

## Biographies

**Steve Brenton** joined the Wisconsin Hospital Association in January 2002 and serves as the association's president/CEO.

Brenton worked for WHA earlier in his career, serving as the association's senior vice president for government relations before departing for Charleston, West Virginia, in 1988 to become president of the West Virginia Hospital Association. In 1992, he returned to the Midwest and served as president of the Iowa Hospital Association until his return to Madison in 2002.

Brenton's professional background focuses heavily on federal and state government relations and advocacy. He currently serves as chair of the Wisconsin Health Information Organization, a board member of the Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality, Wisconsin Statewide Health Information Network, Health First Wisconsin and the UW Population Health Institute Advisory Board and is a member of Wisconsin State Historical Society Foundation Board.

**Brett H. Davis** was appointed by Governor Scott Walker as Wisconsin's Medicaid Director on January 3, 2011. As administrator of the Division of Health Care Access and Accountability for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, he oversees the administration of Wisconsin's Medical Assistance programs, which serve over 1.1 million Wisconsin residents, as well as Wisconsin's FoodShare program. Wisconsin Medicaid programs include BadgerCare Plus for Children and Families, BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Adults without Dependent Children, SeniorCare, Medicaid for the Elderly, Blind and Disabled, and Wisconsin's Chronic Disease Program, among others.

Before being appointed Wisconsin's Medicaid Director, Davis served the people of Wisconsin as a representative in the Wisconsin Assembly. He was elected to the 80th Assembly District in 2004 and was re-elected in 2006 and again in 2008.

Prior to being elected to the Wisconsin Assembly, Davis served as a legislative aide to State Representative Mike Powers, State Senator Joe Leibham, and former Governor and U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

**Thomas DeLeire** is professor of public affairs and director of the La Follette School of Public Affairs. His research focuses on labor and health economics. His most recent work has comprised an evaluation of recent expansions to Wisconsin's health insurance programs for low-income families.

DeLeire has twice taken leave from his university appointments to work in government. From 2005 to 2007, he was a senior analyst at the Congressional Budget Office, and from 2002 to 2003, he was senior economist for labor, health, and education for the Council of Economic Advisers.

DeLeire previously taught at Michigan State University, the University of Chicago, and Harvard University. He received his A.B. from Princeton University in 1990 and his Ph.D. in economics from Stanford University in 1997.

**Elizabeth Feder** is an associate researcher and health policy analyst at the UW Population Health Institute where she is the Director of the Evidence-Based Health Policy Project. She also works on a range of projects in the Institute's health policy unit, including Health Impact Assessments and mental health access.

Prior to joining PHI Feder served as an analyst at the Colorado Center on Law and Policy, where she provided extensive technical support for an appointed commissioner on Colorado's Blue Ribbon Commission for Health Care Reform. She has worked on a wide range of health care and state fiscal issues, including extending Medicaid to young adults aging out of the foster care system; streamlining

enrollment procedures for Medicaid and SCHIP; developing a Medicaid buy-in program for working adults with disabilities; assessing the adequacy of minimum-benefit insurance plans for low income families; and exploring a parallel public payer option for Colorado.

Feder earned a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University. She was an associate professor of History and of Feminist and Gender Studies at Colorado College.

**Kevin R. Hayden** is a senior executive who is highly experienced in health care and insurance administration. Nationally recognized as a health care leader, Hayden's impact has been invaluable to organizations of all stripes, from state government and community non-profits to corporate entities.

Hayden joined Group Health Cooperative of South Central Wisconsin (GHC-SCW) in February 2013. As CEO, Kevin oversees all operational activities, which include an insurance administration system and a health care delivery system.

Most recently, he was President of WellPoint where he had national responsibility for the company's Medicaid business in ten states. Prior to that, Hayden was also appointed by Governor Doyle as the Wisconsin Secretary of Health and Family Services from 2006 to 2008. He holds a Master of Arts degree and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin. He serves on the Board of Directors of Medicaid Health Plans of America.

**John Jaffery** is associate professor of medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. Since 2008 Jaffery has served as the chief medical officer for the Wisconsin Medicaid program in the Department of Health Services of the Division of Healthcare Access and Accountability. In this role he has worked toward improving access to health care throughout Wisconsin and has increased the use of evidence-based policymaking at the state level.

Jaffery's clinical practice focuses on the care of patients with all stages of chronic kidney disease, including end-stage. In his research he has investigated methods to improve the delivery of care for such patients, with an emphasis on enhancing the interface between primary care providers and specialists.

He received his M.D. from Ohio State University College of Medicine and completed residency training in internal medicine and a fellowship in nephrology at the University of Vermont. In 2008, he received a Master of Science degree in population health and a Masters certificate in clinical research from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

**David A. Kindig** is Emeritus Professor of Population Health Sciences and Emeritus Vice-Chancellor for Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Medicine. He co-directs the Wisconsin site of the Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholars Program. He also serves as editor for the Improving Population Health blog.

Kindig served as Professor of Preventive Medicine/Population Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin from 1980-2003, where he developed a unique distance education graduate degree in medical management. He was Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 1980-1985, Director of Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center (1976-80), Deputy Director of the Bureau of Health Manpower, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (1974-76), and the First Medical Director of the National Health Services Corps (1971-73). He was National President of the Student American Medical Association in 1967-68.

