

HEALTH COVERAGE FELLOWSHIP 2009

Schedule of Events

May 1–9

Friday, May 1: **Opening reception and dinner**

5:30-6:30: Orientation meeting for fellows.

6:30-7:30 p.m.: Cocktail reception.

7:30-9:30 p.m.: Dinner and program.

Introduction of the Fellowship: **Jarrett Barrios**, Foundation President

Introduction of the Fellows and Keynote Speaker: **Larry Tye**, Fellowship Director

Keynote: **Julie Rovner** covers the politics of health care for National Public Radio. She also is a contributing editor at *National Journal's CongressDaily*. Julie is the author a highly-praised reference book, *Health Care Politics and Policy A-Z*, and co-author of *Managed Care Strategies 1997*. Previously, she was a medical reporter at *Congressional Quarterly* and the Medical News Network.

Julie's topic is **The Press' Place in Health Care Reform: Skeptic, Cheerleader, or a Third Way?**

Saturday, May 2:

Health Care: Clarifying the Crisis

9:15-10:30 a.m.

The wounds of war

Michael M. Lawson is CEO of the three VA hospitals in Boston. **Dr. Mel Tapper** manages the VA's Returning Veterans Program. **Captain Jeffrey Cox and Sergeant Phil Burke** served in the Army Combat Stress Company in Iraq, while **Melanie Nott** lost her husband there. They will talk about what the VA is doing for soldiers coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan.

10:45-noon

Reshaping health care: lessons from the past, directives for the future

Ira Magaziner, the chief architect of the Clinton Administration's health reform plan, oversees global health and environmental programs at the William J. Clinton Foundation.

12:15-1:30 p.m.

The health care debate: public druthers

Robert Blendon is head of Harvard's Opinion Research Program and professor of health policy at the School of Public Health and Kennedy School of Government.

1:45-3 p.m.

Changing the vision: what a hospital ought to look and act like

Paul Levy is a blogger, a gadfly and CEO of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

3-5:30 p.m.

Relax

Exercise at the fitness center. Walk around Wellesley. Ride your bike. Play pool. Or rest.

6 p.m.-whenever

Let loose

Dinner at Jake's Dixie Roadhouse in Waltham, then boogie/blues from Gumbo Diablo.

Sunday, May 3:

Putting the Public Back in Health

8:45 a.m.

We head to *Lemuel Shattuck Hospital in Jamaica Plain*

9:45-10:45 a.m.

Birds, people, and other ways of spreading disease

Dr. Al DeMaria, state epidemiologist for Massachusetts, helps us understand threats from swine flu to SARS and avian flu.

11 a.m.- 1 p.m

Challenging wards

Shattuck CEO **Paul Romary** and **Philip McCauley**, who oversees Massachusetts public health hospitals, tell us about Shattuck's mission in providing medical and psychiatric services to patients from prisons, jails and the community. Then they take us on a tour and introduce us to staff and clients.

1-2:30 p.m.

View from the top

We meet over lunch with Rhode Island Commissioner of Insurance **Christopher Koller**, New Hampshire Public Health Director **Dr. Jose Montero**, and our host, Massachusetts Commissioner of Public Health **John Auerbach**.

4-7 p.m.

Rest up

7 p.m.-whenever

Med errors and mea culpas

Over dinner, we focus on medical errors and patient safety. **Dr. Rick van Pelt** is an anesthesiologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital. **Linda Kenney** is founder and director of Medically Induced Trauma Support Services. **Nancy Ridley** runs the Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety. **Paul Dreyer** is director of the Mass. Bureau of Health Care Safety and Quality.

Monday, May 4:

Gains and Gaps in Mental Health

8:15 a.m.

We head out for a *Hard Day's Night*

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Disordered eating: matters of mind and body

We tour Walden Behavioral Care, looking at how it treats eating disorders with a blend of medical and psychiatric approaches, tapping everything from nutrition training to behavioral therapy. We meet patients and staff, including CEO **Stuart Koman**. Joining us is **Marylou Sudders**, president of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and former commissioner of mental health.

12:30- 2:30 p.m.

Shock: old questions, new answers

Kitty Dukakis has battled disabling depression for 20 years. She tried drugs and therapy, but only electroconvulsive therapy gave her back her life. She and her husband, former governor **Michael Dukakis**, talk about her illness and treatment. They are joined by her physician, **Charles Welch**, who directs the ECT program at Mass General Hospital, and **Phil Johnston**, chairman of the Blue Cross Foundation.

2:30-6 p.m.

Rest up

We have a long night ahead, so take time to chill.

6-8 p.m.

Chow down

To set a context for what we will see on Boston's streets, we are joined by **Boston Mayor Tom Menino** and **Dr. Jim O'Connell**, president of Boston Health Care for the Homeless.

9 p.m.-midnight

Street stories

We divide into two groups and head to the city. One walks the streets with Pine Street workers. The second visits the state's Lindemann Shelter with **Barbara Leadholm**, the commissioner of mental health, then hits the streets with the department's Homeless Outreach Team.

Tuesday, May 5: **Insuring the Uninsured**

8:45-10 a.m. ***Debriefing ourselves***

Each group reports in on last night, as we slowly wake up. Skip breakfast if you need the sleep.

10:15 a.m.-11:45 ***Sign posts and starting points***

Trish Riley runs Maine's Office of Health Policy and Finance and oversees the Dirigo program. **Charlotte Yeh**, former head of Medicaid and Medicare for the Northeast region, is chief medical officer at AARP Services. **Anya Rader Wallack** directs the Massachusetts Medicaid Policy Institute.

Noon-1:45 p.m. ***How reform is working in Massachusetts, for better and worse***

Jon Kingsdale heads up the Commonwealth Connector, which oversees health care reform in Massachusetts.

