

Real People, Real Issues: Speaker Biographies



William (Bill) K. Atkinson, Ph.D.

Dr. Bill Atkinson, a Greensboro, NC, native, is the son of a textile manufacturer and the great grandson of North Carolina Governor Charles Brantley Aycock. He became involved in health care as a member of North Carolina's initial paramedic class and remains passionately involved in emergency medical services and public health issues to this day. He is the 2004 recipient of the James O. Page/JEMS International Leadership Award for contributions to emergency medicine. He has also received the Leader of the Year Award from Leadership Raleigh and was honored by the Alice Aycock Poe Center for Health Education with the Gordon Smith, Jr. Award.

Dr. Atkinson has over 20 years experience as a hospital president and chief executive officer in rural and urban settings in several states. He is only the third CEO in the 42-year history of WakeMed Health & Hospitals, an 853-bed private, not-for-profit multi-hospital system which is one of the top health care providers in the state and one of Wake County's largest employers. WakeMed's highly regarded heart program is North Carolina's largest.

While working full time, he earned a doctorate in public policy and also holds master's degrees in public health and public policy. He is a graduate of the Executive Management Program of Yale University. Dr. Atkinson holds adjunct faculty positions in the Schools of Public Health and Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and in the School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina - Columbia.

Dr. Atkinson is immediate past chairman of the North Carolina Hospital Association and current chair of the North Carolina Center for Hospital Quality and Patient Safety. He also serves as chair of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine and is a board member of the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, the North Carolina Citizens for Business & Industry and Wake Technical Community College.

He co-chaired North Carolina's WorkFirst Business Council. He continues to believe in the importance of economically healthy communities as the foundation for healthy residents.

He is recognized nationally for his innovative work in disaster preparedness and workforce development and for his expertise in reducing gang activity.

Dr. Atkinson, and his wife Allison, have three sons. They are Class of 2009 co-chairs of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Parents Council.



Andrea Bazan-Manson, MSW, MPH

President, Triangle Community Foundation, a philanthropic organization whose mission is to expand private philanthropy in the communities of Wake, Durham, Orange, Chatham and beyond. The Foundation has been in existence since 1984, has assets of over \$107 million, and manages over 570 donor-advised funds.

Previously, Andrea was the Executive Director of El Pueblo, an advocacy and policy Latino organization based in Raleigh, where she also served as its Chief Lobbyist. She has also held positions at the NC Office of Minority Health, NC DHHS (Research Associate) and the School of Public, UNC-Chapel Hill (Field Coordinator). Andrea is a member of the NC Institute of Medicine and has an appointment by Gov Easley as a member of the NC Medical Care Commission. She is Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Council of La Raza in Washington DC and serves on numerous other Boards, including the John Rex Endowment and the Wachovia Bank Board.



Linda Belans

Linda Belans became director of Health Arts Network at Duke (HAND) in 2003, a program that integrates arts and humanities into the life of Duke Medical Center. She is the creator and original host of *The State of Things* on public radio, and co-creator and host of *Do No Harm*, an award-winning radio magazine on medical ethics produced with Duke's Center for Bioethics and Humanities. Ms. Belans is frequently called upon to facilitate public discussions on issues that communities wrestle with including care at the end of life and race relations. She is on the boards of North Carolina Arts for Health, the Society for Arts in Healthcare, and the advisory councils for Project Compassion and Gaston College Prep, a public charter school for historically underserved middle schoolers.



MaryAnn Black, MSW, LCSW

MaryAnn Black holds a Masters in Social Work Degree from UNC-Chapel Hill, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Benedict College in Columbia, SC. She taught school for one year at Wilson Senior High in Florence, S.C., and worked three years with the Durham School System. She has worked since as a Psychotherapist, forming one of the first private practices for a social worker in Durham, prior to her hire at Duke in 2002.

Ms. Black has an extensive history in Durham over the past 30 years as a devoted advocate, successful counselor and public servant. She served as a Durham County Commissioner from 1996 - 2002, and served as Chair of the Durham County Commissioners from 1997-2002. She has been characterized as "a good representative of Durham... a thoughtful voice for moderation and a public official who has skillfully practiced the act of compromise". A leading advocate for health and human services programs, she has been an active leader and participant in numerous community agencies, schools and health care programs. She works to broaden the scope of every committee, board, and entity that she serves for collective thinking and broad representation for better opportunity and to understand and value differences in people and cultures. She has either chaired or served on the Durham and Triangle United Way Board, Durham County Board of Social Services, Durham Arts Council, Durham Regional Hospital Corporation, the NC Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission, the North Carolina Board of State Teachers and Local Government Retirement System, Durham Council on Alcoholism, Durham Center for Behavioral Health, Durham Health Partners Board and the Durham Crime Cabinet. She served as President of the Durham Downtown Rotary and is currently serving as the first female Chair of the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce Board.

Beyond these public roles, Ms. Black has provided Durham families with professional service for more than 30 years. An accomplished social worker, Ms. Black earned her Masters in Social Work from UNC-Chapel Hill. Throughout her career, Ms. Black has worked to eliminate domestic violence, improve mental health, and enhance childhood education for local families. In 1994, she was named "Social Worker of the Year" by the State of North Carolina and later the same year by the National Association of Social Workers.

Ms. Black now works as Associate Vice President for Community Relations for the Duke University Health System, where she works to establish partnerships with the city, the county and other agencies and organizations that benefit every citizen regardless of race, background, or financial status. She has worked tirelessly for programs to train minorities and prepare the underserved for job opportunities. She serves as a valuable link between the Health System and the diverse communities it serves. She has already initiated many strategies to enhance the health system's relationship with local government, community leaders, the faith communities and other groups that support the health and human service needs for the people of Durham. She hosts an annual Health Summit for Durham residents, employees, agencies, business and health care leaders to work on emerging issues of great concern. The topics of focus thus far have been specialty care access, prospective/preventive healthcare initiatives, obesity, and

addiction. In 2006, the first Health Summit to go state-wide focused on Health Disparities: Real Issues, Real People.

MaryAnn has won many awards in her career, but over the past three years she received the Women-In Action Elna B. Spaulding Award, the NC Alliance for Healthy Communities Eagle Award for Improving Health in NC Communities; the NC Association of Black Elected Officials Distinguished Leadership Award, the Triangle Business Journal Top 25 Outstanding Women in Business Award, the 2004 Duke University Diversity Award, the Josephine Clement Award, and the Durham Merit and Service to Mankind Award (Sertoma Club).

Ms. Black is the proud mother of two sons, James Christopher (deceased) and Jonathan Cedric, and the very proud grandmother of one grandson, Jordan Christopher Black.



Don W. Bradley, MD, MHS-CL

Dr. Bradley is Executive Medical Director, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina and Assistant Consulting Professor in the Department of Community and Family Medicine at Duke University Medical Center.

He attended the Medical College of Virginia and completed the Family Medicine Residency (and chief residency) in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He completed a Kellogg Fellowship in Family Medicine at Duke and a Masters of Health Sciences in Clinical Leadership at Duke 20 years later.

He has practiced in South Boston, Virginia and then at the Duke-Watts Family Medical Center in Durham, where he served as medical director for the 50-physician practice.

Dr. Bradley joined BCBSNC in 1988, first as an HMO medical director, and then in a variety of roles over time.

His research interests include system approaches to improve clinical outcomes and satisfaction with care, including reimbursement methodologies, disclosure of reimbursement methodologies to patients, and development of collaborative physician networks and relationships (e.g., centers of excellence and clinical studies).

