

Eric Trendell Health Policy Forum
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Speaker Biographies

The Honorable Scott Brown (MA)



Senator Scott Brown was elected by the people of Massachusetts on January 19, 2010, to fill the term of the late Senator Ted Kennedy. He serves on the Senate Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, and the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

Prior to his election to the U.S. Senate, Brown served in both the Massachusetts House of Representatives and State Senate. As a state legislator he advocated for children's and victims' rights, never voted for a tax increase, and worked to promote environmental and good government initiatives.

Senator Brown is a 31-year member of the Massachusetts Army National Guard and currently holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps. He is a graduate of Wakefield High School, Tufts University, and Boston College Law School. Senator Brown lives in Wrentham with his wife Gail. He has two daughters: Ayla, who works for the CBS Early Show and is touring musically, and Arianna, a pre-med honors student at Syracuse University.

The Honorable Tom Udall (NM)



Senator Tom Udall became New Mexico's 17th United States Senator on January 6, 2009, after two decades of public service. In 1990, New Mexicans chose Tom Udall as their Attorney General. In 1998, he was elected to represent the 3rd Congressional District of New Mexico in the U.S. House of Representatives. A decade later, he was elected and sworn in as New Mexico's junior senator. In the Senate, he serves on five committees: the Committee on Foreign Relations; the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation; the Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW); the Committee on Indian Affairs; and the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Udall earned his undergraduate degree from Prescott College in Arizona. After receiving his Bachelor of Laws Degree from Cambridge University in 1975, he chose to make New Mexico his permanent home. He attended University of New Mexico Law School and graduated in 1977. He then served as a Law Clerk to Chief Justice Oliver Seth of the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and became a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's criminal division. He also served as Chief Counsel to the New Mexico Department of Health and Environment.

Senator Udall is married to Jill Cooper and they have one grown daughter. In his spare time he enjoys tennis, fly-fishing, mountain climbing and staying involved in his community.

PANEL SPEAKERS:

Greg V. Jensen, LCSW, ACSW



Greg V. Jensen, LCSW, ACSW is the Vice President for Behavioral Health Services within Lone Star Circle of Care, a Behaviorally Enhanced Federally Qualified Health Center in Round Rock, Texas. In this capacity, Mr. Jensen leads the overall development of the integration of behavioral and medical services provided to vulnerable populations including Medicaid, uninsured and underserved. Mr. Jensen is the former director of the Department of Social Service and administrator of Behavioral Health at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa.

Mr. Jensen is a licensed clinical social worker in Texas and Iowa and has faculty appointments at both the University of Texas in Austin and the University of Iowa Schools of Social Work. He has practiced social work since 1979 in a variety of settings including health care, child welfare, behavioral health, and private practice. As a clinician and administrator for over 30 years, Mr. Jensen uses his experiences to inform his presentations making them practical and relevant at all levels.

Steven Adelsheim, MD, FAACP



Steven Adelsheim, MD, FAACP is a child psychiatrist and Professor of Psychiatry, Family/Community Medicine, and Pediatrics at the University of New Mexico (UNM) Health Sciences Center. Dr. Adelsheim is the Director of the Center for Rural and Community Behavioral Health in the UNM Psychiatry Department. Dr. Adelsheim serves as a consultant to the New Mexico Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative with a focus on mental health systems, including particular interests in supporting tribal programs, telebehavioral health, prodromal research, school mental health, and youth suicide prevention.

Dr. Adelsheim's clinical work focuses on telebehavioral health support for indigenous communities in New Mexico, as well as public health approaches to screening and early intervention for young people with early signs of mental health conditions. Most recently, Dr. Adelsheim has been the principal investigator on the EARLY and RAISE programs at UNM, both focusing on early detection and intervention for people with early signs of psychotic illness or a first episode of schizophrenia.

David Keller, MD



David Keller, MD is Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Senior Policy Analyst of the Center for Healthcare Policy and Research at UMass Medical School, where he is working on a variety of issues related to state and federal health reform, practice redesign, medical home implementation and children's mental health services. From 2009-10, he served as a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the Department of Health and Human Services. He previously served as Medical Director of South County Pediatrics and as Pediatric Director of the Community Faculty Development Center, a collaborative program to develop community faculty in the primary care specialties.

Dr. Keller is the founding Medical Director of Family Advocates of Central Massachusetts, a medical-legal partnership addressing the social determinants of health. In 2007, he was awarded a Physician Advocacy Fellowship through the Center on Medicine as a Profession at Columbia University, enabling him to work half-time with Health Law Advocates in Boston on the Children's Mental Health Project, to reform child mental health services in Massachusetts.

A. Seiji Hayashi, MD, MPH, FAAFP



A. Seiji Hayashi, MD, MPH, FAAFP is the Chief Medical Officer for the Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). As Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Hayashi oversees the bureau's clinical quality strategy for the nation's 1,100 health center organizations that operate over 8,100 sites. These community health centers, migrant health centers, health care for the homeless centers, and public housing primary care centers provide comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care to over 19 million people. Health centers are health homes for more than one in three people living in poverty. Dr. Hayashi is a board-certified family physician and continues to care for patients at a federally qualified health center in the District of Columbia. Dr. Hayashi graduated from Vassar College with a degree in Studio Art. He received his medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1997. In 2000, he completed the Family and Community Medicine Residency Program at the University of California San Francisco. He received his Masters of Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health in 2001 while serving as a fellow for the Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy.

Barbara Coulter Edwards



Barbara Coulter Edwards is the Director of the Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group in the Center for Medicaid, CHIP, and Survey and Certification at CMS and has considerable experience in public and private sector health care financing. She is a nationally recognized expert in Medicaid policy, including managed care, cost containment, long-term care, and State and federal health care reform. She was a Principal with Health Management Associates, Inc. for 4 years focusing on Medicaid, national health reform, and service delivery for persons with chronic and disabling conditions. She also spent six months as the Interim Director of the National Association of State Medicaid Directors and served for eight years as the Ohio State Medicaid Director. As Ohio's Medicaid Director, she led significant program reforms, including implementation of Ohio's comprehensive strategy to promote access to home and community-based long-term services and supports, development of a Preferred Drug List for outpatient prescription drugs, expansion of managed care to serve Medicaid consumers, and implementation of Ohio's State Children's Health Insurance Program. Ms. Edwards presents frequently on Medicaid trends and State health policy challenges.

MODERATOR:

Laurie Flynn



Laurie Flynn is the Executive Director of the TeenScreen National Center at Columbia University. Prior to joining Columbia in 2001, Laurie served 16 years as the national Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), the nation's leading grassroots advocacy organization dedicated solely to improving the quality of life for people with severe mental illness and their families. During the 2008 election, she served as a member of President Barack Obama's Health Policy Advisory Committee. She was previously appointed by President Bill Clinton to the National Bioethics Advisory Commission.

Laurie serves as co-chair of The Mind Research Network, a national mental illness and brain disorder research organization based at the University of New Mexico, and she is an advisory committee member at Johns Hopkins University's Health Services Research and Development Center. She was a member of the Interdisciplinary Advisory Board of the American Psychiatric Association's Journal on Psychiatric Services. She also has been a board member of the Child Welfare Institute for many years. Laurie has family experience with serious mental illness and has been deeply involved in mental health policy for 25 years.