Speaker Biographies

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Mary R. Grealy
President
Healthcare Leadership Council

Mary R. Grealy is president of the Healthcare Leadership Council, a coalition of chief executives of the nation’s leading healthcare companies and organizations. HLC advocates consumer-centered healthcare reform, emphasizing the value of private sector innovation. It is the only health policy advocacy group that represents all sectors of the healthcare industry. She was appointed to the position in August 1999. Ms. Grealy has an extensive background in healthcare policy. She has led important initiatives on the uninsured, improving patient safety and quality, protecting the privacy of patient medical information, and reforming the medical liability laws. She testifies regularly before Congress and federal regulatory agencies. She is a frequent public speaker on health issues and has been ranked many times by Modern Healthcare as one of the 100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare and has been named to Modern Healthcare’s list of the Top 25 Women in Healthcare for 2009.

Stephanie A. Mills, MD, MHCM
President and Chief Executive Officer
Franciscan Health and Wellness Services

Dr. Stephanie Mills serves as President & CEO of Franciscan Health & Wellness Services, a subsidiary of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System. Under Dr. Mills’ leadership, the health system created the Healthy Lives™ program, a comprehensive health and wellness service for employers. Healthy Lives™ provides a full spectrum of services to help employers reduce healthcare costs, including health risk assessments and screenings, customized wellness programming, health coaching and with robust analytics. Dr. Mills joined the health system as the Chief Information Officer and Chief Medical Information Officer, and also served as the Vice President of Quality and Health Care Innovation. She practiced pediatric emergency medicine and served as Medical Director of the Pediatric Emergency Department at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center. Dr. Mills received a Bachelor of Science from Louisiana State University, earned a Doctor of Medicine from The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, completed her pediatric training at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children’s Hospital, and received a Masters in Health Care Management from Harvard University.

Joel Wright
Vice President, Health Systems Operations
Walgreens Co.

Joel Wright has been with Walgreens for 19 years in various leadership roles. Currently, he is the Vice President for the Health Systems Operations, a segment of our Specialty Solutions Group. In this capacity, Mr. Wright leads the operations team that partners with Health Systems, Physician Groups and Community Health Centers to drive the value both to Walgreens and the health system, through
improved patient care. Prior to his current role, Mr. Wright served as the Executive Pharmacy Director for the Southeast Region including Puerto Rico at Walgreens. This involved defining and leading the direction, programs, and daily operations of our 1200 retail locations in this portion of the country. In addition, he worked cross functionally as the business leader with many support groups, including marketing, customer insights, and purchasing. From 2002-2008, he served in various roles leading our Infusion and Respiratory business including the Vice President of Walgreens Home Care. The team provided care to patients in their homes, usually being discharged from hospitals. Mr. Wright’s responsibilities included Sales, Marketing, IT, and all Operations. Before coming to corporate, he began his career in the field holding roles from pharmacist through supervising a district. He earned his Bachelor of Pharmacy degree from Ferris State University, in Michigan.

Karen Miller-Kovach, MBA, MS, RD
Chief Scientific Officer
Weight Watchers International, Inc.

Karen Miller-Kovach is the Chief Scientific Officer at Weight Watchers International where she ensures that its offerings represent the latest findings in the fields of obesity and weight management. She has authored six books, holds several patents for the POINTS® and PointsPlus® Weight-Loss Systems, and has contributed numerous articles to leading nutrition and medical journals. In addition, Karen coordinates all clinical research initiatives sponsored by Weight Watchers International and serves as the corporate spokesperson on scientific matters.