He served as Chair of the federal Council of Graduate Medical Education (1995-1997), President of the Association for Health Services Research (1997-1998), a ProPAC Commissioner from 1991-94 and as Senior Advisor to Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services from 1993-95. In 1996 he was elected to the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences. He received the Distinguished Service Award, University of Chicago School of Medicine 2003. He chaired the Institute of Medicine Committee on Health Literacy in 2002-2004, chaired Wisconsin Governor Doyle's Healthy Wisconsin Taskforce in

2006, and received the 2007 Wisconsin Public Health Association's Distinguished Service to Public Health Award.

He received a B.A. from Carleton College in 1962 and M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago School of Medicine in 1968. He completed residency training in Social Pediatrics at Montefiore Hospital in 1971.

**Helen Levy** is a Research Associate Professor at the Ford School as well as at Institute for Social Research and the Department of Health Policy in the School of Public Health. She is a co-Investigator on the Health and Retirement Study, a long-running longitudinal study of health and economic dynamics at older ages.

Her research interests include the causes and consequences of lacking health insurance, evaluation of public health insurance programs, and the role of health literacy in explaining disparities in health outcomes. Before coming to the University of Michigan she was an Assistant Professor at the Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies at the University of Chicago. She is a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research and served as a senior economist to the President's Council of Economic Advisers in 2010-11. She received a Ph.D. in economics from Princeton.

**James D. Reschovsky** is a senior fellow at the Center for Studying Health System Change where his recent research focuses on physician payment issues, physician behavior, geographic variations, and Medicare policy.

He has been a key figure in the Community Tracking Study, which since 1996 has investigated changes in the health care system and their effect on people and providers. Previous positions include research fellow at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and faculty positions at Michigan State University and Cornell University. He holds M.P.P. and Ph.D. degrees in public policy studies from the University of Michigan.

**Joel Teitelbaum, J.D., LL.M.**, is Associate Professor and Vice Chair for Academic Affairs in the Department of Health Policy, and the Managing Director of the Hirsh Health Law and Policy Program, at George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services in Washington, D.C. He is also co-principal investigator of the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership at GW.

Teitelbaum has taught graduate courses on health care law, health care civil rights, public health law, minority health policy, and long-term care law and policy, and an undergraduate survey course on health law. He has authored or co-authored many articles, book chapters, policy papers, and reports on civil rights issues in health care, managed care law and policy, and behavioral health care quality, and he is the lead author of *Essentials of Health Policy and Law* (2007), an introductory textbook, and of *Essential Readings in Health Policy and Law* (2009), a companion to the textbook.

He has directed or managed several health law and policy research projects and he was co-recipient of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Award in Health Policy Research, which he used to explore the creation of a new framework for applying Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act to the modern health care system.

**Karen Timberlake** was named Director of the Population Health Institute at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health in 2011. As director, she leads the UW Population Health Institute in bridging between public health and health policy research and implementation into practice. She also serves as the Director of the Partnership for Healthcare Payment Reform (PHPR), a project of the Wisconsin Health Information Organization, which seeks to improve quality and efficiency in health care by reforming reimbursement to better align the incentives of payers, providers, employers and patients.

Prior to joining WHIO, Timberlake served as Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services from April 2008 through the end of 2010. As Secretary, she led key health initiatives, including co-chairing the state's Office of Health Care Reform, developing a plan for statewide health information exchange, expanding access to affordable health insurance coverage through BadgerCare Plus, and advancing policies to improve the overall health status of the people of Wisconsin. Under her leadership, DHS also

tackled a number of public health issues, ranging from expanding farm to school programs to reducing childhood obesity, improving birth outcomes for at-risk mothers in urban areas, and expanding screening for alcohol and drug abuse.

Timberlake also served as executive assistant and deputy secretary at DHS. Before joining DHS, she served as the Director of the Office of State Employment Relations from 2003 to 2007 and was an assistant attorney general with the Wisconsin Department of Justice from 1995 – 2002, serving as deputy administrator of the Division of Legal Services from 2000 through 2002. Timberlake received a BA from Indiana University and a JD from Harvard Law School.

**Barbara Wolfe** is Professor of Economics, Population Health Sciences, and Public Affairs and Faculty Affiliate at the Institute for Research on Poverty. Her research focuses broadly on poverty and health issues.

Current projects examine the role of income on health using a natural experiment; whether housing voucher programs lead to higher earnings, higher quality child care, and less reliance on other public assistance programs; the adequacy of resources when individuals retire and during their first decade of retirement; the increasing selectivity of high quality universities; how poverty influences critical brain areas among young children and the influence of growing up with a sibling who has a developmental disability or mental illness on outcomes as a young adult. Recent work addresses the effects of welfare reform; economics of disability; ties among income, wealth, and health; racial disparities in health; and intergenerational determinants of success in young adults.

She is a member of the Institute of Medicine, is serving on its standing committee on Family Planning, recently served on a committee addressing improving access to oral health care, and served as vice-chair of the National Academy of Sciences/Institute of Medicine Board on Children, Youth and Families and as a member of the Advisory Committee to the Director of the National Institutes of Health. Professor Wolfe's recent articles have appeared in the *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *International Journal of Health Care Finance and Economics*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Economy Inquiry*, *Journal of Health Economics*, and *Demography*. She received her doctorate in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania.