



Board of Directors Bios

Harry J. Heiman, Board Chair



Dr. Heiman is director of the Health Policy Leadership Fellowship Program at the Satcher Health Leadership Institute and Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at Morehouse School of Medicine. He is a family physician who practiced family medicine for more than 20 years, prior to taking his current position. He received his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and his master's in public health from the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University.

Julie Edelson, Board Vice-Chair

Julie Edelson is a policy advisor at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in the Office of the Associate Director for Program. She is an attorney, and began her career at a public interest law firm at which she represented individuals challenging violations of constitutional and civil rights. Julie then spent over ten years as the policy and political director at Planned Parenthood of Georgia (PPG), a statewide non-profit health care provider. After leaving PPG's staff in 2006, she continued her work in health policy as a legislative and public policy consultant, representing PPG and other non-profit health policy organizations until joining the CDC in 2009.

Jeffery Graham, Board Secretary



Jeff is the executive director of Georgia Equality, an organization that works to advance fairness, safety and opportunity for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities throughout Georgia. Jeff began advocating on LGBT and AIDS related issues as a college student in the

mid-1980's and has continued his advocacy on these issues since that time. He has been involved in a wide variety of grassroots and legislative advocacy campaigns and has served as either an executive director or board member to a number of local and national organizations working on issues related to gay and transgender rights, access to healthcare, community empowerment and HIV/AIDS. Jeff has received numerous awards and recognition for both his advocacy and nonprofit work from organizations such as the National Center for Human Rights Education, the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, Atlanta City Council, The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and several publications and organizations within the local LGBT and HIV communities.

Jon W. Wollenzien, Jr., Board Treasurer

Jon W. Wollenzien, Jr., has been the Chief Executive Officer of Palmetto Health Council, Inc. since February 1993. Prior to joining PHC, Dr. Wollenzien was the Vice President of South Fulton Medical Center, Atlanta, Georgia. South Fulton Medical Center was a 427-bed acute care private, non-profit Hospital. Before joining South Fulton Medical Center, Dr. Wollenzien was an Associate Administrator with Charter Medical Corporation. Charter Medical Corporation was a for profit hospital corporation that provided inpatient acute care and mental health services. Dr. Wollenzien's first job was with Valley Health Systems, Inc., a network of Federally Qualified Health Centers in West Virginia. Dr. Wollenzien received his undergraduate degree from Marshall University, Huntington, WV, in business. While working in Des Moines, Iowa, Dr. Wollenzien completed his Masters in Health Care Administration from the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences. Dr. Wollenzien received his terminal degree, Doctorate of Business Administration, at Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. In 2005, Dr. Wollenzien was selected by HRSA and UCLA to participate in the Johnson & Johnson/UCLA Health Care Executive Program.

Allyson Burroughs, Board Member

Allyson Burroughs has over 17 years of experience in marketing, communications and brand management, with the last ten focused on government healthcare program

marketing. She joined Affiliated Computer Services (ACS) in 2002 to lead the outreach and enrollment marketing efforts for the company's Government Healthcare Group's Pharmacy Benefits Management senior prescription drug programs that pre-dated Medicare Part D. Over the years she took a more active role in marketing ACS' business solutions directly to their customers and in 2007 was appointed to lead the Marketing Department for the company's Government Healthcare Solutions group. In 2010, ACS was acquired by Xerox and her team today focuses on strategic brand management, group and line of business marketing program development and execution, application of new media, internal communications and conference management for Government Healthcare Solutions at Xerox. Prior to working at Xerox, Allyson spent several years working for advertising agencies in the Atlanta area focusing on Business-to-Consumer marketing. She began her career working for Turner Broadcasting in public relations for Turner Entertainment Networks. Allyson graduated from Agnes Scott College in Decatur, GA in 1991. She lives in Clarkston, GA with her husband and their two children.

