

Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, M.D., M.B.A.

Dr. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, president and CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is a national leader in transforming America's health systems so people live healthier lives and receive the health care they need. A practicing physician with business credentials and hands-on experience developing national health policy, she was drawn to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation by the opportunity, as she puts it, to "alter the trajectory and to push society to change for the better."

Driven by the belief that the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is a steward of private resources that must be used in the public's interest, particularly to help the most vulnerable, Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey combines the values she learned as a doctor—commitment to others, a sense of altruism—with the skills and knowledge from her business training—the importance of measuring results and outcomes, of clear accountability, of taking a disciplined approach to managing resources and motivating people. Through it all, she is guided by the conviction that philanthropy is about simultaneously improving individual lives, transforming systems and in turn, achieving lasting social change.

Under Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey's leadership, the Foundation has restructured its strategic investments to target a set of high-impact priorities, among them:

- Designing a more effective, performance-driven, patient-centered health system.
- Improving the quality and safety of patient care.
- Strengthening state and local public health systems.
- Halting the rise in childhood obesity by 2015.
- Easing the crisis in the nursing profession.
- Covering the uninsured.
- Developing the next generation of health leaders and policy-makers.

Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey was a leader in academic medicine, government service and her medical specialty of geriatrics before joining RWJF in 2001 as senior vice president and director of the health care group. Previously, at the University of Pennsylvania, she was the Sylvan Eisman Professor of medicine and health care systems and director of Penn's Institute on Aging. In Washington, D.C., she was deputy administrator of what is now the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine of The National Academies.

Raised in Seattle by physician parents, Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey earned her medical degree from Harvard Medical School, and an M.B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. She completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston; was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania; and trained in Geriatrics at Penn. Always a physician as well as an agent for wide-scale social change, she still treats patients at a community health clinic in New Brunswick, N.J. She and her husband of 30 years have two adult children.

Bruce Siegel, M.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Bruce Siegel is a research professor in the Department of Health Policy and on the faculty of the Department of Health Services Management and Leadership at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. There he has directed a landmark, national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that is dedicated to improving quality and reducing disparities in health care in communities nationwide. As project director of this national initiative, Siegel has helped guide innovation and create replicable new initiatives.

His other research projects include work with the Commonwealth Fund, RAND Corporation and other organizations on hospital quality, emergency care and vulnerable populations. Dr. Siegel previously held the positions of New Jersey Commissioner of Health, president of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporations and president of Tampa General Healthcare. In addition, he served as a director of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; a senior fellow at New School University; and an advisor to the World Bank, hospitals, hospital associations, philanthropies, county and state governments and pharmaceutical firms. He is a member of the Board of Stewardship Trustees of Catholic Health Initiatives.

Dr. Siegel received his A.B. from Princeton University, his M.D. from Cornell University Medical College, and his M.P.H. from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. He is board certified in preventive medicine. He has written and spoken extensively on health care administration, policy and public health issues. Dr. Siegel has presented at numerous conferences and meetings for organizations including American College of Healthcare Executives, AcademyHealth, American Health Quality Association, American Hospital Association, Harvard University, Institute for Healthcare Improvement, National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems, National Medical Association and Princeton University.

Born to a Haitian mother, he is fluent in Creole. Dr. Siegel and his wife, Dr. Maura Cooper, reside with their two daughters in Bethesda, Md.

Cynthia Nunnally, M.P.H.

Ms. Cynthia Nunnally is deputy administrator for assessment and planning for the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department, Memphis, Tenn. She is responsible for Health Promotion, Community Program Initiative, Tobacco Risk Reduction, Health Planning, Information Technology, Epidemiology, Vital Statistics, Healthy Start Initiative, Ryan White Part A Program, and the Shelby County Regional Health Council.

With over 15 years of experience in public health, Ms. Nunnally has worked in diverse settings (hospitals, local public health departments, academia, community-based organizations and managed care organizations) on a variety of public health issues (HIV/AIDS, maternal and child health, wellness, nutrition, stress management, injury prevention and others). In her various roles, she has been able to help others gain access to health information and education, to advocate for equitable health care services for all, and to promote collaboration among community partners and agencies.

Ms. Nunnally graduated from The University of Tennessee at Knoxville where she earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Public Health and a Master's degree in Community Health Education.

David Shute, M.D.

Dr. David Shute is an internal medicine and health care consultant with GreenField Health. He also serves as medical director for the Aligning Forces for Quality Initiative led by the Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation. Previously, he held posts as clinical coordinator through medical director, 1999-2006, OMPRO, Oregon's Quality Improvement Organization; and at HealthFirst Medical Group/Metropolitan Clinic. Dr. Shute's residency and internship in Internal Medicine were both at Oregon Health and Science University. He earned his Doctor of Medicine and the University of Illinois; and is board certified in Internal Medicine.

Dr. Shute enjoys building rich patient-physician relationships that help people enjoy healthier lives. His goals are defined by the patient, and his job is to provide the knowledge, tools and encouragement to help ensure success. As a physician, Dr. Schute helps his patients manage their illness and gets the most satisfaction out of focusing on improving health.

Dr Shute's work as a primary care physician is only one of his roles. He also serves as a GreenField Health consultant to other health care providers and communities working to improve health care delivery. In addition, he is fortunate to be able to mentor internal medicine residents in the Legacy System.

Dr. Shute's spare time is full as well. He and his wife, Stacy, have two young boys, and they spend as much time together as they can; they particularly enjoy bicycling and rafting. In addition, the Schute family travels out of the country each year, to out-of-the-way places whenever possible. They enjoy staying in local hotels, eating local foods and trying to experience local life.

Barbara Medvec, R.N., B.S.N., M.S.N., M.S.A.

Ms. Barbara Medvec is senior vice president, Oakwood Healthcare, Inc., and chief nursing officer, Oakwood Healthcare System in Detroit, Mich. In addition, she also serves as chief nursing officer for Oakwood's tertiary medical center, Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center-Dearborn.

Ms. Medvec has a Masters of Science in Nursing and Business Administration degree(s) from Madonna University, Livonia Michigan and a Bachelor's degree in Nursing from the University of Michigan.

Ms. Medvec is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (Rho chapter), and currently serves on the Oakwood Healthcare System Board and Quality Committee of the Board. She serves as president of the University of Michigan Alumni Board and serves on many College Board of Visitors. She is a member of the Michigan Center for Nursing Advisory Board and a member of the Michigan Organization of Nurse Executives.

Christopher J. McCarthy, M.A.

Mr. Christopher J. McCarthy has been manager of integrated health services at Bath Iron Works since 2007. Bath Iron Works is the Maine's largest manufacturer and has been a long-time leader in employer efforts to improve quality of care. Mr. McCarthy manages the company's innovative health care Quality Report Card, which has developed into a vital resource for consumers and employees throughout the state. Prior to his position at Bath Iron Works, he served as Quality Initiatives Administrator for the Maine Quality Forum/Dirigo Health Agency for three years and joined the Maine Quality Forum in its first year. The Quality Forum is a state agency that is a recognized leader in providing the public with quality information about physicians and hospitals.

Mr. McCarthy also currently chairs the Board of the Maine Health Management Coalition, a nationally known statewide multi-stakeholder organization that includes employers, providers, insurers and others. It has been the driving force in Maine for over a decade in quality measure reporting and is currently leading a major consumer engagement initiative. Mr. McCarthy was selected in 2007 as one of 32 emerging leaders from around the state for a new collaborative leadership institute, the Hanley Forum. He has his Master's in Ecological/Community Psychology from Michigan State University and a B.S. in Special Education from Lyndon State College, Lyndonville, Vt.