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Symposium Agenda

Arrival & Check-In: 3:30 pm

Symposium & Remarks: 4:00-5:30 pm

Joel Cantor

Distinguished Professor & Director, Rutgers CSHP

Brian Strom

Chancellor, Rutgers Health

Brian Quinn

Associate VP, Research, Evaluation & Learning, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Sarah Adelman

Commissioner, NJ Department of Human Services

John McDonough

Professor of the Practice of Public Health, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Bruce Vladeck

Chair, CSHP External Advisory Committee

Tobias Gerhard

Professor & Director, Rutgers Institute for Health, Health Care Policy & Aging Research

Margaret Koller

Executive Director, Rutgers CSHP

Celebration & Cocktail Reception: 5:30-7:00pm

As we look forward to the holiday season and with humility about our many privileges, the Center's leadership has made a donation to Elijah's Promise, a New Brunswick non-profit working to break the cycle of poverty, in the name of our colleagues and friends.

Symposium Speakers



Brian L. Strom is chancellor of Rutgers Health (formerly RBHS) and the executive vice president for health affairs at Rutgers University. Dr. Strom was formerly the executive vice dean of institutional affairs, founding chair of the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, founding director of the Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, and founding director of the Graduate Program in Epidemiology and Biostatistics, all at the Perelman School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania (Penn).



Brian Quinn brings his extensive background in health policy analysis and innovative program development to his work in the Foundation's Research-Evaluation-Learning (REL) unit. In his role, he collaborates with the vice president for REL in leading a team dedicated to understanding and measuring the key health and healthcare issues that are part of the Foundation's strategy, as well as assessing the Foundation's organizational performance. Brian works with the vice president on the team's strategic and tactical decisions and oversees its daily operations.



Sarah Adelman has led the New Jersey Department of Human Services since January 2021, and was confirmed as Commissioner in March 2022. Under her leadership, the Department has helped residents through the pandemic by making significant investments in child care and food assistance, improving and expanding services for older adults and individuals with disabilities, protecting health coverage for more than 2 million residents, and continuing to enhance mental health and addiction services.



John E. McDonough is Professor of Public Health Practice in the Department of Health Policy & Management at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Director of Executive and Continuing Professional Education. In 2010, he was the Joan H. Tisch Distinguished Fellow in Public Health at Hunter College in New York City. Between 2008 and 2010, he served as a Senior Advisor on National Health Reform to the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions where he worked on the development and passage of the Affordable Care Act.



Bruce C. Vladeck was administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration from 1993 through 1997. Subsequently, he was a presidential appointee to the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare. He has served in other senior management positions: assistant commissioner of health in the New Jersey Department of Health, president of the United Hospital Fund, senior vice president of Mount Sinai Medical Center, and interim president of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He is the chair of CSHP's External Advisory Committee (EAC).



Tobias Gerhard is a pharmacoepidemiologist and the Founding Director of the Rutgers Center for Pharmacoepidemiology and Treatment Science (PETS). He also serves as Director of the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research after becoming interim director in December 2021. Dr. Gerhard received his pharmacy degree from the University of Freiburg, Germany (2002), and his PhD in pharmacoepidemiology from the University of Florida (2007). His work focuses on the development and evaluation of modern pharmacoepidemiologic methods with applications in mental health and geriatric pharmacotherapy.