

“The State’s Fiscal Crisis: Changing our Collective Response”

Health & Medicine Policy Research Group

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Speaker Biographies

Henry Sullivan is a policy analyst for Onyx Enterprises, a Chicago based consultancy specializing in the areas of Public Health and Emergency Preparedness. Henry has worked on both academic and applied research projects with the University of Southern California, the University of Florida, the Bureau of Administration for Cook County, Illinois, Erie Neighborhood House, and the Center for Neighborhood Technology. He also serves on the CMAP Human Services Committee.

Ralph Martire is executive director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability (“CTBA”). He is a regular columnist for the Springfield State-Journal Register, The Joliet Herald News, and The Daily Observer on public policy and good government, and former columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times. Ralph served on the budget advisory board to Governor Rod Blagojevich's transition team, where he acted as chairperson of the state revenue subcommittee. Ralph was the principal author of a study CTBA produced that identified revenue enhancement proposals to address the 2002 fiscal crises in the state of Illinois. Five of the proposals identified in that study ultimately became law. Ralph also is a key member of the research team that produces the groundbreaking "State of Working Illinois" reports, which detail industry, employment, wage and benefit trends in Illinois over the last 15 years. A joint project of CTBA and Northern Illinois University, State of Working Illinois reports have been featured in over 300 media (print and broadcast) placements nationwide.

Ralph received the 2008 *Friend of Education* Award presented by the Illinois Education Association-NEA, for meritorious efforts on behalf of the students, staff and public institutions across Illinois by demonstrating in both word and deed support for great public schools. Ralph also received the 2007 *Champion of Freedom* Award, presented by the Rainbow PUSH Coalition to individuals who carry out Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s commitment to equal educational opportunities through their professional and personal activism, and the 2004 *Ben C. Hubbard Leadership* Award, presented annually by Illinois State University to an individual whose leadership has significantly benefited education in Illinois.

A frequent lecturer on fiscal policy, Ralph continues to teach at the undergrad and graduate student levels, including a Master's level class on fiscal policy and a Doctoral class on the politics of education at Illinois State University, and an undergraduate class on public policy for Benedictine University. In 2009, Ralph designed and taught Masters' level programs for both Roosevelt University and the University of Illinois. Ralph also has taught tax policy seminars for the International Fulbright Scholar Program, the National Labor College and the national Women in Government lecture series. Ralph has been featured as a tax policy expert for numerous television and radio news programs such as WTTW, the Chicago PBS affiliate, and WPWR, the Chicago NPR affiliate. Prior to joining CTBA, Ralph was a partner in a law firm, with a sophisticated transactional practice focused on intellectual property, structured finance and mergers and acquisitions.

Mr. Martire served as the deputy issues director for Dawn Clark Netsch in her gubernatorial campaign, and issues director for David Wilhelm in his run for the United States Senate. He is also a former candidate for the Cook County Board. His prior appointments include serving as a member of both the Cook County State's Attorney's Council on Hate Crimes Prosecution and Cook County Special Task Force on Domestic Violence.

Mr. Martire graduated from Indiana University Phi Beta Kappa, with a B.A. in history and received his JD from the University of Michigan. He is married to Mary Kay Martire, and has two children, a son Nicholas, and a daughter Valerie.

Stephanie Altman joined Health and Disability Advocates in 1999 as a staff attorney specializing in Medicaid, Medicare, and health insurance issues. She represents children and adults in individual and class actions and also advocates for quality, accessible health care through administrative and legislative avenues. Stephanie co-authored *Medical Assistance Programs in Illinois* and the *Illinois Medical Assistance Action Plan* and conducts presentations and workshops on Medicaid and other disability topics for family and community groups, medical providers and hospital staff, and the legal profession. Prior to coming to HDA, she was an Assistant Professor of Clinical Practice at the Chicago-Kent College of Law, specializing in health and disability law, and a staff attorney with the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago. Stephanie has her law degree from Loyola University School of Law and a B.A. in English from Grinnell College.

