

## About the Speakers

**Cathy Schoen** is senior vice president for research and evaluation at The Commonwealth Fund, a private foundation that aims to promote a high performing health care system that achieves better access, improved quality, and greater efficiency, particularly for society's most vulnerable, including low-income people, the uninsured, minority Americans, young children, and elderly adults. She is a member of the executive management team and also serves as the research director of the Fund's Commission on a High Performance Health System. She has been an associate professor on the faculty of the University of Massachusetts (UMASS) School of Public Health, she directed the Service Employees International Union's research and policy department in Washington, D.C., with a focus on health insurance, and she was on the staff of President Carter's national health insurance task force, where she oversaw analysis and policy development related to payment issues, Medicaid, and low-income populations. She is the author of numerous articles, book chapters and reports on health insurance and access, international health systems, equity, labor, and social policy issues, and co-authored the book *Health and the War on Poverty*. She holds an undergraduate degree in economics from Smith College and a graduate degree in economics from Boston College.

**Anthony Rodgers** is the director of Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). He has over 25 years of healthcare executive management experience in both hospital systems and health plans. As Director, Mr. Rodgers reports to the Governor and is responsible for providing health coverage for one million Arizonans. The agency administers multiple sources of funding and provides oversight and compliance to health care providers that focus on quality of care and fiscal accountability. Director Rodgers currently holds visiting professor appointments at Arizona State University, at the W.P Carey School of Business, and at University of California – Los Angeles, School of Public Health.

**James Leddy** is a Vermont State Senator who makes his home in South Burlington. A native Vermonter, Senator Leddy received his undergraduate degree from the University of Ottawa (Canada) in 1964 and his MSW from Barry University in Miami in 1973. He served as Executive Director of The Howard Center for Human Services in Northern Vermont from 1980 until his retirement in 2000. Senator Leddy is the Chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the Co-Chair of the Commission on Health Care Reform. He founded Coalition 21, a joint effort of business, labor, providers, insurers, the faith community and advocates, organized to find common ground and shared values on health care issues. Coalition 21 was instrumental in achieving meaningful health care reform in his state.

**Donald Cohn** is an Associate at AcademyHealth working primarily on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's State Coverage Initiatives (SCI) program. He works with state policymakers to expand health insurance to the uninsured by direct technical assistance, written products, large meetings, and small group consultations. 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. During his graduate and undergraduate years, Donald worked as a staffman for Keewaydin Camps in Salisbury, Vermont.

**Duane Heyman** is currently Executive Director of the Alaska Health Care Roundtable, a Commonwealth North project following up on its 2005 Alaska health care study. A Yale graduate, Duane has been executive director of Commonwealth North, president of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce and the Jack White Company, worked at Merrill Lynch, at Wedbush Morgan Securities as vice president of investments, and as store manager of the Anchorage airport duty free shop. Duane has been very active in a wide variety of Alaska civic affairs, winning a Gold Pan from the Anchorage Chamber for outstanding individual community service. He is currently on the Anchorage Museum Building Committee, co-chair of the Museum \$16 million capital fund drive, member of Downtown Rotary, and Alaska Association of Health Underwriters board. He and his wife Carol are overjoyed that both their grown daughters live in Alaska.