



Showcase of General Session Speakers

Wednesday, September 24, 2008, 9:15 – 10:15 am

“The Victory Speech”, Bruce Hunter, American Association of School Administrators (AASA)

Mr. Hunter has been with AASA since 1982 and is the Associate Executive Director of Public Policy, where he directs the legislative efforts of the AASA in Congress and the U. S. Department of Education. Mr. Hunter taught junior high social studies and English, trained head start teachers, taught sociology at Eastern New Mexico University, and was a policy analyst and grant administrator for the Education Commission of the States in Denver.



Wednesday, September 24, 2008, 10:30 am – 12:15 pm

“Sustaining our Heritage of Service”, Sara Rosenbaum, J.D., The George Washington University

Ms. Rosenbaum is Hirsh Professor and Chair, Department of Health Policy, the George Washington University School of Public Health Services. She has devoted her 30-year career to issues of health law and policy affecting low income, minority, and medically underserved populations. Between 1993 and 1994, she worked for the Clinton Administration, where she drafted the legislation for the Health Security Act and developed the Vaccines for Children initiative. Professor Rosenbaum has authored more than 250 articles and studies focused on all phases of health law, as well as health care for medically underserved populations. She serves on numerous organizational boards and was named as one of the country’s most influential health policymakers. She has received many national awards including the Hansen Award from the University of Iowa, an HHS award for distinguished national service on behalf of Medicaid beneficiaries, and a RWJ Foundation Investigator Award in Health Policy Research.



Friday, September 26, 2008, 9:30 – 10:30 am

“Setting Integrity as the Cornerstone”, James Sheehan, NY State Office of the Medicaid Inspector General

After 27 years as one of the nation’s top federal health care fraud prosecutors, James Sheehan left the U.S. Attorney’s office in Philadelphia and was hired by New York’s Governor to be the NYS Medicaid Inspector General where he oversees the fraud and abuse enforcement activities of the NYS \$50 billion Medicaid program. While serving as a federal prosecutor in Philadelphia, Mr. Sheehan personally handled over 500 health care fraud matters. He led, managed and developed health fraud and kickback cases against pharmacy benefit firms, pharmaceutical manufacturers, medical suppliers, hospitals, nursing homes, and physicians. Mr. Sheehan led the investigation against Medco Health Solutions resulting in the recovery of over \$155 million and he was lead counsel in a separate case that resulted in a \$332 million recovery for the United States. Mr. Sheehan realized that by the time a prosecutor arrives in court s/he is fighting history, so to have any impact on health care programs, integrity needs to start early.



Friday, September 26, 10:45 am – noon

“Looking Ahead and Moving Forward: Medicaid, Schools and Health Care Reform”, Judith Solomon, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

Ms. Solomon joined the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in January 2005 specializing in Medicaid and SCHIP. Before coming to the Center, she was a Senior Policy Fellow at Connecticut Voices for Children and Executive Director of the Children’s Health Council in that state, where she directed work on policy analysis, outreach, education and training, and independent oversight of health care services provided through CT’s Medicaid managed care program. She also worked as a legal services attorney specializing in the area of public benefits and has taught a course on Medicaid and SCHIP at the Yale University School of Medicine.

