

Federal Semester

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Field Trip

**September 18, 2015**

**AGENDA**

12:00 P.M. – Meet Tommy at the College Park Metro Station on the ground floor near the farecard machines. He will have your Metro farecard. **Please be prompt, and don’t forget your ID!**

(You will need to be on the 12:20 train)

12:20 – 12:45 Travel on metro from College Park to L’Enfant Plaza (*Towards Branch Ave, Green Line*) – 25 Minutes

12:45 – 12:55 Arrive at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. We’ll meet Joan and Jay in the Main Hall in front of the Centre Café (street level, facing Columbus Circle).

9:00 A.M. - Arrive at office of Congressman Steny Hoyer

1732 Longworth House Office Building (Conference Room)

9:15 A.M. - **Discussion from legislative branch perspective**: Elizabeth Murray, Senior Health Policy Advisor, Office of the House Minority Whip, Congressman Steny Hoyer

[Elizabeth.murray@mail.house.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.murray@mail.house.gov)

**Contact: Ian Spears, Staff Assistant, p. (202) 225-4131**

10:25 A.M. –Depart Longworth Building

10:40 A.M. - Arrive at Department of Health and Human Services (HHS

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Humphrey Building, 3rd and Independence Ave., SW

11:00 PM --**Discussion from executive branch perspective:**

* Douglas Steiger, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation (Human Services)
* Teresa Niño, Office of Public Engagement

Contact: Lisa Thimjon (TIM-ee-on) [Lisa.Thimjon@hhs.gov](mailto:Lisa.Thimjon@hhs.gov) 202-260-7005 (office), 202-480-6689 (Blackberry)

12:25 (could be 12:30 or so—walk should only take 15 minutes)P.M.—Depart from DHHS

12:45 P.M. - Arrive at Hall of States

444 North Capitol Street NW, Room 383/385

1:00 P.M. – **Lunch/Meetings** in the Hall of States

* **Discussion from Advocacy Perspective**: Maybe someone from ACOG, American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology
* **Discussion from State perspective:** Aaron Larrimore, National Association of Medicaid Directors, formerly of Maryland Medicaid, 202-403-8624. **Call him when we arrive.**

**La Prima:** 703.519.6940

2:30 PM – **Depart** for the Union Station Metro to return to College Park

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**1. CONTACT INFORMATION: Tommy**’s cell: XXX; Jay’s cell: XXX; Dr. Burton’s cell: 301-704-8049

**2. QUESTIONS:** You should come prepared with questions to get as much as possible out of the experience. You can look at the attached speaker bios to help you prepare. All the people speaking are looking forward to good discussions.

**3. DRESS:** Please dress professionally but **wear comfortable shoes**. If you have a difficult time walking long distances (e.g. a mile, multiple times), please let us know so we can make accommodations.

**4. PICTURE IDS:** All students **must have a federally issued picture ID** (driver’s license, passport). You will not be able to enter DHHS without an ID.

**5. SECURITY:** You will be going through security several times on this field trip. You should keep all metal objects to a minimum (large belts, bracelets, etc…) and come prepared (remove change, metal, etc. from pockets; be ready to place all bags, cameras, etc, on the belt; have photo IDs out and ready; etc.) Pepper spray is not permitted.

**Speaker Bios:**

***Legislative Branch Perspective***

**Elizabeth Murray**

**Senior Health Policy Advisor, Office of the House Majority Leader, Congressman Steny Hoyer**

Education: B.A., Yale University; M.P.P., Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government

# Health Care: 10 Staffers to Know: These Staffers Help Write the Rx for Health Care

By Stephen Langel and Katie Kindelan, CongressNow Staff and Roll Call Staff, March 31, 2009

While President Barack Obama has made reform of the nation’s health care system one of his priorities, the real work tends to get done in the legislative trenches. The responsibility for reaching an elusive bipartisan deal will fall to a number of talented legislative staff in both chambers. **Here are 10 Hill staffers who will play a crucial role in whatever health care legislation is enacted: …**

[Elizabeth] Murray has spent her entire career focused on health care issues. And lobbyists say it shows, describing her as someone with unmatched expertise on the issues and an ability to bring people together to get things done.

“People in my job need to be willing to meet with everyone to bring as many viewpoints back to our bosses as possible,” Murray said. “The most productive meetings are ones in which people are informed and can speak to their issue, as a lobbyist but also from the perspective of an everyday American.”

