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Editor's Note This feature of the journal is intended to promote communication among readers by providing a selected listing of personal milestones and organizational changes, announcements of selected grants offered and awards made, a calendar of national and international meetings, titles of miscellaneous reports and other publications, and notices of opportunities for education, research, publishing, and presenting. National and cross-national items are selected from the fields of health politics, economics, ethics, and policy. Please send submissions and suggestions to David G. Warren, Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Duke University, Box 3836, Durham, NC 27710-3638, (919) 942-2480, fax (919) 968-1655, dgwarren@duke.edu.

Personal

Thomas Frist Sr., died in January at age eighty-seven. He and his son founded the Hospital Corporation of America, now known as Columbia/HCA, in 1968.

Herbert Nickens, vice president for minority and community programs for the Association of American Medical Colleges and former director of the Office of Minority Health at the Department of Health and Human Services, died in March at age fifty-one.

Thomas Murray, former director of the biomedical ethics center at Case Western Reserve Medical School, is president of the Hastings Center in Garrison, New York.

Audrey Gotsch, professor and vice chair of the Department of Environmental and Community Medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry–Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, is president of the American Public Health Association.

Bill Gradison, former congressman and president of the Health Insurance Association of America, is a partner of the Washington, DC, law firm Patton Boggs.

Lowell P. Weicker Jr., former U.S. senator, has been appointed chair of the new Pew Environmental Health Commission.

Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the House, has been appointed senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute to work on a project to develop an information age model for health, wellness, and health care.

George Lundberg, who served for seventeen years as editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, has been named editor in chief of Medscape, a Web site aimed at health professionals and consumers (www.medscape.com).

Mary Northridge, interim editor of the *American Journal of Public Health*, has been named editor.

Eric Weissenstein, former Washington, DC, bureau chief for *Modern Healthcare*, has joined the Washington Research Group of the investment firm Charles Schwab.

Kristen Hallam has transferred from the Chicago to the Washington, DC, office of *Modern Healthcare*.

J. Michael McGinnis, former deputy assistant secretary for health at the Department of Health and Human Services, director of the DHHS office of disease prevention and health promotion, and assistant surgeon general, is now head of the health unit at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. **Jack Ebeler**, former deputy assistant secretary for health policy at the DHHS, is director of the health care group at the foundation.

Larry Lewin, founder and for nearly thirty years CEO of the Lewin Group, has retired. **Robert J. Rubin** has replaced him as CEO. **Raymond Baxter** will head the firm's research, policy, and management group, and **James Hamill** is COO and director of the Quintiles Consulting Group.

Bernadine Healy, dean of the medical school at Ohio State University and former director of the National Institutes of Health, is president of the American Red Cross. She replaces **Elizabeth Dole**, who resigned in January to explore the possibility of seeking the Republican presidential nomination.

David Seckman is interim president of the American Health Care Association. He replaces **Paul Willging**, who served as president for sixteen years.

Susan Bartlett Foote, former president of Public Policy Partners in Washington, DC, has been named head of the Division of Health Services Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health.

Richard Henley, executive vice president of Vassar Brothers Hospital in Poughkeepsie, New York, is board chair of the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

Jerome V. Vaccaro, national medical director of PacifiCare Behavioral Health, is chair-elect of the American Managed Behavioral Healthcare Association.

Dwight Bartlett, former insurance commissioner of Maryland, has been selected first senior health fellow at the American Academy of Actuaries.

Jay Angoff, former insurance commissioner of Missouri, is director of the insurance standards team at the Center for Medicaid and State Operations of the Health Care Financing Administration.

David Korsh, former legislative counsel for the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, is associate general counsel for the American Accreditation Health Care Commission/URAC.

Stuart Guterman, former deputy director of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, has joined the Urban Institute's Health Policy Center. Succeeding him at the commission is **Lu Zawistowich**, formerly of the Center for Beneficiary Services at the Health Care Financing Administration.

Edwin Bransome of the Medical College of Georgia is president of U.S. Pharmacoopia. He replaces **Jane Henney**, who has become commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration. **Jerome Halperin** is stepping down as CEO of U.S. Pharmacoopia.

Dennis Baker of the Texas Department of Health is FDA associate commissioner for regulatory affairs. He succeeds **Ronald Chesemore**.

