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Panel Presentations

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Joyce Dubow. Ms. Dubow is Senior Advisor in AARP's Office of Policy and Strategy where she has responsibility for a broad health portfolio related to AARP's health care reform initiatives. She has had a special focus on private health plans in the Medicare program, health care quality and consumer decision making. Dubow serves on numerous standing committees and task forces that address quality improvement and measurement under the auspices of the National Quality Forum, the National Committee for Quality Assurance, the Joint Commission, Hospital Quality Alliance, the AQA, and others.

In a "former life," Ms. Dubow was the executive vice-president of the Georgetown University Community Health Plan, a university-sponsored prepaid group practice plan. She was also the Director of Policy and Legislation in the federal Office of Health Maintenance Organizations. Ms. Dubow holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Michigan and a Masters in Urban Planning from Hunter College of the University of the City of New York.

Paul J. Wallace, MD, Medical Director for Health and Productivity Management Programs, Senior Advisor for the Care Management Institute and Avivia Health. Dr Wallace wears several hats with The Permanente Federation. He is medical director for our Health and Productivity Management Programs and senior advisor for the Care Management Institute (CMI) and Avivia Health, the KP disease management company established in 2005. In this role, he leads work to extend Kaiser Permanente's experience with population-based care to further develop and integrate wellness, health maintenance, and productivity enhancement interventions. Paul is a member of the Institute for Medicine Board for Public Health and Population Care, a board member for the Disease Management Association of America, and chairs the Board for the Washington DC-based Center for Information Therapy. He also participates on the KP Interregional New Technology Committee and has been a member of the Committee for Performance Measurement at the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), the Medical Advisory Panel for the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Technology Evaluation Center, the Medical Coverage Advisory Committee for CMS, and the National Advisory Council for the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). He previously worked for our Northwest Region, where he directed the Clinical Practice Guidelines Program and Chronic Care Management programs from 1994 to 2000. Between 2000 and 2005, he was director of our Care Management Institute.

Paul combines past experiences in academic medicine and clinical medical oncology and hematology practice with work in quality improvement, especially in the areas of guideline development, performance measurement, and evaluation of emerging medical technologies. Since 1997, his full-time focus has been administrative and development endeavors in the application of evidence-based medicine within disease management, measurement of clinical performance, technology assessment, and use of the electronic medical record.

Joachim Roski, PhD, MPH, Research Director, Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform, Brookings. Joachim Roski is a research director at the Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform, where he works on activities for the Quality Alliance Steering Committee, which aims to achieve widespread use of valid quality and cost measures to improve medical care and make it easier for patients to get information about quality so they can make more informed health care decisions.

Prior to joining Brookings, Dr. Roski oversaw activities pertaining to performance measure development, research, analysis, and public and private sector contracting at the National Committee for Quality Assurance. He also served as director of quality and performance effectiveness for Allina Health System in Minneapolis, and as research director in the Division of Epidemiology, School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Roski has led multiple health care research or demonstration projects, including those funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Commonwealth Fund, the California Healthcare Foundation, and the U.S. Agency of Healthcare Quality and Research, among others. Dr. Roski earned his doctorate degree in health psychology from the University Trier, Germany, and his master's degree in Public Health from the Division of Epidemiology at the University of Minnesota's School of Public Health. He currently holds adjunct faculty appointments at Johns Hopkins University and the Ludwig-Maximilian University in Munich, Germany.

Fred D. Rachman, MD, CEO, Alliance of Chicago Community Health Services. The Alliance of Chicago Community Health Services is a HRSA-funded network of primary care community health centers that supports a centrally hosted electronic health record system shared by 24 safety net health centers in eight states. In Chicago, he is an attending physician in pediatrics at Children's Memorial Hospital and Northwestern Memorial Hospital; he also sees patients as a pediatrician at Erie Family Health Center.

In addition to serving as vice chair of the HIMSS Ambulatory Information Systems Committee, he chaired the FY10 HIMSS Ambulatory Community Healthcare Organizations Task Force and currently serves on the Illinois Health Information Exchange Advisory Committee. The Ambulatory IS Committee's initiatives are focused on removing barriers to IT adoption, increasing the use of EMR/EHR to improve the quality of care and promote business systems integration in the ambulatory care setting.

He has more than 20 years experience in primary healthcare delivery and administration, and extensive experience in community health center leadership, and in directing community health

center programs and projects including research initiatives funded by NIH and CDC. He also serves as co-director of the Chicago Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center.

Dr. Rachman received his bachelors of arts degree in biology from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.; his doctor of medicine degree from Temple University, Philadelphia, Penn.; and completed his residency in pediatrics at Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, Penn. He is board certified in pediatrics and completed post graduate courses in ethics, economics and healthcare management at Harvard University School of Public Health. Dr. Rachman previously served as medical director at Howard Brown Health Center and Erie Family Health Centers. He also was a field representative for the Joint Commission conducting accreditation surveys and providing field education from 1998 through 2006.