He is married to a Duke family physician/educator and they share four children, two dogs, a cat, and a parrot.

LANIER M. CANSLER

PERSONAL:

North Carolina native, born in Catawba County

Attended Public Schools

Earned AB Degree in Business Administration from Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, NC

Married to Barbara Saunders Cansler of Lenoir, NC

Four daughters, Three Granddaughters, and Two Grandsons

BUSINESS:

Licensed Certified Public Accountant (Began public practice of accounting in 1973)

Established CPA firm in Asheville in 1981 (Currently Cansler, Johnson & Vollmerhausen, PLLC) with substantial focus on services to health care providers

Established the consulting and management services firm of Partners Medical Management, Inc. in 1994, providing management services to health care providers

Established the consulting firm of Cansler Fuquay Solutions, Inc. in April 2005 to provide successful strategies in policy development, communications, business development, and performance management in government, business, and non-profit arenas

Member of NC Association of CPA's and American Institute of CPA's

Served as Instructor for the NC Association of CPA's Continuing Education Division

Past Member of the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce, having served on the Small

Business Council and the Legislative Committee

Past Member of the Council of Independent Business Owners

COMMUNITY:

Past Member and Chairman of Board of Directors of Community Care Partners, Inc., (a Western North Carolina non-profit continuum of care including rehabilitation hospital, hospice, home health, elder day care, assisted living, and skilled nursing)

Past Member and Chairman of Board of Directors of Thoms Rehabilitation Hospital

Past Member and Chairman of Board of Trustees of Thoms Health Services Foundation

Past Member Board of Directors of North Carolina Minority Youth and Family Resource Center

Past Member and Treasurer of Asheville Civitan Club

Past Member of Community Advisory Council of Junior League of Asheville

Past Member of Board of Directors of First Step Farm (Substance Abuse Treatment Center)

Past Member of Advisory Board of Alliance of Business Leaders and Educators

Past Member of Board of Trustees of Vagabond School of Drama (Flat Rock Playhouse)

Member of Board of Directors of the Eastern NC Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF)

Member of Board of Directors of Prevent Blindness North Carolina

James W. Davis

Jim Davis became Executive Director of the North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission on April 1, 2002, having been selected by a vote of the Commissioners.

Jim grew up in Greensboro, earned a degree in Political Science from UNC-Chapel Hill, and a Masters Degree in Public Affairs from UNC-Greensboro. He served as a U.S. Naval Officer aboard a destroyer that saw action in both the Vietnam and Yom Kippur Wars. He then returned to North Carolina, and served as Chief of Staff to Congressman Robin Britt, D-N.C.

Jim's career in the public policy arena was primarily spent in the corporate sector. He recently took early retirement from AT&T, after 17 years working in Washington, D.C. and Austin, Texas. For most of that time, Jim was at the center of the policy debate surrounding deregulation of the nation's telecommunications industry. However, while representing Bell Laboratories in Washington, he played a key role in developing legislation that created a federal trust fund that has provided \$360 million in compensation for victims of radiation from the nation's nuclear weapons testing program.



Richard H. Dean, M.D.

B.A. Degree: Virginia Military Institute
M.D. Degree: Medical College of Virginia

Dr. Dean is the President of Wake Forest University Health Sciences and Director of the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. He has served as President of WFUHS since November 2001 and Director of the Medical Center since October 1997. He is also Senior Vice President for Health Affairs of Wake Forest University. Previous to these appointments he served as the Richard T. Myers Professor of Surgery, Director of the Division of Surgical Sciences, and Chairman of the Department of General Surgery of the Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

After receiving his medical degree, Dr. Dean obtained his surgical training from Vanderbilt University and then undertook a research fellowship in Vascular Surgery at Northwestern University. In 1975 he joined the faculty of the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, rising to the rank of Professor of Surgery and Head, Division of Vascular Surgery. He joined the Wake Forest faculty in 1986, when he also became Chief of Surgery at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital. He has served as Chairman of the Wake Forest University Physicians, the group practice organization of the School of Medicine clinical faculty.

Dr. Dean currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Association for Academic Health Centers (AHC). Dr. Dean has also served on the Board of Regents for the National Library of Medicine, has been a Director of the American Board of Surgery and a Director of the American Board of Plastic Surgery. He is a member of all major surgical societies, including the American Surgical Association, the Southern Surgical Association, the Society of University Surgeons, the Society of Vascular Surgery, and the Halsted Society. He is a past president of the Southern Association of Vascular Surgery and the H. William Scott Surgical Society. He has served on the editorial boards of Contemporary Surgery, the Journal of Vascular Surgery, the Annals of Vascular Surgery, and the Journal of Vascular & Interventional Radiology. He is currently the First Vice-Chairman for the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Dean has had a distinguished career as a vascular surgeon. He has been a Visiting Professor and has performed operative demonstrations at the University of Vienna, University of Heidelberg, University of

New South Wales, University of Bologna, and the University of Sao Paulo and Campinas in Sao Paulo, Brazil. In addition, he has been a distinguished guest lecturer to the Japanese College of Angiology, the European Society of Vascular Surgery, the International Society of Nephrology, and to many others. He is the author or co-author of over 300 articles in scientific journals and chapters in medical texts and has edited several textbooks of general and vascular surgery.



Victor J. Dzau, M.D.

Victor J. Dzau, M.D., was appointed Chancellor for Health Affairs at Duke University and President and CEO of the Duke University Health System effective July 1, 2004. He is also James B. Duke Professor of Medicine.

Dr. Dzau served previously as Arthur Bloomfield Professor and Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Stanford. Most recently, he was the Hersey Professor of the Theory and Practice of Physic (Medicine) at Harvard Medical School, Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Physician-in-Chief and Director of Research at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston.

Dr. Dzau's academic interests are in cardiovascular translational research and mission-based education. His laboratory has studied the molecular and genetic mechanisms of cardiovascular disease and applied gene and stem cell discoveries to develop novel therapeutic approaches. Dr. Dzau is particularly interested in eliminating health disparities among underrepresented populations and the socio-economically disadvantaged both at home and abroad. In 2001, together with Dr. Paul Farmer, Dr. Dzau guided the creation of a new Division of Social Medicine and Health Inequalities at the Brigham and Women's Hospital of Harvard Medical School to reduce disparities and improve health care through training, research, education and service. Since becoming Chancellor for Health Affairs in July 2004, he has been actively working with university leaders to establish a campus-wide, multidisciplinary Institute on Global Health.

The recipient of many awards and honors, Dr. Dzau received the first Hatter Award from the Medical Research Council of South Africa in 2000. He was awarded the Gustav Nylin Medal by the Swedish Royal College of Medicine and the Swedish Cardiology Society, the Novartis Award for Hypertension Research by the American Heart Association (which also named him one of its Distinguished Scientists for 2004), the 2004 Max Delbruck Medal by the Max Delbruck Center for Molecular Medicine, Berlin, Germany, the 2005 Golden Door Award by the International Institute of Boston, and a 2005 Ellis Island Medal of Honor by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations.

Dr. Dzau has served on numerous committees and advisory boards, including, previously, the Executive Committee of The Academy at Harvard Medical School (of which he is a founding member) and the

boards of Stanford Health System, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Partners Healthcare. Currently, he serves as a member of the Board of Directors for Duke University Health System, Genzyme Corporation and PepsiCo, Inc. He has been elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences (USA) and the European Academy of Sciences and Arts. Previous Chairman of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Cardiovascular Disease Advisory Committee, he served on the Advisory Committee to the Director of the NIH.