2-2:45 p.m. ***Routes to reform.***

A confidential briefing from Capitol Hill.

3:15-5:30 ***Catch your breath***

Catch up on sleep. Take a long walk. Check in on the kids, or parents. Go shopping. You need a break.

5:30-whenever ***Cooling down***

Sally Connolly and her associates hold hands-on sessions on reiki, reflexology, shiatsu, dance kinesthetics, massage, and chi gong. They stay for dinner, where we are joined by **Ted Kaptchuk**, head of complementary specialties at Harvard Medical School's Osher Research Center.

Wednesday, May 6: **Going global, Quality Insurance and a Sporting Chance**

8 a.m. **We head into *the city and ballpark.***

10-11:45 a.m. ***Thinking globally***

Kalpana Jain is a health writer in India and former health editor of the *Times of India*. **Ronke Olawale** writes health features for Nigeria's Guardian Newspapers. Both are Nieman fellows. **Stefanie Friedhoff**, former news editor at Berlin's *BZ* newspaper, is special projects manager at the Nieman Foundation.

12-1:30 p.m. ***Insuring Quality***

Charlie Baker is president of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. **Andrew Dreyfus** is executive vice president of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. **James Roosevelt Jr.** is president of Tufts Health Plan.

2-3:30 p.m. ***Novel ways to attack cutting-edge health challenges***

We divide up to tour innovative approaches with Executive Director **Dr. Steve Boswell** at Fenway Community Health Center, autism expert **Dr. Katherine Martien** at the Mass General LADDERS program in Lexington, CEO **Christine Schuster** at Emerson Hospital in Concord, and, at Dana-Farber, adolescent cancer chief **Dr. Karen Albritton** and multiple myeloma specialist **Dr. Kenneth Anderson**.

3:30-4:30 ***Your call:*** Stay at your break-out session, shop, nap on a bench, do anything you want so long as you are at Fenway at 4:45.

4:45-6 p.m. ***Sidelined***

We look medical journalists' role in covering injuries on the field with **Dr. Brian McKeon**, doc for the Celtics; **Dr. Larry Ronan**, Red Sox internist; Sox legends **Bill Monbouquette** and **Johnny Pesky**; and our host, Sox and Patriots medical chief **Dr. Tom Gill**.

6-10 p.m. ***1918, 2004, 2007 and 2009!***

We tour Fenway, then watch the Sox crush the Blue Jays, with **Monbouquette, Pesky**, Mass. Medical Society President **Dr. Mario Motta**, BU School of Public Health Dean **Dr. Robert Meenan**, **Levy, Anderson, McKeon, Ronan, Barrios** and others.

Thursday, May 7: **It's All in the Delivery**

8 a.m. **We head *in town***

Medicine on the edge

9:45 a.m.-11:15 p.m. We check in at Mass General Hospital for an open-ended talk with Cathy Minehan and her trustees about their burdens and joys.

11:30-1 Over lunch we discuss operations of this hospital with CEO **Peter Slavin**, Physicians Organization CEO **David Torchiana**, Chief Medical Office **Brit Nicholson**, Chief Nurse **Jeanette Ives Erickson**, Quality and Safety Chief **Gregg Meyer**, Research Chief **Rick Bringham**, and Vice President of Finance **Sally Mason Boemer**.

1-2:45 p.m. We split into five groups for hands-on looks at long-term AIDS survivors with **Dr. Bruce Walker**, health care disparities with **Dr. Alex Green**, the operating room of the future with **Dr. Peter Dunn**, engineered ears, thumbs, and other tissue with **Dr. Jay Vacanti**, and polyethylene hips with **Dr. Harry Rubash**.

4-7 p.m. ***Tone up or take a nap***

7:15 p.m. til... ***A low-key dinner on campus, sharing notes***

We report back on our experiences from the morning and afternoon break-out sessions. And we relish being by ourselves.

Friday, May 8: **Logjams in the ER, Breakthroughs in Coverage**

8:15 a.m. ***We head out***

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ***What's the rush: a diverting crisis***

We look at the crunch in emergency medicine from three vantage points. A third of us ride with crews of Boston EMS chief **Rich Serino**. Another third go to Boston Medical Center, where **Dr. Jonathan Olshaker** shows us how his ER works. The rest head to Hanscom Field, and fly with **Dr. Suzanne Wedel's** Medflight teams.

1-1:30 p.m. ***Show and tell***

We reconnoiter for lunch at the Blue Cross Foundation office at Landmark Center, sharing experiences from the morning.

1:30-3:30 p.m. ***Get sourced***

Our guides are **Jarrett Barrios**, president of the Blue Cross Foundation, **Nancy Turnbull**, associate dean at the Harvard School of Public Health, and **Matt Fishman**, head of community programs at Partners HealthCare. They help us understand the new numbers available, and how to sift what is useful from what is not.

4-6: ***Unwind.***

6:15-9:30 ***Through the eyes of the patient***

We have dinner at Babson with **Dr. Elissa Ely**, a psychiatrist at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center and contributor to the *New York Times*, *Boston Globe* and WBUR.

Saturday, May 9: **Wrapping it Up.**

9 a.m.-11:30 **The fellows on *our story lists***

We break into three groups, with each fellow presenting her or his list of stories while others suggest sources, approaches and other ways to make them work. Group leaders are **Richard Saltus**, **Anne Donohue**, and **Larry Tye**.

Saltus was a longtime medical writer for the *Boston Globe* and Associated Press. He now writes about health and science issues at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Donohue was an award-winning journalist at NPR, Monitor Radio, ABC, and WHDH-TV. She now teaches broadcast journalism at Boston University.

noon-1 p.m Lunch with our group, then you can head home.