

Senate Democratic Policy Committee Hearing

“America’s Uninsured: Myths, Realities, and Solutions”

Witness Biographies

DIANE ROWLAND

Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation

Diane Rowland is the Executive Vice President of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and the Executive Director of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. She is also an adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the School of Hygiene and Public Health at Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Rowland formerly served on the staff of the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment of the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the U.S. House of Representatives. She has also held senior health policy positions in the Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of the Secretary and the Health Care Financing Administration.

Dr. Rowland specializes in issues relating to health insurance coverage, access to care, and health care financing for low-income, elderly, and disabled populations and has published widely on these subjects. She is the editor of *Financing Home Care* and *The Medicaid Financing Crisis: Balancing Responsibilities, Policies, and Dollars*, and is a co-author of *Medicare Policy: New Directions for Health and Long-Term Care of the Elderly* and *Health Care Cost Containment: Lessons from the Past and a Policy Proposal for the Future*.

Dr. Rowland serves on the Board of the Academy for Health Services Research and Health Policy, the Secretary's Task Force on Infant Mortality, and the Commonwealth Fund Task Force on Health Insurance for Working Americans. She is a founding member of the National Academy for Social Insurance, Past President and Fellow of the Association for Health Services Research, and a Brookdale Senior Fellow.

Dr. Rowland holds a bachelor's degree from Wellesley College, a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of California at Los Angeles, and a Doctor of Science degree in health policy and management from the Johns Hopkins University.

JEANNE LAMBREW

George Washington University

Jeanne Lambrew is an associate professor at George Washington University where she teaches health policy and conducts policy-relevant research on the uninsured, Medicaid, Medicare, and long-term care. She is also a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress.

Dr. Lambrew worked on health policy at the White House from 1997 through 2001, as the Program Associate Director for Health at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and as the Senior Health Analyst at the National Economic Council. In these roles, she helped coordinate health policy development, evaluated legislative proposals, and conducted and managed analyses and cost estimates with OMB, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Treasury Department, the Labor Department and other relevant agencies.

She was the White House lead on drafting and implementing the Children's Health Insurance Program and helped develop the President's Medicare reform plan, initiative on long-term care, and other health care proposals. She also worked at the Department of Health and Human Services during the 1993-1994 health reform efforts, and coordinated analyses of budget proposals in 1995.

Prior to serving at the White House, Dr. Lambrew was an assistant professor of public policy at Georgetown University. She received her master's degree and Ph.D. from the Department of Health Policy, School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and B.A. from Amherst College.

KATE SULLIVAN
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Kate Sullivan joined the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in February 1999 and is the organization's Director of Health Care Policy. Representing small and large businesses, she determines the Chamber's position and recommends courses of action with regard to legislative and regulatory proposals.

Ms. Sullivan's public sector experience includes serving as Senior Health Policy Advisor to U.S. Representative Nancy Johnson (R-CN), who currently chairs the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health, and as Senior Legislative Assistant to former U.S. Representative Harris W. Fawell (R-IL, 1985-1999). Ms. Sullivan was former Illinois Governor Jim Edgar's (R) Washington Representative for health and welfare policy from 1991-1995.

Immediately prior to joining the Chamber, Ms. Sullivan was with a non-profit multi-provider health system in Chicago, where as Director of Government Programs she was responsible for finance and planning for the system's Medicare and Medicaid clientele. Previously, she had been affiliated with the law firm of Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay where she represented numerous medical specialty providers and providers of both acute and long-term care health services.

Kate earned her master's degree in Health Services Administration from the George Washington University and her undergraduate degree in American Government and English from Georgetown University.

RON POLLACK
Families USA

Ron Pollack is the Founding Executive Director of Families USA, the national organization for health care consumers. Families USA's mission is to achieve high-quality, affordable health coverage for everyone in the United States.

In 1997 and 1998, Mr. Pollack was appointed the sole consumer organization representative on the Presidential Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry. In that capacity, Mr. Pollack helped develop the Patients' Bill of Rights that has passed in many state legislatures and that is also pending in the Congress.

Mr. Pollack is also the Founder and Chair of the Health Assistance Partnership, an entity that works with health care ombudsman programs across the country to help consumers navigate the increasingly complex health care system.

Mr. Pollack is a frequent guest on a variety of television and radio programs, such as *The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer*, NBC's *Today*, ABC's *Good Morning America* and *Nightline*, CNN's *Larry King Live* and *Crossfire*, NPR's *All Things Considered* and *Morning Edition*, and many others. He is often quoted in such leading newspapers as *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Los Angeles Times*.

Prior to his current position at Families USA, Mr. Pollack was Dean of the Antioch University School of Law. He was also the Founding Executive Director of the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), a leading national organization focused on the elimination of hunger in the U.S. In that capacity, Mr. Pollack brought litigation that resulted in the creation of the "WIC" Program for malnourished mothers and infants, and he argued many cases in the federal courts – including two successful cases argued on the same day in the U.S. Supreme Court – to improve food aid for low-income Americans.