordination for Children and Youth – activities that impact more than 3.5 million lives, affect more than 40,000 providers, and involve the management of almost \$30 billion. He serves on the board of directors of the National Association of Medicaid Directors. Mr. Millwee has been involved in Texas state government for almost 20 years. He has served in a variety of management positions within the Texas Medicaid/SCHIP programs, including: director of the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) and Medical Transportation Programs; director of program operations and policy development; director of managed care operations, and director of claims administrator operations. Mr. Millwee holds a B.S. degree in business administration from the University of Maryland, an M.S. in health care administration from Central Michigan University, and an M.A. in sociology from Texas State University.