

## **Blueprint for the States**

### **Join Together Policy Panel Members**

#### **Chair:**

**Gov. Michael S. Dukakis, J.D.**, former governor, Massachusetts, and democratic nominee for President of the U.S. Since 1991, Dukakis has been a visiting professor at Northeastern University; taught in the senior executive program for state and local managers at JFK School of Government, Harvard; and taught at Florida Atlantic University and at UCLA. His research has focused on national health care policy reform and lessons that national policy makers can learn from state reform efforts. As governor, he created the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs, a state model adopted by many other states.

#### **Panelists:**

**Diana Bontá, RN, DrPH**, vice president of Public Affairs, Kaiser Permanente's Southern California region, former director of the California Department of Health Services. Under Bontá's leadership at the California Department of Health Services, one million children were added to California's MediCal and Healthy Families programs. She also led the California DHS's participation in the California Campaign to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities. Prior to serving at the California DHS, Bontá was the director of Health and Human Services for the city of Long Beach, CA. She serves on several state and national governance and advisory boards and has earned many awards and honors.

**Barbara Cimaglio**, deputy commissioner, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs, Vermont. Prior to this appointment, she served as director of the Office of Alcohol Drug Abuse Programs in Oregon's Department of Human Services and before that she was the director of the Department of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse for the state of Illinois. She is the past president of the Board for the National Association of State and Alcohol Abuse Directors (NASADAD).

**Judge Karen Freeman-Wilson (ret.)**, CEO, National Association of Drug Court Professionals. Judge Freeman-Wilson is former Indiana attorney general, Gary City court judge and a Lake County deputy prosecutor and public defender. She started the first drug treatment court in Indiana and has been on the Indiana's Supreme Court's CLEO Board and the Indiana Bar Association. She is also on the ABA's standing committee on Substance Abuse and has received numerous awards.

**Sidney L. Gardner, M.P.A.**, president of Children and Family Futures, Inc. Mr. Gardner's knowledge of California state and local government is extensive. He previously served as director of the Center for Collaboration for Children at California State University, Fullerton and director of the At-Risk Youth Project of California Tomorrow. Mr. Gardner also served as a staff member of the White House Domestic Council; a deputy assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; director of the Hartford Private Industry Council; and an elected member of the City Council in Hartford, Connecticut from 1977 to 1981. His newest book entitled, *Cities, Counties, Kids, and Families: the Essential Role of Local Government*, describes a model for developing strategic policy for children and family policy in local governments.

**Hon. Pat George**, Kansas house republican legislator. He serves on the advisory board for the Addiction Studies Program for the National Council of State Legislators (NCSL) and is on the board of Valley of Hope Treatment Centers.

**Patricia Kempthorne**, first lady, Idaho, co-chair of the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children. Mrs. Kempthorne serves on the leadership committee of Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free. It is a unique coalition of Governors' spouses, federal agencies, and public and private organizations dedicated to prevent the use of alcohol by children ages 9 to 15. In 2003, President Bush appointed her to the Advisory Commission on Drug-Free Communities to which she was then elected as co-chair. As First Lady, Mrs. Kempthorne's efforts have also brought greater awareness to erasing the stigma of mental illness, breaking the cycle of child abuse and domestic violence, and increasing the rates of immunization and literacy among youth in Idaho.

**Tom McHale**, MSW, CEAP, employee assistance professional, work and family representative for the United Auto Workers-General Motors Commercial Truck Center in Flint, Michigan. Mr. McHale started the Greater Flint Advocacy Vox Coalition and serves on the board of Faces and Voices of Recovery (FAVOR). He received the 2005 Johnson Institute America Honors Recovery Award and is the Join Together *Demand Treatment!* coordinator for Genesee County, Michigan.

**Katie McQueen**, MD, assistant professor at Baylor College of Medicine and University of Texas Health Science Center - Houston, and medical director for the Harris County Hospital District Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral, and Treatment (SBIRT) program. This SAMHSA funded program involves training generalist health care professionals in screening for alcohol and drug problems and providing prevention and intervention services for patients at the nation's fourth largest publicly funded health care system. She is the primary clinician educator for the Department of Internal Medicine at Baylor on topics related to alcohol and other drugs, and conducts CME lectures on a local, regional, and national level.

**Paul Roman**, Ph.D, distinguished research professor, University of Georgia, director of the Center for Research on Behavioral Health and Human Services Delivery Institute for Behavioral Research. Paul is also the former director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) Research Training Program at the University of Georgia. Dr. Roman's current research includes studies of organizational change of 900 public and private substance abuse treatment organizations, diffusion and adoption of innovations by substance abuse organizations, and management of substance abuse dependence in the workplace. His recent publications include "Externalization and Internalization of Substance Abuse Problems in the Workplace" and "the Workplace as an Underdeveloped Site for Primary Care Interventions."

**Ken Stark**, M.Ed, MBA, director, Mental-Health Transformation Project. Mr. Stark is the former director of the Washington Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse. Mr. Stark is also the Research Committee chair and Region X director for the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD) and currently serves on the National Advisory Council of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), as well as a national advisory committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures around alcohol and drug related issues. He has taught courses at several colleges and universities as well as consulted with business and industry on issues related to alcohol/drugs in the workplace. As a counselor and manager he has operated treatment programs adults, adolescents, and prison-based services, serving as president of a hospital based inpatient treatment program in the 1980s.