Frank Anselmo, MPA is the Chief Executive Officer of the Community Behavioral Healthcare Association (CBHA) of Illinois. Mr. Anselmo has 40 years experience in the behavioral health care industry and has worked for a variety of national and regional organizations based in Illinois. His skills in developing strategic, tactical operational plans; and solution-based, policy formulation has contributed to CBHA's evolution as the premier Association representing community-based behavioral healthcare providers in the state.

Mr. Anselmo's strong commitment to teamwork and empowering individuals affected by behavioral health care policy and delivery decisions has been reinforced by the unique opportunities afforded Mr. Anselmo in his career. He has been privileged to work on service delivery system and implementation designs, which have received recognition at both the national and state level. During his tenure with CBHA, he has been selected to serve on both Senate and House task force committees to draft legislation specific to the behavioral health care industry in Illinois.

Mr. Anselmo is a member of the National Association of Mental Health Administrators, the American Society of Association Executives, and the Chicago Society of Association Executives. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration and has completed certificates in Finance and Administration from ASAE and the Division of Computer Science, DePaul University.

Kathye Gorosh, MBA, is the CEO of New Age Services Corporation. Ms. Gorosh has worked in the health care field since mid-1970 and in the HIV, public health and addictions field since 1986. She has comprehensive experience in program development and planning, organizational development, policy and advocacy, administration. She also has extensive experience collaborating and working with volunteers, community-based organizations and all branches of government. Ms. Gorosh was drawn to this field because she could combine her education and training in the health care field with her true passion -- public health. She sees substance use/abuse and HIV/AIDS as an opportunity to address the needs of the underserved and for those that have difficulty accessing the health care and social services system.

Her health care experience has prepared her for work that draws on a diverse set of skills which has benefited community-based agencies and not-for-profit organizations and also includes her work as the Project Director to plan and develop the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center. As an independent consultant, including work with the Health Resources and Services Administration, Ms. Gorosh has provided technical assistance for community-based agencies in designing health programs that meet the needs of their communities – including Diagnostic Site Visits, Grant Reviewer, Data Collection, capacity building, organizational development, program management, and group facilitation. She enjoys the challenge of evaluating and analyzing unmet needs and programs from a systems perspective.

John Peller, MPP works for the AIDS Foundation of Chicago as the Director of Government Relations. He lobbies the Illinois legislature and state government, Chicago City Council and Cook County Board to enact sound HIV/AIDS public policy, defends the right of people with HIV/AIDS, and advocates for increased services and prevention for people living and at risk for HIV/AIDS. Previously, John worked at the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center, National Association of State Medicaid Directors, and American Public Human Services Association. He has a Bachelor's degree from the Johns Hopkins University and a Masters in Public Policy from the University of Chicago. John was born and raised in New York City and has lived in Chicago since 1998.

Sarah Schriber directs the Health of Court Involved Girls Project at Health & Medicine Policy Research Group (Health & Medicine) to improve the health, safety and well-being of girls involved in the juvenile justice system in Illinois. Previously, Sarah was an attorney with the ACLU of Illinois, where she has focused on the civil rights of youth. Sarah has represented thousands of youth in class action lawsuits against Cook County and Illinois challenging the safety and conditions at the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center and in the state's child welfare system. Sarah also has spearheaded ACLU's Youth at Risk Project, which worked to ensure the safety and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth and their allies in school, child welfare, and juvenile justice settings. Sarah graduated from Northwestern University School of Law and Smith College.

Kelley Talbot is a Policy Associate at Voices for Illinois Children. She spends much of her time in Springfield working with policymakers to improve families' everyday quality of life by strengthening economic security, fostering progressive tax reform, and improving educational supports, such as after-school programs. Prior to joining Voices, Ms. Talbot handled legislative and media affairs at the Illinois Board of Higher Education. She gained legislative experience while on the Illinois House staff and helped run successful State Representative campaigns in the north suburbs.