In her 10 years on Capitol Hill, Murray points to President Barack Obama’s signing this year of the State Children’s Health Insurance Program bill as her proudest achievement to date.

She sees today’s health care debate as the greatest opportunity so far for real reform because the public is finally ready for more certainty and affordability in their health care services, and an inspirational president who has made the issue a priority.

“This debate is going to have so many varied interests,” said a health care lobbyist who is following the debate closely. “Liz will be the one to build consensus.”

\*source, Roll Call, <http://www.rollcall.com/issues/54_111/-33652-1.html>

***Advocacy Perspective:***

**Kathleen King** is directly involved with CDF’s Emerging Leaders program which was created to train and connect advocates for early childhood development and care. The Emerging Leaders program hosts fall and spring institutes to provide information on CDF’s policy and advocacy work, including the history of child care and early education policy. The project has created a network of almost 250 professionals in the fields of direct service, policy, and lobbying. Ms. King received her Bachelor’s Degree from Brown University in Community Health and Latin American Studies. She has worked for several non-profit organizations, including the Illinois Healthy Schools Campaign and Project Health in Chicago. The CDF was established in 1973 to give a voice to children and families. It lists six top priorities for children: ending childhood poverty, ensuring access to affordable, comprehensive health care, providing early childhood development programs, ensuring that every child can read at grade level by fourth grade, protecting children from abuse/neglect, and stopping the criminalization of children.

***State Perspective:***

Aaron Larrimore joined the National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD) in January 2013. Before coming to NAMD, Aaron served as a Policy Analyst at Maryland’s Medicaid program where he covered issues related to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid cost drivers, and HIV/AIDS issues. Prior to working in Maryland, Aaron served as a legal intern and legal fellow for members of Congress and served as a special assistant to a Governor.

Aaron received his JD from the College of William & Mary and his BA from Virginia Commonwealth University.

***Federal Perspective:***

**Veronica Jackson** is the Director of Rollouts for the Affordable Care Act in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at HHS. In that capacity, she coordinates Departmental activities to publicize initiatives in accordance with the Secretary's priorities, to include organizing written materials, web content, new media, press events, interviews and calls, and regional outreach. Before joining HHS, Ms. Jackson worked as a Project Manager at the research and consulting firm, Atlas Research, where she was responsible for implementing a number of projects related to the health and wellbeing of veterans. Prior to that, she was a consultant at the firm the Mizeur Group, where she managed a portfolio of long-term and post-acute care, community health center, and information technology clients through the passage of the Recovery Act and the Affordable Care Act. Ms. Jackson is a Veteran of the United States Air Force. She served two tours of duty in Korea and two at the National Security Agency as a Korean linguist.

She has a Masters Degree in Health Systems Administration from Georgetown and a BS in Social Sciences from Troy University.

**Catherine R. Oakar** is the Director of Public Health Policy in the Office of Health Reform at the Department of Health and Human Services, where she has primary oversight responsibility for the coordinated and timely implementation of the public health, prevention, and health care workforce policy provisions of the Affordable Care Act. Previously, Ms. Oakar served as a Senior Policy Advisor, assisting with press, congressional and outreach efforts related to the law. Prior to joining the Office of Health Reform, Ms. Oakar served as a Policy Communications Advisor for the HHS Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. She began her work in Washington, D. C. as a David A. Winston Health Policy Fellow in the HHS Office of Health Reform. She has also been a Fellow in the Reproductive Health and Research Department at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland and has conducted community-based research with low-income cancer survivors and safety net clinics.

Ms. Oakar completed her graduate education at the University of Michigan School of Public Health and her undergraduate education at the University of Notre Dame.

**Peggie Rice** is a Legislative Analyst in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legislation at the Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Rice serves as the Secretary’s liaison to Congress on issues pertaining to TANF, LIHEAP, the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), and Administration for Native Americans (ANA) programs, among other issues. Ms. Rice came to HHS from the non-profit world where she was an advocate on seniors’ issues as the Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs for the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities. Ms. Rice has worked on Capitol Hill for Rep. Earl Pomeroy (ND), Rep. Patrick Kennedy (RI), and Sen. Kent Conrad (ND).

Ms. Rice graduated with a double major in the Honors Program and Visual Arts from the University of North Dakota and received her master’s degree in journalism and corporate communications from Georgetown University. She has been with the Department since April 2011 and lives in Washington, DC, where she resides with her husband, Scott Urick, and son, Parker.

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\*Professor Anderson is meeting us at Union Station