Dr. Dzau received his MD from McGill University in Montreal and underwent postgraduate training at Harvard Medical School. He was born in Shanghai, China, raised in Hong Kong, and is a citizen of the United States. He and his wife Ruth have been married for 32 years and are the parents of two daughters.

Representative Beverly Miller Earle

NC House of Representatives, District 101, Mecklenburg County

Co-Chair, Appropriation

Rep. Beverly Earle attended North Carolina A&T State University. Major: Social Service; Bellsouth, Computer and Management Courses.

Rep. Beverly Earle is currently serving her sixth term in the NC House of Representatives. Rep. Earle holds the distinction of being first in many areas. She is the first Black woman to represent a district in Mecklenburg County, the first Black to serve as Democratic House Majority Whip and the first Black woman to Co-Chair the Appropriation Committee. Currently, she is the first Black woman to Chair the NC Legislative Black Caucus. Rep. Earle is 1st Vice Chair of the NC Democratic Party.

Rep. Earle enjoys working with people and being involved in the community. Her major focus has been with Children, the Elderly, and the Disabled. She has been recognized and received many awards including: Legislator of the Year, NC Community Support Providers Council, 2000; Mental Health Beacon Awards 2003; Home & Hospice Care, Representative of the Year, 2003; State Legislator Leadership Award; NC Council of Community Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities & Substance Abuse Programs, 2004; Covenant with NC's Children; The Ruth M. Easterling House Award 2005 and The General Federation of Women's Club of North Carolina (GFWC)Award - Women of Achievement Award, 2005.

Rep. Earle serves on many Boards and Commissions. Her legislative appointments include the NC Institute of Medicine; the NC Minority Health Task Force; NC Advisory Budget Commission; NC Interagency Council for Coordinating Homeless and the Aging. Other Boards include, Johnson C. Smith University Board of Visitors; Nevins Center (structured workshop for the developmentally disabled); The ARC on Mecklenburg County; Exceptional Children's Assistance Center; Fannie Mae Advisory Board; Housing Works; A&T State University Victory Club Foundation, the Second Harvest Food Bank and the NC Community Development Initiative.

Rep. Earle is a member of numerous organizations. Nationally:

Women In Government, Board; State & Local: Women's Forum of NC; Charlotte Black Women's Caucus; the League of Women Voters; and the NAACP;

Political Affiliations: First Vice Chair, NC Democratic Party; Executive Committee, National Conference of State Legislators;

Health Chair, National Black Caucus of State Legislators; National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women; Democratic Women of NC; and Char-Meck Black Political Caucus

Committee Assignments: Appropriations Co-Chair; Aging; Health; Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities/Substance Abuse; Pensions and Retirement; Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House; Judiciary IV; Governmental Operations; Employee State Health Benefits; and NC Advisory Budget Committee.

Beverly is a native of Greensboro, but has resided in Charlotte for over 27 years. She is the mother of an adult son, Steven Jessup, a godson, Tarik Kiley and two granddaughters. She is retired from BellSouth, where she was employed for over 30 years. Beverly attends Chapel of Christ the King Episcopal Church where she is a member of the Vestry.



Barry W. Eveland

Barry Eveland was appointed interim President/CEO of North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry (NCCBI) in January 2006. NCCBI represents the membership of nearly 2000 business, education, government, and community organizations and individuals in North Carolina, and is the state affiliate of the US Chamber of Commerce and the state affiliate of the National Manufacturing Association.

He retired from IBM in 2005 after a successful 39 year career. His most recent positions were Vice President, Integrated Supply Chain and Senior State Executive for IBM in NC.

He held executive management positions in supply chain management, manufacturing, logistics, information technology, business process reengineering, strategic and financial planning, and general management.

His career highlights include planning the expansion of IBM's facility in RTP; the opening of IBM's facility in Charlotte, NC; establishment of a corporate staff function in logistics; general manager of IBM's PC manufacturing operations; consolidation and management of IBM's global systems manufacturing; and managing IBM's RTP facility as the Senior State Executive in NC for 9 years.

He community service includes successful terms as campaign chair of the annual fund raising drive for the Triangle United Way in 2001 and the Wake Education Partnership in 2003. He was chairperson of NCCBI in 2004 and chaired the NC State University Board of Visitors in 2003/2004. Among others, he served on the Governor's Business Council of Management, the President's Council supporting the US Open Golf Tournament in Pinehurst; and the Steering Committee for the Eisenhower Fellowship Initiative in RTP.

His current list of appointments includes:
Board of Directors and Executive Committee, NCCBI

NC State University Board of Visitors
NC Community College Foundation Board
Board of Directors, IntraHealth International, Inc.
Board of Directors, CT Communications, Inc.
Chair, Governor's Business Council for Fiscal Reform, State of North Carolina



William J. Fulkerson, MD

Dr. Fulkerson is Chief Executive Officer and Chief Medical Officer of Duke University Hospital, Vice President of Duke University Health System, and Professor of Medicine at Duke University School of Medicine. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and Duke University Fuqua School of Business. He completed internship, residency and chief residency in medicine at Vanderbilt University Hospital followed by fellowship training in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Vanderbilt. He joined the faculty at Duke in 1983. He was awarded the Eugene A. Stead Jr. Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1985 and 1996.

Over the past 22 years he has served as Medical Director for the Medical Intensive Care Unit; Director of Critical Care Services and Medical Director for the Medical/Surgical Critical Care Clinical Service Unit for Duke University Hospital; at large member of the Private Diagnostic Clinic, PLLC Board of Managers; Division Chief of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Vice Chairman of the Department of Medicine, Executive Medical Director of the Private Diagnostic Clinic and Chief Medical Officer of Duke University Hospital.

Dr. Fulkerson has been active in clinical research programs in sepsis and acute lung injury and is presently co-principal investigator for the National Institute of Health sponsored 10-center Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome Network. He has authored or co-authored numerous books, chapters, and peer-reviewed publications.

He is a member of numerous academic societies including the CEO Circle of the American College of Healthcare Executives, American College of Physicians, American Thoracic Society, North Carolina Medical Society and North Carolina Citizens for Business & Industry. He is a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians (former Governor, State of North Carolina), and the Society of Critical Care Medicine; Council of Teaching Hospitals representative to the Association of American Medical Colleges Assembly; University Health System Consortium; and recently elected to the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Hospital Association; the Regional Policy Board of the American Hospital Association; and Chairman Elect, Board of Directors, North Carolina Chapter of the American Lung Association.

Dr. Fulkerson is married to Mary McClintock-Fulkerson, an Associate Professor at the Duke Divinity School. They have two children, Sarah Hope and Will.

Beth Garriss Hardy, Ph.D.

President, Board of Directors
NAMI-NC (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

Dr. Beth Garriss Hardy is a long-time advocate for persons with severe and persistent mental illness. Her interest in mental health issues has evolved both professionally, as an educator of exceptional individuals and other marginalized student populations, and personally, as sister and guardian of a person with schizophrenia. Dr Hardy has served on numerous boards, coalitions, councils, committees and workgroups representing the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), and is currently President of the Board of Directors for NAMI North Carolina. Dr. Hardy was recipient of the 2005 *Heroes in the Fight Award*, from the Coalition for Persons Disabled by Mental Illness and Eli Lilly.

Semi-retired, Dr. Hardy is a consultant with the US Department of Education, with expertise in the monitoring and assessment of educational programs for homeless children and youth.