Sylvia Caley, Board Member

Sylvia Caley is Director and Lead Attorney of the Health Law Partnership (HeLP), an interdisciplinary community collaboration to improve the health and social well being of low-income children through services located at the hospitals of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. She is also Assistant Clinical Professor at Georgia State University College of Law developing and servicing the program and services of HeLP and the HeLP Legal Services Clinic and has written extensively on legal issues related to children's health care. She is a board member of the Women's Policy Group. Sylvia received an R.N. from the Royal Victoria Hospital School of Nursing (Canada); B.A. summa cum laude in history, from Oglethorpe University; MBA from GSU; and J.D. from GSU College of Law.

Iris Feinberg, Board Member



Iris has been active in Atlanta's philanthropic community for the last 15 years with The Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, The Epstein School,

Literacy Volunteers of Atlanta, The Posse Foundation, and others. She has also been involved with national and international philanthropic organizations including Encounter, The Jewish Agency for Israel, and United Jewish Communities. A PhD Candidate in Health Communications at Ga State, Feinberg's health care experience ranges from participating in development of state and national health care policy to owning and running a medical claims processing company. She currently is involved in research with the limited health literacy population at Grady Hospital. A graduate of The Wharton School, Temple University, and Georgia State University, Feinberg is a recognized expert in both teleworking and health care administration. Iris and her husband, Bruce live in Midtown and have four children - Jonathon, Michael, Rachel and Daniel.

Kathy Floyd, Board Member



Kathy Floyd is the Associate State Director for Advocacy for AARP Georgia. Kathy has been with AARP for 14 years. She currently coordinates AARP's campaigns in Georgia for state issues including, health and long term care, economic issues and consumer protection issues. Kathy earned her undergraduate degree in History from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She holds a masters degree in business with a concentration in finance from Georgia State University. She and her family live in Roswell.

Charlie Hayslett, Board Member



Charlie Hayslett is an award-winning journalist, speechwriter and public relations counselor. He is the founder and CEO of Hayslett Group LLC, an Atlanta-based communications firm founded in 1994. Since opening for business 17 years ago, Hayslett and his firm have provided a broad range of award-winning communications services to more than a hundred clients, including BellSouth Corporation, The Coca-Cola Company, Delta Air Lines, Georgia-Pacific, numerous hospitals throughout the state, several trade associations, and various agencies

of state government. Much of Charlie's personal work has revolved around public policy issues and in recent years especially he has focused heavily on healthcare and health policy communications. Before entering the field of public relations, Hayslett worked for more than a decade as a journalist, covering government and politics for The Atlanta Journal in Georgia and in Washington, D.C. He holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Georgia's Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication and is currently a member of the Grady College's Board of Trust. He was also selected as an inaugural member of the Grady Fellowship.

W. Douglas Skelton, Board Member



Dr. Skelton's professional career has included private practice, medical administration, public service, and medical education.

Following graduation from Emory University School of Medicine and a psychiatric residency at Columbia in New York, Dr. Skelton spent two years in the United State Public Health Service. He returned to Emory in 1969 where he was a full-time faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry until 1974. During these years he began Grady's drug abuse treatment program, and served as Chief of Psychiatry at Grady Hospital and then as Medical Director of the Georgia Mental Health Institute.

He was appointed Director of the Division of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Georgia Department of Human Resources, in 1974. In January of 1977 Governor George Busbee appointed the Gainesville, GA native Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources. As Commissioner, Dr. Skelton directed more than 100 programs in the areas of public health, mental health, developmental disabilities, addictive disease, social services, public assistance, and vocational rehabilitation.

In January of 1980, he returned to Emory as Professor and Vice Chair of the Department of Psychiatry. In 1984 he assumed additional duties at Emory as Vice President for

Government Relations of the Robert W. Woodruff Health Sciences Center. From 1980 to 1984, Dr. Skelton served as a member of the National Advisory Mental Health Council. Dr. Skelton has served as president of the Georgia Public Health Association on two occasions several decades apart, and most recently served on the initial advisory board for the College of Public Health of the University of Georgia.

