

Speaker Biographies
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JEFFERY CROWLEY is a senior research scholar at Georgetown University’s Health Policy Institute. His primary areas of focus are Medicaid and Medicare policy issues as they impact people with disabilities and chronic conditions. Before joining the Health Policy Institute in October 2000, Mr. Crowley served as the deputy executive director for programs at the National Association of People with AIDS, overseeing the organization’s public education, community development, and training activities. Mr. Crowley earned a master of public health degree from the Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor of arts degree from Kalamazoo College. He is also a returned Peace Corps Volunteer, having served as a high school science teacher in Nhlangano, Swaziland from 1989-1991. Mr. Crowley is a member of the National Academy for Social Insurance.

TRISH RILEY serves as director of Maine Governor John Baldacci's Office of Health Policy and Finance, leading the governor’s effort to develop a comprehensive, coordinated health system in Maine and to assure affordable health insurance for all Maine citizens. She was the principal architect of Dirigo Health Reform, an initiative designed to ensure that all in Maine have health coverage by 2009, and is responsible for its successful implementation.

Ms. Riley previously served as executive director of the National Academy for State Health Policy and president of its corporate board from 1989-2003. Previously, she held appointive positions under four Maine governors, including service directing the state aging office, and directing Medicaid and state health agencies, including health planning and licensing and certification programs. Ms. Riley has published and presented widely about state health reform. She serves as a member of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, and was a member of the Institute of Medicine's Subcommittee on Creating an External Environment for Quality, as well as a number of other commissions and boards. Ms. Riley holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Maine.

DIANE ROWLAND, D.Sc., is the executive vice president of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and the executive director of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. She is also an adjunct professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Bloomberg School of Public Health of The Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Rowland is an authority on health policy, Medicare and Medicaid, and health care for low-income, elderly, and disadvantaged populations, and has published widely on these subjects. Her federal health policy experience includes service on the staff of the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment of the House Energy and Commerce

Committee, as well as senior health policy positions in the Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of the Secretary and the Health Care Financing Administration.

She is a member of the Institute of Medicine, a founding member of the National Academy of Social Insurance, past president and fellow of the Association for Health Services Research, and a senior advisor to the Brookdale Foundation Fellowship in Gerontology. She has served on The Commonwealth Fund's Commission on the Future of Health Insurance and Commission on Women's Health, among other responsibilities. Dr. Rowland holds a bachelor's degree from Wellesley College, a master's in public administration from the University of California at Los Angeles and a doctor of science in health policy and management from The Johns Hopkins University.