Ellen S. Holliman

Ellen S. Holliman is the Area Director for the Durham County Area Authority for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (Area Authority). In her role as Area Director, Ms. Holliman oversees a \$43 million dollar budget that provides a range of treatment programs for children, adults and families with disabilities. She has been the Area Authority Director since 2002, during which time it has undergone a significant change from that of a service provider, employing over 200 employees, to that of a service manager and oversight agency with approximately 60 employees. The Area Authority now focuses on service delivery through a County-wide provider network, utilization and finance management, quality assurance and customer services.

As a native of Graham, NC, Ms. Holliman graduated from Appalachian State Teachers College and began her career as a Special Education teacher in Burlington, NC and later taught in Mt. Olive, NC. Ms. Holliman is credited with establishing one of the first Developmental Day Centers in North Carolina at Reidsville, NC. In 1978, she accepted a position as a Regional Mental Retardation Specialist with the North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services. In July 1980, she was appointed as the Area Director of the Davidson County Area Authority for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services. During her tenure at Davidson County, she oversaw the creation of new services for Willie M. class members (including the construction of a six-bed group home), a full range of services for adults with a chronic mental illness and effective local psychiatric inpatient services in partnership with a local medical hospital. In 1985 she resigned that position and she and her husband established a successful printing business in Lexington, NC. In 1997, she developed a private consulting practice and provided interim management services in the behavioral health and disabilities field for both private and public entities.

Ms. Holliman has also served on many local and State boards throughout her professional career. More recently, she has served as an appointed member of the North Carolina Mental Health Planning Council; a Board member of the NC Council of Community Programs; a Board member of the North Carolina Families First; and an appointed member of the NC Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services.

Since her appointment as Area Director of The Durham Center Area Authority, Ms. Holliman has worked to increase local services through a community-based system of care and to reduce Durham County's reliance on State-operated hospitals. One of the most successful initiatives to date has been the Durham Center Access program. This local crisis facility has provided less expensive emergency services and been instrumental in reducing Durham County's total bed day utilization at John Umstead Hospital by 50% during the last three fiscal years. Although there continues to be many challenges, Ms. Holliman is optimistic that State reform can provide the catalyst for enhancing "mental health" service delivery both in Durham County and State-wide.

VERLA C. INSKO

Representative Verla Insko has lived in Chapel Hill, North Carolina with her husband, Chet, since 1965. They have two married sons and two grandchildren. Representative Insko was elected to the North Carolina General Assembly in 1997; she represents the 56th House District in Orange County.

Her professional training is in biology, education, and public administration. She is a former junior high school science teacher and a retired health program administrator. She worked with Orange County Government as the Coordinator of the Orange County Commission for Women from 1962-86 and served as a staff assistant to Congressman David Price from 1987-88.

Representative Insko was first elected to public office in 1977 when she ran for the Chapel Hill Carrboro Board of Education. She served two terms until 1985. In 1990, she was elected to the Orange County Board of Commissioners and served through 1994. She has also served as chair of the Chair of the Orange County Democratic Party, Chair of the OWASA Board of Directors and Chair of NC Diabetes Advisory Council Award, 2003; National Association of Social Workers-NC Chapter Award for Leadership in Mental Health Reform, 2003; Nursing Advisory Committee; Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control; Honorary Advisory Board Member for the Center for Women's Health Research.

In the NC House, Representative Insko served as chair of the Health Committee during the 2003-04 Session and is currently chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. Her other committee assignments are Appropriations, Education (Universities), Environment and Natural Resources and Judiciary I. In the 2004 interim she was Co-Chair of the Study Committee on Childhood Obesity and Co-Chair of the Joint Selection Committee on Electronic Voting Systems. In addition she serves on the Study Commission on State Boards, Commissions, and Councils, Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control, and Public Health Study Commission. In the 2005 interim she is Co-Chair of the House Select Subcommittee on Health Care Access.

In 1998, House Speaker Jim Black appointed her as House Chair of the Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse. In the 2001 session she was the primary sponsor of HB381, Mental Health Reform, which begins a 5-year process of modernizing the state's system of services for these three disability groups.

During her tenure in the General Assembly, she has received numerous awards for her leadership, including in 2003 the Award for Leadership in Mental Health Reform presented jointly by six agencies. In 2005 she received the 2005 NC Nurses Association Legislator of the Year, 2005 NC Council of Churches Faith Active in Public Life Award. She also received the 2004 NCAASHPERD Legislative of the Year Award; 2004 NASW-NC/NC-PACE Legislator of the Year; 2004 Orange Co. Partnership for Young Children Champion for Children Award; 2004 NC Perinatal Assn Baby Bootie Award; 2004 NC

PACE Advocate of Year Award; 2003 NC Diabetes Advisory Council Award; 2003 March of Dimes Award; 2002 NC Council of Community Programs Leadership Award; 2002 Arc of Durham County Legislative Award; 2001 UCP Legislative Award; 2001 Friend of Education Award; 2001 Dorthea Dix Spirit Award; NAMI-NC Legislator of the Year Award, 2000 and 2001; NC School Counselor Association Legislator of the Year, 2000; Mental Health Association of NC, 2000; The Arc of North Carolina Legislator of the Year, 2000; Valand Award Outstanding Legislator in the Cause of Mental Health, 2000; SEAAMR Legislative Award, 2000; North Carolina Sickle Cell Syndrome Program Outstanding Legislative Service Award, 2000

As an advocate for social and economic justice, Representative Insko has sponsored the Repeal Involuntary Sterilization Act; the Matthew Shepard Memorial Act, the State Earned Income Tax bill, and the Health Care for All Bill.



K. Ranga Rama Krishnan, M.D.

Dr. Krishnan is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina. Dr. Krishnan received his medical degree from Madras Medical College in Madras, India, where he also did a rotating internship. He completed his residency and held a fellowship in neurobiology at Duke University Medical Center.

Dr. Krishnan was the Chair of the Clinical Neuroscience and Biological Psychopathology Review Committee of the National Institute of Mental Health. Dr. Krishnan has been listed in Marquis' *Who's Who in Science and Engineering* and received the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression Distinguished Investigator Award for Genetic Imaging Study in Bipolar Disorder. A member of several professional societies, including the American Psychiatric Association and the International Association for the Study of Pain, Dr. Krishnan serves and has served on the editorial boards of such scientific journals as *American Journal of Psychiatry*, *Biological Psychiatry*, and *Psychiatric Research: Neuroimaging*.

Dr. Krishnan's work has been widely published in numerous scientific journals and books. His current research interests include treatment of depression in coronary heart disease, neuroimaging, and bipolar disorder in late life.



Dave C. McRae Dave C. McRae is the Chief Executive Officer of University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina, a health system based in eastern Carolina composed of 6 hospitals, physician practices, home health agencies, wellness centers and other health services. The major teaching hospital, Pitt County Memorial Hospital with 745 beds, is affiliated with the Health Sciences Division at East Carolina University. He serves as the Chairman of the Board for several corporate subsidiaries, which have responsibilities for services designed to develop a regional integrated delivery system, and as President of the Pitt Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Mr. McRae has been employed by Pitt County Memorial Hospital in various capacities since 1976. He also held several positions in southern Florida and North Carolina as a practicing physical therapist early in his career.

Mr. McRae is Past Chairman of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, a past board member of the United Way and North Carolina United Carolina Bank. He is a past chairman of the Board of the North Carolina Hospital Association and a past Blue Cross/Blue Shield Board of Trustee member. He has been active in his profession on a national level serving as a Board member for the University Hospital Consortium, a large group of teaching hospitals, the American Hospital Association and in the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Mr. McRae received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Therapy and a Masters in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, as well as a Masters of Arts in Education from East Carolina University in Greenville. He is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. Mr. McRae and his wife, Patti, have a daughter who teaches in eastern North Carolina and three grandchildren.