Former FDA acting commissioner **Mark Novitch** is chair of Alteon, a New Jersey company that develops diabetes drugs. Retiring from Alteon as president is former FDA commissioner **Jere Goyan**.

Michael Friedman, also former FDA acting commissioner, has left the FDA to become senior vice president for clinical affairs at G. D. Searle Company.

John Nestor, an FDA reviewer credited with helping prevent the introduction of thalidomide into the United States in the 1960s, died in May at age eighty-six.

Lewis Lorton has resigned as executive director of Healthcare Open Systems and Trials, a consortium that promotes the use of information technologies to improve health care. **Lori Lovejoy** is serving as acting executive director.

William Cox, who resigned as executive director of the Catholic Health Association, has become CEO of an organization formed by the merger of the Alliance of Catholic Health Care Systems and the California Association of Catholic Hospitals.

Peter Leibold, who has served as general counsel of the Catholic Hospital Association and also on the staff of Senator John Danforth (R-MO), is head of the American Health Lawyers Association.

Murray Ross, former head of the health cost estimates unit at the Congressional Budget Office, is executive director of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission. He succeeds **Lauren LeRoy**, who has become CEO of Grantmakers in Health.

Alan Chapman, formerly with the Liberty Life Insurance Company in Greenville, South Carolina, is vice president of state affairs for the Health Insurance Associa-

tion of America. **Michael Giuliani**, formerly with the National Republican Senatorial Committee, is director of political affairs at the HIAA. **Robin Bowen**, former aide to Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY), is legislative director in the federal affairs department of the HIAA. **Winthrop Cashdollar**, former director of the Nevada Health Care Association, is director of the new HIAA Center for Disability and Long-Term Care Insurance.

Michael Horan, former director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, is associate vice president of clinical affairs for the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America. **Gordon Binder**, CEO of Amgen Corporation, has been elected board chair of PhRMA.

Maria Bolotsky, former publisher of *American Health Line*, is director of on-line information for the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Ann-Marie Lynch, formerly with the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission, is majority staff director of the House Ways and Means Committee. **Trent Duffy** has been promoted to communications director.

Ann Marie Finley, a former staff member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, is vice president of health policy for Ketchum Public Relations. **Greg Crist**, formerly with Ketchum, has joined the House Ways and Means Committee as deputy communications director.

David Main, a former staff member of the Senate, has joined the Washington, DC, law firm Shaw Pittman Potts & Trowbridge.

Holde Kleist has joined the law firm Ehlers, Ehlers & Partner and will manage the Frankfurt, Germany, office, concentrating in German and European drug law, drug advertising law, competition and trademark law, and health care law.

Elizabeth Fowler, formerly with the Washington, DC, law firm Hogan & Hartson, has replaced **Katy Horton** on the minority staff of the Senate Finance Committee.

William Prentice, formerly with the New Jersey Dental Association, is senior congressional lobbyist for the American Dental Association. He replaces **Randy Moore**, who left the ADA to open a Washington public affairs office for the University of Florida. **Robert Raible**, formerly a lobbyist for the American Federation of Home Health Agencies, is Washington communications coordinator for the ADA. **Frank Ryan**, formerly a lobbyist with O'Malley, Miles, Nylen & Gilmore, is manager of political education for the American Dental Association Political Action Committee.

Dirksen Lehman, **Sean Donohue**, and **Kimberly Monk** have been named to the staff of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee.

Christina Pearson, former public affairs officer of the Senate Finance Committee, is director of media relations at Policy Impact Communications, founded by **Haley Barbour**, former head of the Republican National Committee.

Greg Scandlen, founder and CEO of the Council for Affordable Health Insurance, joined the Cato Institute as director of health policy.

Pamela Bailey, former assistant secretary of health and human services, former government relations director for the American Hospital Supply Corporation, and current president of the Healthcare Leadership Council, is president of the Health Industry Manufacturers Association. She succeeds **Alan Magazine**.

Dan Boston, former staff member of the House Commerce Committee, is assistant vice president of public affairs for the Federation of American Health Systems. **Denny Shelton**, chair-designate of Triad Hospitals, has been elected board chair of the federation. Triad, a planned spin-off of Columbia/HCA, comprises its Pacific group of hospitals.

