

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES**

### **Alice Burton**

Alice Burton is director of the State Health Policy Group at AcademyHealth, where she leads The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's State Coverage Initiatives (SCI) program, and advises on other special projects. Previously, Ms. Burton was the director of the planning administration at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. In that role, she was responsible for policy analyses and advising the Department on health care financing legislative issues, including Medicaid, the Maryland State Children's Health Insurance Program, and the uninsured. She also served as the project director for Maryland's Health Resources and Services Administration Planning Grant on the uninsured. Ms. Burton is a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, and holds a master's degree in health policy from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.

### **David Carvalho**

David Carvalho is Deputy Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, responsible for the Office of Policy, Planning and Statistics. The Office comprises Divisions of Epidemiological Studies, Health Policy, Health Statistics, Health Systems Development (CON) and Rural Health. David and his staff are responsible for supporting the activities of the Adequate Health Care Task Force under the Health Care Justice Act.

Carvalho served for eight years as the legal and policy advisor to the Cook County Bureau of Health Services and four years as legal counsel to the Cook County Board President. Carvalho serves on the boards of directors of the Institute of Medicine of Chicago and the Suburban Primary Health Care Council and is a member of the Chicago Metropolis 2020 Regional Health Committee. Carvalho received his law and bachelor degrees from Harvard University.

### **Deborah Chollet**

Deborah Chollet is a Senior Fellow at Mathematica Policy Research in Washington, DC. Dr. Chollet conducts and manages research on private health insurance coverage, markets and regulation, including employer-sponsored health plans for workers and retirees, individual health insurance, and Medicare supplement plans. She regularly provides direct technical assistance to states on matters related to private health insurance coverage and markets. She is a senior consultant to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's State Coverage Initiatives program, and currently serves on the editorial boards of Benefits Quarterly, the Journal of Insurance Issues, and Health Administration Press. Her previous positions include Vice President of Alpha Center (now AcademyHealth); Director of the Center for Risk Management and Insurance Research and Associate Professor of Risk Management and Insurance at Georgia State University; Senior Researcher at the Employee Benefit Research Institute; and Assistant Professor of Economics at Temple University. Dr. Chollet holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Economics from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University.

## **Donald Cohn**

Donald Cohn is an Associate at AcademyHealth and works primarily on The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's State Coverage Initiatives (SCI) program. His duties include providing direct technical assistance to state policymakers in order to help expand and maintain health insurance coverage strategies; disseminating state models of expansion through the program's written products; convening workshops and small group consultations for policymakers; and assisting in the development of technical assistance documents.

Donald is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis where he earned a B.A. Magna Cum Laude in Political Science and a M.A. in Political Economy and Public Policy. He also holds a Master's degree in Politics from New York University.

## **Brendan Krause**

Brendan Krause is a Senior Policy Analyst with the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices. Mr. Krause works with states to help them expand and manage access to health services by providing tailored technical assistance to Governors' offices and state officials. In his capacity at NGA, Krause specializes in pharmaceuticals, Medicaid, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, the uninsured, and healthcare quality improvement. Recent publications include *Purchasing Pools for Prescription Drugs: What's Happening and How do they Work?*, *State Efforts to Control Health Care Costs*, *Preferred Drug Lists and Supplemental Rebates: Containing Costs and Managing Care*, *State Efforts to Improve Children's Oral Health*, and *Enrollment Hits the Web: States Maximize Internet Technology in SCHIP and Medicaid*.

Mr. Krause received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science *Magnum Cum Laude* from the University of Florida in 1996. He can be reached at either 202-624-5367 or [bkrause@nga.org](mailto:bkrause@nga.org).

## **Scott Leitz**

Scott Leitz directs the Office of Health Policy at the Minnesota Department of Health.

Mr. Leitz's Office has broad responsibility for research and analysis on Minnesota's health care market, including the monitoring of health insurance premiums, the status of health access for Minnesotans, and research into health disparities. In addition, the Office is responsible for the implementation of Minnesota's Health Information Technology efforts, Minnesota's Adverse Health Event reporting system, and ongoing research and analysis of public health statistics. The Office serves as a non-partisan health policy analysis resource to Minnesota's legislature, executive branch, and stakeholders.

Mr. Leitz has a master's degree in public affairs from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and a B.S. in economics and mathematics from the University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire.

## **Enrique Martinez-Vidal**

Enrique Martinez-Vidal joined AcademyHealth in February 2005 as the deputy director of the State Health Policy Group and the deputy director of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's State Coverage Initiatives (SCI) program. Previously Mr. Martinez-Vidal was the deputy director for performance and benefits at the Maryland Health Care Commission, an independent state agency. There he was responsible for the oversight of Maryland's small group insurance market reforms; the annual evaluation of Maryland's mandated health insurance benefits; the collection and public dissemination of quality and performance information for hospitals, nursing homes and health plans; providing primary assistance on all legislative issues; and working on numerous other projects related to the affordability of health care, quality improvement, and patient safety.

Mr. Martinez-Vidal was formerly a policy analyst with the Maryland Department of Legislative Services for five years. During that time he staffed the House Economic Matters Committee and was involved with a number of health-care related issues. He has a B.A. in political science and international studies from Dickinson College and a master's degree in public policy from Georgetown University.

## **Charles (Chuck) Milligan, Jr.**

Charles (Chuck) Milligan became executive director of the Center in 2004. He directs the Center's staff and provides leadership in accomplishing the Center's strategic agenda and mission. Mr. Milligan oversees delivery of services to clients, which include the Maryland Medicaid program, other state and local agencies in Maryland, the federal government, other state Medicaid agencies, and private foundations. Mr. Milligan also coordinates the Center's work with academic departments and research centers at UMBC.

Before joining the Center, Mr. Milligan was vice president at The Lewin Group, where he provided consulting services to states and other clients, primarily involving the Medicaid program and coverage for the uninsured. Prior to that, he was Medicaid and SCHIP director for the state of New Mexico. He practiced as a health law attorney earlier in his career.

Mr. Milligan has served on many committees and delivered presentations to the National Health Policy Forum, National Governors Association, National Conference of State Legislatures, National Association of State Medicaid Directors, America's Health Insurance Plans, and American Hospital Association, among other organizations. Mr. Milligan served as adjunct faculty for the University of California at Berkeley, St. Mary's College, and John F. Kennedy University, teaching graduate level courses on health and elder law.

Mr. Milligan holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School, an M.P.H. from the University of California at Berkeley, and a B.B.A. from the University of Notre Dame.