Michael Moseley

Michael Moseley was appointed, effective April 1, 2004, as the Director of the NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services by Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Carmen Hooker Odom. In this capacity, he is responsible for the administrative oversight of the state's system of services to persons with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorders. This includes the management of 12,000 employees and a budget of \$2.3 billion,

and the provision of services to more than 350,000 individuals served in 15 state facilities as well as through local governmental entities throughout the state.

During his 30-year career in state government, Mr. Moseley has served the NC Division of MH/DD/SAS as the Director of Caswell Center in Kinston, as the Director of the NC Special Care Center in Wilson, and as Assistant Director of Cherry Hospital in Goldsboro. He has also served as the Head of the Residential Services Branch of the Developmental Disabilities Services Section as well as the founding Chief of both the Division's Thomas S. and Crisis Services Sections.

Mr. Moseley is a dedicated volunteer who has served, and continues to serve, on numerous state, regional and local boards and commissions. He was appointed by Governor Michael Easley in 2001 to serve on the NC Commission on Workforce Development and in 2005 to the NC Council on Developmental Disabilities. He has served as Chairman of the Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce and the Lenoir County Education Foundation, as well as President of the Lenoir-Greene United Way, the Nu Iota Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and the Caswell Center Foundation; and on the Executive Committees of the Lenoir Committee of 100 and the East Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America. He has also served on the Boards of Directors of the Eastern NC Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, the NC Autism Foundation, the NC Community Living Association, the Lenoir County Economic Development Department, the Lenoir County Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Kinston Community Council of the Arts, and the Board of Trustees of the St. Augustus AME Zion Church.

Mr. Moseley currently serves on the Board of Visitors at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Advisory Council for the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center at East Carolina University. He is also a member and active supporter on many other organizations too numerous to name.

Mr. Moseley is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, where he was recognized in 2000 as its "Outstanding Black Alumnus", and he received his graduate degree from East Carolina University. He is a previous recipient of the Arc of North Carolina's and the NC Community Living Association's Distinguished Services Award. Mr. Moseley has also been honored in "Who's Who in Business", "Personalities of the South", "Who's Who in the South and Southwest", and "Outstanding Young Men of America". Among the most prestigious of his many awards and honors was his selection as Kinston-Lenoir County's 2004 "Citizen of the Year".

He is a native of Kinston and married to the former Cassandra Gail Lane. They are the proud parents of one son, Michael Jeremy, who is a Health Policy and Administration graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Public Health.

Paul D. Nagy, M.S., LPC, CCAS, CCS

Paul Nagy is a Clinical Associate in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Duke University Medical Center where he has served as Program Director of the Duke Addictions Program. He currently works as Director of Substance Abuse Clinical Training and Consultation for the Duke Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and as Director of Dissemination for the North Carolina Node of the National Institute of Drug Abuse's Clinical Trials Network. Mr. Nagy also works as a CARF Behavioral Health surveyor and serves as an Expert Content Director overseeing the development of Treatment Improvement Protocols through the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. He served as Consensus Panel Chair of the original and revised Federal Treatment Improvement Protocols on Intensive Outpatient Treatment of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse. Mr. Nagy is also an

Associate with the Institute for the Study of Therapeutic Change and provides training and consultation throughout the United States.



Carmen Hooker Odom

Governor Mike Easley appointed Carmen Hooker Odom to her second term as Secretary of the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services in January. Since her original appointment in February 2001, Hooker Odom has worked tirelessly on behalf of health and human services issues, including mental health reform and Medicaid management.

She is a former Massachusetts lawmaker and health care lobbyist and has spent her professional life working in health and human services.

Hooker Odom, adopted daughter of North Carolina, describes herself as a "passionate Tar Heel" devoted to improving the lives of all North Carolinians. As DHHS secretary, she leads one of the state's largest agencies, with more than 16,000 employees. DHHS deals with issues as diverse as early childhood education, senior prescription assistance and disease investigation.

Prior to her appointment, she served as Vice President of Government Relations for Quintiles Transnational Corporation in Research Triangle Park. Hooker Odom served as the Group Vice President for Carolinas HealthCare System (CHS). She is also an Adjunct Professor at the UNC School of Public Health.

From 1995 to 1996, Hooker Odom worked as a Project Officer for the Milbank Memorial Fund, a New York-based foundation that conducts non-partisan analysis, study and research on significant issues in health policy.

Prior to moving to North Carolina in 1995 when her late husband Michael Hooker became Chancellor of UNC-Chapel Hill, Hooker Odom served as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives for nearly 11 years. While in the legislature, Hooker Odom advocated for quality health care services for families. She was the primary legislative author of both the 1991 Massachusetts comprehensive health reform legislation and the Children's Medical Security Plan, which targeted young children not covered by medical insurance.

She received a bachelor's degree in sociology and political science from Springfield College and a master's degree in regional planning from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

She is married to former state Senator Fountain Odom, an attorney, tree farmer, and apiarist. Between them, they have three daughters, three sons and eleven grandchildren.

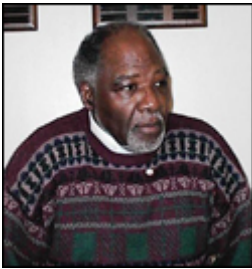


Gary Park

Gary Park is currently President of UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill. Prior to his current position he served as President of Rex Healthcare in Raleigh.

He previously held positions as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Moses Cone Health System in Greensboro, NC, President of Wesley Long Community Hospital in Greensboro, NC, and President of Thomas Memorial Hospital in South Charleston, WV.

Mr. Park has an undergraduate and graduate degree from West Virginia.



Theodore R. Parrish, M.S.W., Dr.P.H.

Dr. Ted Parrish is Associate Professor in the Department of Health Education at North Carolina Central University and Placement Coordinator for undergraduate and graduate students, including serving the elderly. He served and Chair of the Department of Health Education from 1986-2001. He taught and oversaw courses including subjects on aging, death and dying. He served two years as Assistant Secretary - NC Department of Human Resources, Raleigh, NC where he collaborated with facilities and rest home associations and Area Agency on Aging.

Dr. Parrish served as consultant to the Interdenominational Health and Human Services Committee, a Durham based non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing human services and resources for inner-city residents. He served as Consultant to International Training Workshops on planning and management of Health Education component of Controlling Communicable Childhood Diseases Program, African Regional Health Education Center, University of NC Chapel Hill/Centers for Disease Control Collaborative Project, Lagos and Ibadan, Nigeria. Dr. Parrish also collaborated with First Baptist Church in Chapel Hill to facilitate development of 41 units of housing for senior citizens.

Dr. Parrish received his undergraduate degree form Brown University, his Masters in Education and his Masters in Social Work from Boston University and his doctorate in Public Health Education from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Dr. Parrish was awarded Outstanding Social Worker of the Year, Eastern Chapter of Massachusetts and performed a Global Community Health Fellowship at the School of Public Health at UNC-Chapel Hill. In 1982 he received award for service to NC Facilities and Rest Home Association.



Lt. Governor, Bev Perdue

Helping to lead North Carolina with innovative ideas and practical results has been the hallmark of Lieutenant Governor Beverly Eaves Perdue's first term in office. North Carolina's second-highest elected official has an impressive record of achievement as a tireless advocate for public schools, affordable prescription drugs for seniors, programs to help our youth quit smoking, healthy lifestyle choices, quality jobs and the fiscal discipline needed to manage state government responsibly in challenging economic times.

A former public school teacher, former director of geriatrics at a community hospital, a devoted wife and the proud mother of two sons, Bev Perdue was elected North Carolina's Lt. Governor in 2000.

By the authority of the State Constitution, Lieutenant Governor Perdue serves as President of the North Carolina Senate. She also serves on numerous key state boards that help shape state policies in economic development, health care, education, rural development, technology and other governmental affairs.

Lieutenant Governor Perdue has led the state's efforts for training and retraining initiatives at our community colleges as a member of the State Board of Community Colleges. Her work as a member of the North Carolina Economic Development Board and the Rural Center for Economic Development supports the growth and development of small business and entrepreneurial activity across North Carolina and undergirds our capacity with basic infrastructure like water, sewer and technology.

As Chair of the State's Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission, Lieutenant Governor Perdue joined with Governor Easley to successfully lead the fight to create a prescription drug benefit for low-income seniors unable to afford the rising costs of their medications. Under Perdue's leadership, this commission is also targeting a portion of the state's tobacco settlement funds to combat two critical health issues for North Carolinians: teen smoking and obesity. The Commission has recently partnered with Blue Cross Blue Shield North Carolina to launch Fit Together NC, a comprehensive fitness and wellness program providing healthier lifestyle choices for our citizens and communities.

Governor Mike Easley selected Lieutenant Governor Perdue to lead the state's efforts to protect North Carolina's military bases during the Defense Department's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC 05) process.

A major priority for Lieutenant Governor Bev Perdue is ensuring quality public education across North Carolina so that every child regardless of where they live receives a first-class education. A former

public school teacher, she knows first-hand that the most important job in the world is teaching our kids, and Bev Perdue is committed to do whatever it takes to attract and retain great teachers in North Carolina. She was key to the creation of the Business and Education Technology Alliance, a public-private partnership whose mission is to bring technology skills, infrastructure and training to North Carolina's schools, teachers and communities. She has received the President's Award and Leadership Award from North Carolina Association of Educators in recognition of her efforts to support quality education and quality teachers in North Carolina.

Prior to her election as Lieutenant Governor, Perdue served in the North Carolina House of Representatives for two terms and the North Carolina Senate for five terms. She was consistently ranked as one of the most effective members of the General Assembly. In the Senate, she served as co-chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee where she fought for fiscal discipline and a balanced budget. Among her many legislative accomplishments are the passage of tough reforms to protect our seniors and leading Governor Hunt's Excellent Schools and Smart Start programs through the General Assembly. In the General Assembly, she was a key leader in the fight for clean water, clean air and other critical environmental measures such as the passage and implementation of North Carolina's Clean Water Management Trust Fund.

Perdue lives with her husband Robert W. Eaves, Jr., a successful small businessman, in New Bern. She received her BA at the University of Kentucky and earned a Masters and PhD. from the University of Florida. Her son Garrett recently completed law school at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and is now in practice in Raleigh. Her son Emmett received his master's degree in environmental engineering from NC State and works in North Carolina. Bob has two children, Robert Eaves III and Charlotte Bock, and four grandchildren, in Atlanta. Lieutenant Governor Perdue is also Mom to North Carolina's # 2 dog, Dosie.



Len B. Preslar, JR
President and Chief Executive Officer
North Carolina Baptist Hospital

B.A. Degree - Wake Forest University
M.B.A. Degree - University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Mr. Preslar began his association with Baptist Hospital in 1969 when he worked part-time as an Admission Clerk and Financial Counselor while still attending Wake Forest University. He joined the Hospital full time in 1971 as a Systems Analyst and subsequently served as Cost Accounting Manager and Director of Accounting before being named Controller in 1973. He was promoted to Vice President for Financial Management in 1975, named Chief Executive Officer of the Hospital in May 1988, and elected President in October 1988.

Mr. Preslar is an Associate Member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and Fellow in the Healthcare Financial Management Association. He serves on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Hospital Association recently completing a term as chairman. Mr. Preslar was recently appointed by Governor Easley to serve a five-year term as a member of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine. He is also an active member of the Board of Directors of the University HealthSystem Consortium and just completed a term on its Governing Board. He serves on the Administrative Board and the Executive Committee of the Council of Teaching Hospitals of the Association of American Medical Colleges. He also serves on the Association of American Medical Colleges Medicare Special Action Committee. Mr. Preslar served for nine years as the North Carolina Hospital Association representative to the Governor's Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control. He is the immediate past president of the Baptist Healthcare Association.

Mr. Preslar serves on the Board and the Executive Committee of the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, presently as Corporate Secretary, and chairs the Chamber's Adkins Technology High School Advisory Council. Having served in 1992 as Chairman of the Forsyth County United Way Campaign, Mr. Preslar chaired the United Way Board of Directors in 1994. He is a graduate of Leadership Winston-Salem, Class of 1989. He was the recipient of the 2001 Distinguished Citizen Award from the Old Hickory Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Additionally, Mr. Preslar serves on the Wachovia Bank of North Carolina Forsyth County Board of Managers, the Board of Directors of Idelliance, and the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Strategic Planning*. He is a Rotarian.

Mr. Preslar has served in many capacities of church life, including chairing the finance committee, and chairing the Diaconate in 1991. He is an active member of Knollwood Baptist Church and sings in the choir. He and his wife, Jodi, have three grown children.



Congressman David Price

Representative David Price, a lifelong educator, serves on the House Appropriations Committee and its Homeland Security and Military Quality of Life/Veterans Affairs subcommittees.

Price is working to improve education by recruiting our nation's brightest young people to go into teaching. He is a recognized leader in foreign policy, serving as ranking Democrat on the Democracy Assistance Commission, which he initiated to strengthen parliaments in emerging democracies.

Among Price's other priorities are ensuring personal and national security, providing affordable housing, making health care accessible, and accelerating highway and transit development in the Triangle. Born in 1940, Price grew up in the small town of Erwin in East Tennessee. His father was a high school principal and his mother was an English teacher.

Price studied at Mars Hill College and was a Morehead Scholar at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He earned his B.A. from UNC in 1961, and continued his education at Yale University, where he received a Bachelor of Divinity degree (1964) and a Ph.D. in Political Science (1969).

Price and his wife Lisa were married in 1968. They have two grown children, Karen and Michael. Price is a member of Binkley Memorial Baptist Church, where he has taught Sunday School and chaired the official board.

Price taught political science and public policy at Duke University. He is the author of four books on Congress and the American political system.

Price serves the House Democratic Caucus as Assistant Whip. He co-chairs the Democratic Budget Group, a forum on national fiscal priorities and policies, as well as the Democratic Caucus Faith Working Group. Price was named a "Champion of Science" by the Science Coalition in 2002 and 2004, and he received the 2003 ASEE Engineering Deans Council Award for his support of engineering education and research. He was awarded the Charles Dick Medal of Merit from the North Carolina National Guard, and he has been recognized with the American Political Science Association's Hubert H. Humphrey Public Service Award. He has also been honored by Voices for AmeriCorps, the NC Low-Income Housing Coalition, the NC Public Transportation Association, the Association of Community College Trustees, the National Association of Land-Grant Colleges and State Universities and other organizations for his work in housing, education, and transportation policy.

Barbara Pullen-Smith

Barbara Pullen-Smith received an MPH, in Health Administration in 1984 from Emory University, Atlanta, GA and a BSPH in Health Education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC in 1981.