Matt Salo, former health policy analyst for the National Association of State Medicaid Directors, is senior policy analyst for the National Governor's Association. He succeeds **Jennifer Baxendell**, now on the staff of the Senate Finance Committee.

Julie Miller has been promoted to executive director for regulatory affairs at the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Association.

Alissa Fox, a private consultant previously with Washington Health Advocates, is executive director for legislative policy at the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Association. She succeeds **Susan Nestor**, who is now senior vice president of the Daughters of Charity National Health System in St. Louis.

Kenneth Cohen, former minority staff director of the Senate Aging Committee, is senior policy specialist in the Office of the Executive Secretary at the Department of Health and Human Services. **Michelle Prejean** is now minority staff director of the committee.

Tom Goddard, formerly with NYLCare Health Plans, is general counsel and chief operating officer of the American Accreditation Health Care Commission/URAC.

Daniel Johnson is executive director of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation.

Jon Gabel from KPMG Peat Marwick is vice president for health systems studies at the American Hospital Association's Health Research and Educational Trust.

Pete Welch, former principal analyst at the Congressional Budget Office, is executive director of research at the American Association of Health Plans.

M. June Horner, who formerly managed AIDS programs for the Health Resources and Services Administration, is director of its Office of Minority Health.

Susan Polan, director of federal government relations for the American Cancer Society, is president of Partnership for Prevention.

William Jessee, former vice president for quality and managed care at the American Medical Association, is CEO of the Medical Group Management Association in Denver.

Edward McCabe, executive chair of pediatrics at the University of California, Los Angeles, has been named chair of the Advisory Committee on Genetic Testing at the Department of Health and Human Services.

Clifton Gaus, former administrator of the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, is executive vice president and chief administrative officer of Wellpoint Health Networks.

Ken Thorpe, former deputy assistant secretary for health policy and recently director of the Institute for Health Services Research at Tulane University, is chair of the Department of Health Policy in the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University.

Robyn Stone, former executive director of the International Longevity Center–USA in New York City, is head of the Policy Research Institute of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.

Jeffrey P. Koplon, former president of the Prudential Center for Health Care Research, is director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Joseph Cappiello is vice president for accreditation services of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

Esther Emard, former senior vice president of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, is COO of the National Committee for Quality Assurance.

George Hardy Jr., former head of the International Life Sciences Institute in Washington, DC, and assistant director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is executive director of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials.

David Neale King of the University of California, San Francisco, has been appointed director of the Division of Information Management and academy librarian by the New York Academy of Medicine Library.

Grants Awarded

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has named six **Health Policy Fellows** for 1999–2000: **Charleta Guillory**, assistant professor of pediatrics at the Baylor College of Medicine; **Sally Phillips**, associate professor at the University of Colorado School of Nursing; **Mark Rasenick**, director of the biomedical neuroscience training program at the University of Illinois at Chicago; **David Russell**, assistant dean of clinical affairs at the Tufts School of Dental Medicine; **Jeff Shornick**, medical director at Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound; and **Karen Zanoi**, assistant professor of dermatology at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Eleanor Kinney, director of the Center for Law and Health at the law school of Indiana University, was awarded a Fulbright fellowship to do research and teaching on comparative health reform in Argentina.

Organizations

The **American Public Health Association** has moved its headquarters to 800 I St. NW, Washington, DC 20001-3710, (202) 777-APHA.

Publications

The *University of Illinois Law Review* has published a symposium issue on the state of the American health care system. The issue includes articles by David Orentlicher on euthanasia and the withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment, Laura Dooley and Robert Gaston on organ donation, Gary Schwartz on medical malpractice, Richard Kaplan on Medicare, Robert Rich and William White on federalism, Mark Hall on insurance market reforms, Hank Greely on access to health care, and Russell Korobkin on health care rights from a Rawlsian perspective. For more information contact the College of Law, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 504 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Champaign, IL 61820, (217) 244-8446.

New publications from the Foundation Center include the *National Guide to Funding in Health*, fifth edition; the *National Guide to Funding for Information Technology*, second edition; *Foundation Fundamentals*, sixth edition; *Foundation Giving, 1999 edition*; and *Foundation Grants to Individuals*, eleventh edition. For a catalog of publications or for more information contact the Foundation Center, 79 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10003-3076, www.fdncenter.org.

