

Blue Ribbon Commission on Health Care Costs and Access
October 27, 2006

Strategy Panel 4 - Consumer Information and Personal Responsibility (11:00 – 12:30)

The panel is intended to encompass the following: (1) Promoting personal responsibility; (2) Providing information on treatment quality and price; (3) Helping consumers use the health care system more effectively; and (4) Establishing an individual coverage mandate.

Panelists:

- Claudia Sanders – Vice President, Policy Development, Washington State Hospital Association
- Dr. Gerald N. Yorioka, (Jerry) – Snohomish County Medical Society
- Rhonda Hauff – Yakima County Health Care Coalition
- Harry Jasper – CFO & Accounting For Health Project Director, Garfield County Public Hospital District
- Dr. Christopher Mathews – Chief Medical Officer, Community Health Plan of Washington
- Elaine DeLack – Co-founder, Proactive Health Team
- Peggy Handrich – Senior Vice President, Sellers Feinberg

Strategy Panel 5 - Financing Access (1:45 – 3:45)

The panel is intended to encompass the following: (1) Providing health care coverage for all children; (2) Enhancing state health care programs; (3) Increasing employer financing of health care; (4) Implementing health care tax reform; (5) Establishing a statewide universal coverage program; and (6) Enhancing community-based approaches.

Panelists:

- Fred Kiga – Chair, Health Care Task Force, Washington Roundtable
- David West – Fair Share Health Care Coalition
- Mellani Hughes McAleenan – Governmental Affairs Director, Human Resources, Association of Washington Business
- Sue Sharpe – Chair, Communities Connect
- Dr. John Neff – Chair, Health Coalition for Children and Youth
- Chuck Hawley – Vice President Public Affairs, Providence Health and Services
- Cindy Watts – Director and Professor, University of Washington Resource Center for Health Policy
- Representative of Regence BlueShield (invited)
- Dr. Robert A. Fithian – Health Care for All – Washington
- Peggy Handrich – Senior Vice President, Sellers Feinberg