Mildred Williamson is the HIV/AIDS Section Chief at the Illinois Department of Public Health. She also serves on the Board of Health & Medicine Policy Research Group.

Jack Kaplan is the director of public policy and advocacy for United Way of Metropolitan Chicago and United Way of Illinois, the association of 57 local United Ways serving the state. Jack is a graduate of Drake University (B.A. Political Science) and Chicago-Kent College of Law. He founded and was the executive director for the Lawyer's Committee for Better Housing, a public interest law organization which addresses issues of safe and affordable housing in the metropolitan Chicago area. Jack spent the 90's engaged in civil litigation with an emphasis on employment issues while living in West Virginia. Upon his return to the Chicago area in 1999, Jack became involved in nonprofit executive leadership for several local housing, health, and faith-based organizations, while being a stay-at-home dad. Jack began his formal involvement with United Way by serving on the board of the United Way of Northbrook and then acting as legal counsel for the consolidation and merger to the multi-community North Suburban United Way which he then served as Chief Professional Officer before moving into his current position.

John Bouman is the president of the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, an organization established in 1967 to champion law and policy for low-income people. He also remains the Shriver Center's director of advocacy, his position since 1996. He joined the Shriver Center in May 1996 after twenty-one years at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago, where he supervised public benefits issues and policy advocacy from 1985. Prior to that, he provided multi-issue direct representation in several Chicago neighborhoods for nine years and held a position as a specialist in the foundation's Elderly Law Project. He has won numerous awards for his career and accomplishments in antipoverty legal and advocacy work. He is recognized for being one of the most effective and thoughtful public-benefit advocates in the country. He was a leader in the design and implementation of positive aspects of Illinois's new welfare law in 1997. Recently he led the successful statewide effort to create the FamilyCare program to provide health care insurance to up to 300,000 working poor parents of minor children, and he was a leader in the successful advocacy to create All Kids, the first state program of universal coverage for children. Bouman is lead counsel in *Memisovski v. Maram*, a successful case establishing substantial reforms in children's health care in Illinois. He is a founding and current member of the steering committee of the National Transitional Jobs Network. He is a frequent lecturer and trainer on a variety of social policy, advocacy, and lawyering subjects. He is a 1975 graduate of Valparaiso University School of Law and member of the Chicago Council of Lawyers and the Chicago Bar Association.

Hank Scheff is Director of Research and Employee Benefits of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 31. AFSCME is a union and Council 31 represents over 95,000 active and retired public employees in Illinois. He is an expert in pensions, public sector tax issues, and spending issues in Illinois. He has served on several labor/management committees, is a former public member of the Illinois Pension Law Commission, and is currently a board member for the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability and Health and Medicine Policy Research Group.

Linda Rae Murray, MD, MPH is the Chief Medical Officer of the Cook County Department of Public Health in the Cook County Health & Hospitals System. She practices as a general internist at one of the County's south side community health centers, and is an attending physician in the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine at Stroger (Cook County) Hospital. Dr Murray is an adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois School of Public Health (Occupational & Environmental Health and the Health Policy & Administration Departments). She plays a leadership role in many organizations including NACCHO's (National Association of City & County Health Officers) Health Equity & Social Justice Team, and serves on the board of the Chicago based Health and Medicine Policy Research Group.

Dr. Murray has spent her career serving the medically underserved. She has worked in a variety of settings including a Workers Clinic in Canada, Residency Director at Meharry Medical College, and Bureau Chief for the Chicago Department of Health under Mayor Harold Washington. More recently Dr. Murray served as Medical Director of the federally funded health center, Winfield Moody, serving Cabrini Green Public Housing Project in Chicago. Dr. Murray served as Chief Medical Officer - Primary Care for the twenty three primary care and community health centers comprising the Ambulatory & Community Health Network of the Cook County Bureau of Health Services, one of the largest public health systems in the nation.

Dr. Murray is the immediate past-President of Health and Medicine Policy Research Group and is the President-Elect of the American Public Health Association.