Immediately after completing her undergraduate degree in 1981, Ms. Pullen-Smith worked as a Health and Human Services Specialist for the General Baptist State Convention. In this position she developed and implemented health promotion and disease prevention programs in Black Churches in NC using the lay health advisor model. Other community-based work included serving as a District Representative for the American Cancer Society in 1984.

In 1985, Ms. Pullen-Smith started her career with the state as the first consultant for the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program in the Division of Maternal Child Health. In this capacity she assisted 33 projects throughout NC in the areas of community organization, coalition building, program development and evaluation. In 1990, Ms. Pullen-Smith was hired as the Program Coordinator for Local Services in the Division of Adult Health (now Division of Public Health).

The NC Office of Minority Health (OMH) and the Minority Health Advisory Council (MHAC) were established by the legislature in July 1992. On February 1, 1993, Ms. Pullen-Smith became its first Executive Director and she currently holds that position. She provides leadership and develops initiatives to improve the public health system's ability to respond to the specific needs of racial and ethnic minorities. She works closely with the programs in the Department of Health and Human Services, local health departments and other public and private agencies and organizations, including minority community-based organizations, in a collaborative and advocacy role to insure the minority health issues are addressed.

ELLEN RECKHOW Ellen Reckhow was elected to the Durham County Board of Commissioners in 1988 and is currently serving as Chairman.

Mrs. Reckhow serves on a number of local, regional, and statewide boards and commissions including: the Triangle Transit Authority Board, the Mental Health Board, the Durham Open Space and Trails Commission, the Durham Partnership for Children, the Triangle J Council of Governments and the Durham-Chapel Hill Transportation Advisory Committee. She also serves as Co-Chair of the Durham Crime Cabinet and the Durham Fitness Leadership Council. Mrs. Reckhow has been a HOST tutor at Lakewood School for six years and founded the Middle School After School Program that serves all of Durham's middle schools.

Ellen Reckhow received a B.A. Degree in Economics from Boston University and a Masters Degree in City and Regional Planning from Harvard University. She worked as a professional planner for eight years in communities similar in size to Durham.

She is married to Kenneth Reckhow, a professor in the School of the Environment at Duke University and Director of the UNC Water Resources Research Institute. They have two children who are both graduates of the Durham Public Schools.

Rebecca Reyes

Rebecca Reyes has lived in North Carolina for the last 20 years. She received a Master of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, TX. And in 1979 was ordained as the first Hispanic woman in the Presbyterian Church US. Prior to becoming a social worker Ms. Reyes worked with the Presbyterian Church, US in Global and International Office and also held the post as Campus Minister for Presbyterian Campus Ministry at UNC-Chapel Hill. In 1993 she received a Master of Social Work from UNC-Chapel Hill. Ms. Reyes came to Duke Hospital in 1998 to work as a Social Worker for the Duke Birthing Center. Her work centered on providing services for the Spanish-speaking patients. After 2 years she was hired to be the Latino Health Project Coordinator at Duke University Hospital. As coordinator of the project works with hospital staff, administration, departments in articulating and prescribing culturally competent and organizational strategies for the care of LEP patients and their families. Ms. Reyes is a member of Duke University Hospital Diversity Committee, and the Duke University Health System Diversity Leadership Group. She also is a member of Duke University Hospital Ethics Committee, Patient Safety Leadership Committee, Patient Hospital Education Committee, and the Hospital Workforce Committee. In 2003 Ms. Reyes received the Duke University and Duke University Health System Diversity Award and in 2004 she received the Duke University Hospital Diversity Leadership Group Award. Ms. Reyes also works with the Durham community and agencies in identifying strategies and initiatives to reduce the disparity of access to health care.

GREGORY A. RICHARDSON

Mr. Richardson is Executive Director of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs, which is housed within the NC Department of Administration. He was appointed executive director of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs in February 1995, by the membership of the NC Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs. He has served as Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing at HUD in Washington, DC. He has served as Executive Director of the North Carolina Indian Housing Authority in Fayetteville, NC, and has served in numerous management positions at the Commission of Indian Affairs since 1975.

As the executive director of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, Mr. Richardson is responsible for the overall administration and oversight of all commission programs and operations. The Commission administers a Community Services Program, Educational Talent Search Program, Housing Assistance Program, Workforce Investment Act Program and Substance Abuse Prevention and Awareness Program. He reports directly to the Deputy Secretary of the NC Department of Administration and the commission membership, which consists of 28 members and currently supervises a staff of 32 employees. Mr. Richardson has testified before the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs in Washington, DC, the North Carolina General Assembly and made presentations at numerous conferences, hearing and seminars, etc. on Indian issues.

Mr. Richardson serves on the US Census Advisory Committee on American Indians and Alaska Natives, in Washington, DC by appointment of the Secretary of the US Department of Commerce. He is on the Board of Directors of United Tribes of North Carolina and serves on the Board of Directors of the NC Economic Development Initiative. He is the Regional Representative for the Governor's Interstate Indian Council (GIIC), a national association of state level Indian commissions and represents the Governor of North Carolina at the GIIC's National Convention. He also was appointed by the Governor of North Carolina to serve on the State Personnel Commission.

Mr. Richardson holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management, an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Business Management. He is a certified Public Housing Manager and holds a Public Managers' Certificate from the State of North Carolina. He is a graduate of Aurelian Springs High School in Halifax County, North Carolina. He is a proud member of the state recognized Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of Halifax and Warren Counties and he is also proud of the fact that he had the opportunity to attend the Old Haliwa Indian Elementary School in Warren County, North Carolina, as a youth. He is a member of Mount Bethel Indian Baptist Church located in the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Community and is a Vietnam Veteran.

Mr. Richardson is considered the state's Chief advocate for Indian Affairs and addresses cultural diversity, discrimination, Indian health concerns, employment and Indian economic issues in his work as executive director.



William L. Roper, MD

William L. Roper is dean of the School of Medicine, vice chancellor for Medical Affairs and CEO of the UNC Health Care System at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC). He also is professor of health policy and administration in the School of Public Health, and is professor of pediatrics in the School of Medicine at UNC.

From 1997 until March 2004, he was dean of the School of Public Health at UNC. Before joining UNC in 1997, Dr. Roper was senior vice president of Prudential HealthCare. He joined Prudential in 1993 as president of the Prudential Center for Health Care Research.

Before coming to Prudential, Dr. Roper was director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), served on the senior White House staff, and was administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration (responsible for Medicare and Medicaid). Earlier, he was a White House Fellow.

He received his MD from the University of Alabama School of Medicine, and his MPH from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health. He completed his residency in pediatrics at the University of Colorado Medical Center.

Dr. Roper is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, a member of the board of directors of DaVita, Inc., a member of the board of directors of Delhaize Group, a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships and chairman of the board of directors of the National Quality Forum.

He lives with his wife Dr. Maryann Roper, a pediatric oncologist, and their son, Will, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.



Kevin A. Schulman, M.D., M.B.A.

Dr. Schulman is a Professor of Medicine at the Duke University School of Medicine, Vice Chair of the Department of Medicine for Business Affairs, and serves as Director of the Center for Clinical and Genetic Economics (CCGE) at the Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI). Dr. Schulman also serves as the Director of the Health Sector Management Program, Director of the Center for the Study of Health Management, and Professor of Business Administration at the Fuqua School of Business, Duke University.

