Speaker Biographies

Healthcare Leadership Council

Mary R. Grealy
President

Mary 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.

Ascension Health

Mary Ella Payne, RN, MSPH
Vice President, System Legislative Leadership

Mary Ella Payne has led advocacy efforts on behalf of Ascension Health for the past 10 years. Ascension Health is the largest nonprofit and largest Catholic healthcare system in the United States with over 70 acute care hospitals in 20 states and the District of Columbia.

Prior to working for Ascension Health, Ms. Payne was a legislative assistant to Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) for 10 years. Before working on Capitol Hill, Ms. Payne was selected as a Presidential Management Intern and worked as a policy analyst for the Medicare program at the Health Care Financing Administration (now known as Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)). Early in her career, Ms. Payne was a staff nurse in a neonatal intensive care unit and a member of the neonatal transport team at Kosair-Children’s Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. Ms. Payne graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Masters of Science in Public Health and graduated with honors from the University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee

Ryan Picarella
Manager, Corporate Wellness

Ryan Picarella is the manager of corporate wellness for BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee. He is responsible for cultivating a culture of wellness for the 5,400 employees of the health care solutions company. He works in collaboration with human resources in developing wellness strategies and
programs that promote healthy lifestyles and personal accountability among a diverse range of workers and works with various community partners to position BlueCross as a leader in health and wellness. For the last seven years, Mr. Picarella has served BlueCross in a variety of roles including organizational development consultant, human resources business consultant, manager of strategy and planning, and account executive for Onlife Health, a BlueCross subsidiary that focuses on health coaching.

Mr. Picarella graduated with honors from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with a master’s degree in industrial and organizational psychology. Before that he earned a Bachelors of Science in psychology and anthropology from Northern Arizona University. He is an active member of the Society for Human Resources Management, the National Wellness Institute and the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology and has the designation of Senior Professional in Human Resources.

Johnson & Johnson

Fikry Isaac, MD, MPH, FACOEM
Vice President, Global Health Services

Fikry Isaac, MD, MPH, FACOEM is the Vice President, Global Health Services, Johnson & Johnson. Dr. Isaac leads the development of health & wellness strategies, policies, guidelines, and services worldwide (Occupational Medicine, Employee Assistance Program (EAP), and Wellness). Dr. Isaac has been with Johnson & Johnson since 1989, and for the past 10 years, he has been driving the comprehensive Total Health programs that have reduced the Company’s healthcare costs and improved the health of employees. He also serves as the Chief Medical Officer, Wellness & Prevention, Inc., a Johnson & Johnson Company. In this role, he provides Health Management expertise, strategic direction and supports customer acquisition and lead generation. In addition to his MD, he received his degree of Master of Public Health in Occupational Medicine from the Medical College of Wisconsin in May 2001 and is a Fellow of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine where he chairs the Pharmaceutical Section and the Corporate Health Achievement Award. Dr. Isaac is the industry Co-chair of the Life Science and Innovation Forum- APEC. He also serves on several boards including the Partnership For Prevention, the Global Health & Benefits Institute and the Games for Health editorial board.

Marshfield Clinic

G. Joseph Kilsdonk, AuD
Division Administrator, Marshfield Clinic Division of Education

G. Joseph Kilsdonk, AuD, MS has been a member of Marshfield Clinic’s administrative leadership since 2004 where he serves as the Administrative Director for the Clinic’s Division of Education. The Division oversees the largest community health center based training program in the State of Wisconsin including Student, Resident, Fellow, Patient, and continuing education. Prior to that, Dr. Kilsdonk served as an associate dean overseeing health career’s for a public college, served as a senior executive for a national ancillary specialty care service corporation, served on the administrative management team of a multi-specialty physician group private practice and a community hospital, taught as an assistant
professor, and founded and managed hospital and community based outreach practices. Dr. Kilsdonk has published on medical-dental integration and interprofessional education and has presented on a number of health care and practice management topics.

**Medtronic**

*Gen Barron*

*Senior Manager of Global Wellness*

Gen Barron is the Sr. Manager of Global Wellness at Medtronic. She has been with Medtronic for over 20 years with the majority of her time spent in the Health and Wellness area. She was hired by Medtronic in 1990 to develop and manage the Health and Wellness programs for Minneapolis. As Medtronic has grown, Ms. Barron’s wellness responsibilities expanded from a Minneapolis focus to a broader national, and now global, focus including all of Medtronic’s 38,000 employees around the world. Ms. Barron is also responsible for managing the Work Life Services which include two on-site Child Care Centers and a Minute Clinic in Minneapolis. Ms. Barron holds a BA in Business and Health Fitness from Gustavus Adolphus College and a MA in Human and Health Services Administration from the College of St. Mary’s.

**MemorialCare Health System**

*Diane Wynn, RN, MSN*

*Executive Director of Clinical Risk and Patient Safety*

Diane Wynn is a nurse executive with extensive experience in executive management, nursing services, patient care, clinical operations, critical care, quality and risk management, regulatory compliance, community management and clinical education. Since 2008 she has been the Executive Director of Patient Safety and Clinical Risk at MemorialCare Health System. She is responsible for providing leadership, consultation, and technical support to individuals, teams, and the organization in the development of both proactive and responsive patient safety programs, culture, improvement efforts and infrastructure across MemorialCare hospitals. Prior to that, Ms. Wynn was the Director of Quality and Risk Management at Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, Colorado. While there, she was responsible for employee health and the workers compensation program. Ms. Wynn is a member of the American Association of Healthcare Risk Management (ASHRM) and is the current and immediate past President of the Southern California Association of Healthcare Risk Managers (SCAHRM). She holds a Masters Degree in nursing from California State University, Los Angeles and a Bachelors Degree in nursing from the University of Arizona.