Minnesota Managed Care Review 1999 is Allan Baumgarten's tenth annual assessment of the Minnesota health care market. Part 1 presents a competitive analysis of health plans in the state, and part 2 compares HMOs according to other measures and analyzes hospital performance and other market developments. Annual analyses of managed care in six other states will also be published in 1999: Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and Texas. For a copy of the Minnesota report contact Allan Baumgarten, (612) 925-9121, fax (612) 925-9341, baum010@gold.tc.umn.edu. \$110.

Physician Assistants: Statistics and Trends, 1991-1998 contains cross-sectional data about the people who were eligible to practice as PAs during this period and detailed information on PAs in specific states and regions in 1998. Copies are available from the American Association of Physician Assistants, 950 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314-1552, (703) 836-2272, fax (703) 684-1924.

Benchmark, a new monthly publication from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, contains information on clinical performance improvement, outcomes measurement, and accreditation. For subscription information contact the Joint Commission, One Renaissance Blvd., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. Annual subscription (domestic), \$225.

"The Managed Care Shakeout" was the Eighteenth Annual Dorsey Hughes Symposium held in Vail, Colorado, 23-25 July 1998. The proceedings are available on audiocassette. Six cassettes, \$108 plus \$4 shipping and handling. "Managed Care, Medicare, and Access to Care: Examining the Past, Anticipating the Future," the

Nineteenth Annual Dorsey Hughes Symposium, was held at Beaver Creek, Colorado, 12–14 August 1999. For more information contact Teach 'Em, 160 E. Illinois St., Ste. 300, Chicago, IL 60611, (312) 467-0424, fax (312) 467-9271, teach'em@bonus-books.com.

Fellowships and Other Opportunities

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's **Scholars in Health Policy Research Program** was established in 1992 to foster the development of creative thinkers and problem solvers in health policy. Recent graduates of doctoral programs in economics, political science, and sociology, including junior faculty, are invited to apply for these unique and challenging fellowships. Up to twelve scholars are selected annually to participate in the program at one of three academic institutions: the University of California, Berkeley (in collaboration with the University of California, San Francisco), the University of Michigan, and Yale University. The scholars have the opportunity to work collaboratively in multidisciplinary environments with faculty from the social sciences, medicine, public health, public policy, management, and law. They also have access to the full range of university resources and receive stipends of \$60,000 for the first year and \$62,500 for the second year of the program. There are no teaching or administrative responsibilities. To be eligible, applicants must be U.S. citizens and must have received a doctoral degree in economics, political science, or sociology after 1 January 1995 but before 15 July 2000. Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously worked in health policy research. The deadline for receipt of applications is 29 October 1999. For application materials contact the national program office by telephone, fax, or e-mail: Scholars Program, Boston University School of Management, 595 Commonwealth Ave., Rm. 546-B, Boston, MA 02215-1704, (617) 353-9220, fax (617) 353-9227, rwjf@bu.edu.

Call for Papers

Health Affairs, a bimonthly established in 1981, is a multidisciplinary, peer-reviewed journal dedicated to the exploration of domestic and international health policy and system change. Its circulation is ten thousand, and its readership is estimated to be thirty thousand. The journal's readers include national and state policy makers and health care administrators, academics, members of the media, health sector corporate leaders, and policy analysts. Beginning in the July–August 1999 issue, *Health Affairs* will complement its research- and policy-oriented articles with a new section of personal essays called “**Narrative Matters: Beyond the Data.**” The purpose of this section is to give a human context and perspective to the policy deliberations in the journal. Manuscripts are invited from writers who are closely involved, personally or professionally, with health care. Preference will be given to well-written reflections, based on firsthand encounters with the health care system, that explore the personal, ethical, and moral issues of delivering or receiving health care today, particularly unique stories or perspectives on topics that implicitly touch on policy-related issues. Manuscripts should run no longer than twenty-five hundred words and should con-

tain a minimum of academic or technical jargon. Submissions will be reviewed both at and outside *Health Affairs*. For authors' guidelines and answers to questions contact Fitzhugh Mullan, Editor, "Narrative Matters," at fmullan@projhope.org; Kyna Rubin, Associate Editor, "Narrative Matters," at krubin@projhope.org; or either at (301) 656-7401.