Dr. Schulman is an active researcher in health services research centering on three broad themes: economic evaluation of clinical trials, health services research including access to care and the impact of managed care on clinical practice, and clinical decision making, especially the assessment of decision making for patients with life-threatening diseases. Dr. Schulman has written extensively on his research topics, including peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, and editorials that have appeared in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, and the *Annals of Internal Medicine*. He is currently a member of the editorial boards of eleven journals, including *The American Journal of Medicine*, *Health Services Research*, and *The American Heart Journal*.

Dr. Schulman also holds appointments in the Duke Center for Clinical Health Policy, serves on the Steering Committee for Duke's new Genome Ethics Law and Policy Center, and the Durham Veterans Administration Health Services Research Unit.

Karen L. Smith, MD

Dr. Karen Smith is the immediate Past President of the NC Academy of Family Physicians, Inc.

Dr. Smith received her Bachelor of Science degree from Duke University. She traveled to Pennsylvania to attend Hahnemann University School of Medicine and returned to Duke University, where she completed her residency at the Duke FAHEC program in Fayetteville, NC. In 1990, she received the Duke University FAHEC Resident of the Year Award and currently participates in the teaching programs located at Duke University Medical Center and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has also served on the NCAFP Board of Directors as the Director of Minority Constituency. Married with four children, Dr. Smith operates a private solo practice in Raeford, NC, that has been highlighted nationally for its aggressive use of computerized EMR technology.



Marvin S. Swartz, M.D.

Marvin S. Swartz, M.D., is Professor and Head, Division of Social and Community Psychiatry and Co-Director of the Services Effectiveness Research Program in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Director of the Duke Area Health Education Center Program (AHEC) at Duke University Medical Center. Dr. Swartz's major research interest is in examining the effectiveness of services for severely mentally ill individuals, including factors that improve or impede good outcomes. In his role as Director of the Duke AHEC he is responsible for educating mental health and primary care clinicians and other stakeholders about evidence-based treatment for mental illness and substance abuse. He currently serves as Co-PI for the Duke Endowment funded North Carolina Evidence-based Practice Center which is disseminating these practices through-out North Carolina. He is also a Network Member in the MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Mandated Community Treatment. Dr. Swartz' publications have focused on outcomes of care for individuals with serious mental illnesses and with legal issues in psychiatric care. In this regard, he serves as Co-PI with Jeffrey Swanson of a NIMH study examining the effectiveness of Psychiatric Advance Directives and a Greenwall Foundation grant supporting their dissemination. He also serves as Co-PI of the NIMH funded Clinical Antipsychotics Trials of Intervention Effectiveness study investigating the role of antipsychotics in treatment outcomes in schizophrenia and Alzheimer's Disease. Dr. Swartz is also interested in HIV and associated health risks in vulnerable populations. He serves as Co-PI for a SAMHSA-funded Rural HIV/AIDS, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Cost Study which examines the cost effectiveness of integrated HIV/AIDS, substance abuse and mental health treatment for multiply diagnosed individuals and Co-Investigator of a NIMH study on Coping with HIV/AIDS in the Rural South.



Gwynn T. Swinson, J.D., LL.M.

Gwynn T. Swinson was appointed by North Carolina Governor Mike Easley as Secretary of the Department of Administration. She assumed the position in January of 2001. The Department of Administration plays a crucial role in interdepartmental and public communications at the state government and acts as the business manager for North Carolina state government. The department oversees government operations such as building construction, purchasing and contracting for goods and services, managing state vehicles, acquiring and disposing of real property, and operating auxiliary services.

In addition, the Department provides internal services and programs for the state of North Carolina. The department's programs provide advocacy, assistance and services to diverse segments of the state's population that have been traditionally underserved. Prior to her current political appointment, Secretary Swinson served as special deputy attorney general for administration at the Department of Justice. In that role, she oversaw many of the personnel and budgeting functions of the department. Prior to that, she served first in the Health and Public Assistance Section and then as section head for the Citizens' Rights Section.

Before joining state government in 1993, she was the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services at Duke University's School of Law. Secretary Swinson also worked for the U.S. Department of Justice for several years where she received numerous awards and served as assistant branch director for the Commercial Litigation Branch of the Civil Division.

Swinson, a native of Belhaven in Beaufort County, earned a bachelor's degree from Antioch College in 1973, a juris doctor degree from Antioch School of Law in 1976, and a master's degree in law from Duke University School of Law in 1986. Secretary Swinson is an adjunct law professor at UNC-Chapel Hill and has been invited to give international lectures at Kyoto Comparative Law Center in Kyoto, Japan, among many other universities.



Michael C. Tarwater

Michael C. Tarwater is President and CEO of the Carolinas HealthCare System, which is the largest system in the Carolinas, and the third largest public health care system in the United States. The system's flagship facility is the 861-bed Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte. The system comprises nearly 150 facilities and practices, which house over 4,300 beds in total and employ more than 25,000 full and part-time employees.

Michael has worked at CHS for the past 24 years, having started as Vice President for Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services in 1981. He subsequently worked in a variety of progressively responsible positions, overseeing nearly every aspect of system operations. He was named to his current position in 2002.

Before locating to Charlotte he held a series of positions in Alabama, including three years as Assistant Administrator of the University of Alabama Hospitals in Birmingham. He graduated with a business degree from the University of West Florida, and holds a master's degree in hospital and health administration from the University of Alabama.

Michael is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives, which is the nation's premier professional society for hospital administrators, encompassing more than 30,000 members. He has long been active in the North Carolina and American Hospital Associations, including service as chairman of the state association.

In Charlotte he has been active in Carmel Baptist Church and a number of community service organizations, including United Way of the Central Carolinas and Communities and Schools. At the state level, he has been a member of the State Health Coordinating Council for over a dozen years. He is a trustee at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, and belongs to several advisory boards which serve the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and his alma mater, the University of West Florida.

Michael enjoys flying and holds an Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) rating. He also enjoys golf in his spare time. He and his wife, Ann, love to travel.

Michael was born in Wichita Falls, Texas; is married to the former Ann Rosemond of Lexington, North Carolina; and has three grown children.

Kevin L. Thomas, M.D. Kevin L. Thomas, M.D., is currently a Cardiovascular Disease Fellow at Duke University School of Medicine.

Dr. Thomas received his BS in Biology from Emory University in 1994, and his MD from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill.

Positions and employment

1998 John B. Graham Research Society

1999-2002 Internal Medicine Residency, Duke University Medical Center

2002-present American Board of Internal Medicine

2002-present Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship Admissions Committee Duke University Medical Center

2002-present Cardiovascular Disease Fellow Advisory Committee

2002-2003 Cardiovascular Disease Fellow, Duke University Medical Center

2003-2004 Chief Resident Internal Medicine, Duke University Medical Center

2004-present Cardiovascular Disease Fellow, Duke University Medical Center

Professional Memberships

Association of Black Cardiologists 2001-present

American College of Physicians 2003-present

Honors and Awards

1997 Heusner Pupil Humanitarian Award

1997-1998 The Holderness Research Fellowship Award

1997-1998 Research Education Support Fellowship Award

1997-1998 Bristol Meyers Squibb Fellowship in Academic Medicine

1998 John B. Graham Research Society

1998 The Michiko Kuno Outstanding Research Award

1998 Dr. Wilbert C. Jordan National Research Award

1999 The David E. Rogers Memorial Award for most outstanding research presentation

2002 Haskel-Schiff Award for clinical excellence

2002 NIH Fellowship in Academic Medicine

2004 Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award: Duke General Internal Medicine Wards

2005 Snyderman Award for outstanding research in graduate medical education