Dr. Skelton served for ten years as chair of the State Health Policy Council as an appointee of Governors Busbee and Harris and served for five years as chair of the Georgia Task Force on AIDS. He is a past member and chair of the Council on Scientific Affairs of the AMA and has served as a member of the AMA's House of Delegates representing the Section on Medical Schools. From 1992 to 2003 Dr. Skelton served as an appointee of the first President Bush as a member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, the Nation's military medical school. Active with the Association of American Medical Colleges, Dr. Skelton served as a member of the Generalist Physician Task Force, which called for major changes in medical education to produce more generalist physicians., including a goal of 50% of graduates choosing a primary care discipline.

Dr. Skelton served as Dean of the Mercer University School of Medicine from 1985 to 2001, and as Senior Vice President and Provost for Health Affairs from 2001 to 2004. During his tenure as dean, Mercer received numerous awards for the number of graduates choosing to practice family medicine or other primary care specialties, and developed and obtained ACGME approval for residencies in internal medicine, pediatrics, and psychiatry. Dr. Skelton also served as member or chair of LCME teams reviewing other institutions. Dr. Skelton currently serves as a clinical professor of psychiatry for Mercer and the Medical College of Georgia, and previously has held faculty appointments at Emory and Morehouse schools of Medicine. Mercer University has honored Dr. Skelton by naming him Dean Emeritus of the School of Medicine, awarding him an honorary doctorate, and dedicating a library conference room in his name.

In February 2004 Dr. Skelton was appointed director of the public health district serving Chatham and Effingham counties, and in March oversaw the merger of the public health programs in Camden, Glynn, McIntosh, Liberty, Long and Bryan counties with those in Chatham and Effingham to create the Coastal Health District where he continued to serve as District Health Director until his retirement May 31, 2012.

For the G-8 Summit at Sea Island Dr. Skelton led the pre-meeting medical services planning on behalf of public health and during G-8 served as the incident commander for the emergency operations center in Brunswick.

Dr. Skelton is a long time member of the Georgia Public Health Association, and has served as president on two occasions. He has long advocated for an independent Department of Public Health, and played a major role in the approval of the Department by the 2011 General Assembly and Governor Deal.

On June 1, 2012 Dr. Skelton returned to medical education with an appointment as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of Trinity School of Medicine, located in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The School's first two basic science years are in St. Vincent and the last two clinical years are in cities across the US and Canada. Dr. Skelton continues to live in Savannah, while spending 10 to 12 days a month in St. Vincent.

In December 2012 Dr. Skelton received the Physician's Award for Community Service from the Medical Association of Georgia. The award recognizes a physician who demonstrates a love for the community outside the regular scope of practice.

Marci Shaw Thomas, Board Member



Marci Thomas, CPA, MHA is a principal and director of quality control for Metcalf-Davis, a CPA firm in Atlanta. She is also a clinical assistant professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she teaches Healthcare Consulting, Governance

and Financial Leadership.

She also consults with not-for-profits, educational institutions and healthcare organizations and their boards on internal control, risk and fraud vulnerability, strategic planning and governance issues. In addition to those areas she is also a nationally recognized author and speaker on OMB Circular A-133 and Governance.

From 1986 through 1999 and again in 2005, Ms. Thomas worked for Deloitte, primarily in the accounting and advisory services department. Most recently, she was Director in Deloitte Consulting in strategy and operations practice in the Atlanta office.

Ms. Thomas received her Bachelor in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting from the Georgia State University and her Masters in Health Administration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Marci is co-editor and author of a book published by Jossey Bass in 2004, Essentials of Physician Practice Management. Her book, Best of Boards: Sound Governance and Leadership for Nonprofit Organizations was published by the AICPA in June 2011. She is presently working on a book on Health Care Financial Management which is expected to be published by Wiley Publishing in 2013.