

Acting Today for Healthy Tomorrows: State Initiatives to Promote Maternal and Child Health



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Katherine Bradley is the Title V Director and Administrator for the Office of Family Health, Public Health Division, Oregon Health Authority. She is responsible for the state programs of Maternal, Infant and Child Health, Oral Health, Adolescent Health, Genetics, Women's and Reproductive Health, Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program (WIC), and Immunization. Prior to finding a home in public health, she spent much of her career in nursing leadership roles in health care systems and academic medical centers. She was part of the academic team that developed the National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators (NDNQI), and continues to have a strong interest in performance measurement and evaluation. She obtained her BSN at Seattle University, her MN from the University of Washington, and her PhD in Nursing from the University of Kansas.



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Michael C. Lu, MD, MPH is the Associate Administrator for Maternal and Child Health (Maternal and Child Health Bureau Director). He was formerly an associate professor of obstetrics & gynecology and public health at UCLA. Dr. Lu received his bachelor's degrees from Stanford University, master's degrees from UC Berkeley, medical degree from UC San Francisco, and residency training in obstetrics & gynecology from UC Irvine. He is widely recognized for his research, teaching and clinical care. Dr. Lu received the 2003 Coalition for Excellence in MCH Epidemiology Young Professional Achievement Award, and the 2004 American Public Health Association Young Professional Award for his research on perinatal health disparities. He has served on Institute of Medicine (IOM) Committees on Understanding Prematurity and Committee to Reexamine Pregnancy Weight Guidelines, as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Select Panel on Preconception Care. He was Study Location Principal Investigator for the National Children's Study in Los Angeles. He also chaired the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality (SACIM). Prior to his appointment at HRSA, Dr. Lu taught obstetrics and gynecology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and maternal and child health at the UCLA School of Public Health. He has received numerous awards for his teaching, including Excellence in Teaching Awards from the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics. Dr. Lu also saw patients at the faculty group practice in obstetrics and gynecology at UCLA Medical Center, and has been voted one of the Best Doctors in America since 2005.



David Lakey, MD

Commissioner, TX Department of State Health Services

David Lakey, leads one of the largest agencies in Texas state government with a staff of 12,000. He oversees programs such as disease prevention and emergency preparedness, community health services, consumer safety, mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment and was recently elected president of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) for 2011-2012.

Prior to being appointed commissioner, Dr. Lakey served as associate professor of medicine and director of the Center for Pulmonary and

Infectious Disease Control at the University of Texas Health Center in Tyler.

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Scott Berns, MD, MPH, FAAP

Senior Vice President of Chapter Programs, March of Dimes

Dr. Scott Berns is the Senior Vice President of Chapter Programs for the March of Dimes and provides direction in education and community services to all March of Dimes state-based chapters, including DC and Puerto Rico. He also oversees national initiatives including three March of Dimes signature programs: NICU Family Support®, Mobile Health Care, and Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait®. Dr. Berns is Editor of "Toward Improving the Outcome of Pregnancy III: Enhancing Perinatal Health Through Quality, Safety and Performance Initiatives". Dr. Berns serves on the Executive Committee of the American Academy of

Pediatrics Section on Perinatal Pediatrics and is a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. He's received a BA *magna cum laude* and an MD degree from Boston University. He completed his residency in pediatrics at Rhode Island Hospital and completed a fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Dr. Berns is board certified in pediatrics and pediatric emergency medicine. He also earned an MPH with a concentration in health policy and management at the Harvard School of Public Health.



Ruth A. Shepherd, MD, MCH

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Dr. Ruth Ann Shepherd is the Division Director for Maternal and Child Health in the Kentucky Department for Public Health. Dr. Shepherd brings to Public Health more than 20 years experience as a board certified neonatologist and pediatrician, and has practiced in both urban areas and rural Appalachia. In her current role since 2005, Dr. Shepherd oversees traditional maternal and child health programs for the state as well as the health promotion programs for tobacco control, obesity prevention, and

healthy communities. A Kentucky native, Dr. Shepherd completed her medical training at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, her pediatric residency at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana, and her fellowship in Neonatal Perinatal Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina (Charleston). She is board certified in Pediatrics and in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine. Dr. Shepherd has additional certifications in Non-Profit Management (Duke University), Certificate in Business Administration for Physicians (Auburn University) and Certified Professional in HealthCare Quality (National Association for Healthcare). Dr. Shepherd has presented on preterm birth prevention and other public health topics in several states and nationally, including the 2008 Surgeon General's Conference on Preventing Preterm Birth, the National Center for Health Statistics, the NICHD MCH Education Committee, and the 2009 March of Dimes Perinatal Quality Symposium. She served on the 2009 National Quality Forum Steering Committee on Perinatal Indicators and was recently appointed to the HHS Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality.