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Friday, October 3rd, 2008
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7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m. OPENING ADDRESS



Health System Reform: Why Now, What, and What if? Len Nichols

Director, Health Policy Program
New America Foundation

Len Nichols directs the Health Policy Program at the New America Foundation. In this role, he works towards solutions to many of the complex problems of our health care system. Most recently, he has worked with United States senators on

health reform legislation and with the governors or legislators in California, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma, Washington, Arkansas, Ohio and Utah to shape coverage expansion and cost-growth containment strategies.

Before joining New America, Dr. Nichols was the Vice President of the Center for Studying Health System Change, a Principal Research Associate at the Urban Institute, and the Senior Advisor for Health Policy at the Office of Management and Budget during the Clinton reform efforts of 1993-94. He has testified frequently before Congress and state legislators and has published widely in a variety of health related journals.

Previously, Dr. Nichols was Chair of the Economics Department at Wellesley College, where he taught for 10 years. He also served as a member of the Competitive Pricing Advisory Commission (CPAC) and the 2001 Technical Review Panel for the Medicare Trustees Reports. He was on the advisory panel to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Covering America project and has been a consultant to the World Bank, the InterAmerican Development Bank, and the Pan American Health Organization. Dr. Nichols received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Illinois.

9:30 a.m. BREAK

9:50 a.m. PANEL & COMMUNITY INPUT DISCUSSION



Peter W. Carmel, MD
Member, Board of Trustees
American Medical Association

Dr. Carmel, a pediatric neurosurgeon, was elected to the American Medical Association (AMA) Board of Trustees in June 2002. He was a member of the AMA House of Delegates for 17 years and served on the Council on Long Range Planning and Development from 1994 – 2002, two of those years as chairman. From 2006 – 2007, Dr. Carmel served as president of the AMA Foundation. He has served as chairman of the National Coalition for Research in Neurological Disease and Stroke, as well as chair of the National Foundation for Brain Research. He is currently the professor and chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery and co-medical director of the Neurological Institute of New Jersey.



Larry E. Fields, MD, MBA, FAHA, FACC
Senior Director of Strategic Policy in the Worldwide Public Affairs & Policy Group, Pfizer

Dr. Fields is a former Senior Advisor at the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). His prior positions have included Director of Clinical Product Development at Medco Health Solutions, Inc., Senior Executive Officer at BJC Healthcare, President & CEO of St. Louis Connect-Care, Chief Health Officer for the City of St. Louis and Director and Health Commissioner of the St. Louis City Department of Health. He is one of six co-founders of the St. Louis Regional Health Commission.

Dr. Fields is Board certified in cardiology and internal medicine and is a graduate of Harvard College, Harvard Medical School and the Olin School of Business.



Thomas F. Hastings, MD
Practicing physician
Esse Health

Dr. Hastings received his medical degree from the University of Missouri Kansas City School of Medicine and completed both a residency in Internal Medicine and an Ambulatory Care Fellowship at the Kansas University Medical Center. He has previously been Medical Director for Cigna Health Care and Associate Medical Director for United Healthcare, as well as a chemistry teacher. He is a member of the St. John's Mercy Medical Center Quality Improvement Committee, the Purkinje (EMR) Advisory Board and a Missouri Ideal Practice Participant.



Susan Nestor Levy
Chief Advocacy Officer
Ascension Health

Ms. Levy is the Chief Advocacy Officer and the leader of the Healthcare That Leaves No One Behind strategy of Ascension Health, the nation's largest non-profit hospital system. In this role Ms. Levy oversees transformational strategy to expand healthcare access and design public policy and advocacy. In addition, she manages the system-wide functions of national legislative leadership, advocacy, public policy, and a Washington, DC based government relations office on behalf of Ascension Health. Prior to this position, she served as the Executive Director of Policy in the Office of Policy and Representation for the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, the Medicare Part A legislative and policy expert to the United States Senate Committee on Finance and several other health related positions.



Mary Jo Feldstein, Moderator
Reporter
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Ms. Feldstein writes the Money & Medicine column and covers health care issues for the *Post-Dispatch*. Her column won a 2007 award from the Society of American Business Editors and Writers and she also won awards for her coverage of medical malpractice issues in Pennsylvania.

11:30 a.m. SENATOR PAUL SIMON AWARD



Presented by **Herman Noah**
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LUNCH ADDRESS

Jay Nixon
Missouri Attorney General
Democratic Candidate for Governor

Jay Nixon has been Missouri's Attorney General since 1992, having been elected to an unprecedented four terms in this position. As Attorney General he helped found the Missouri Foundation for Health, which provides health care services to needy Missourians throughout the state.

Prior to being elected Attorney General, Nixon served in the State Senate and practiced law. His undergraduate and law degrees are from the University of Missouri.

Kenny Holshof, United States Representative Missouri 9th District and Republican candidate for Governor has been invited, as have the United States Vice-Presidential candidates **Senator Joe Biden** and Alaska **Governor Sarah Palin**.

1:30 p.m. FORUM ADJOURNS

4.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits will be provided by Saint Louis University School of Medicine for this event.