

Nebraska Health Summit
“Are We Prepared for Changes?”

7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.: Continental Breakfast

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.: Welcoming Session

Hal Maurer, M.D.: Dr. Maurer will welcome summit participants to UNMC and comment very briefly on the importance of the day’s proceedings
Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC)

Keith Mueller, Ph.D.: Dr. Mueller will welcome summit participants on behalf of the College of Public Health (CoPH), thank the four sponsors of the event and comment on the purpose of the summit and expected flow of the day’s proceedings. He will thank Senator Joel Johnson for his initiative in suggesting this summit and his guidance in helping shape the summit.
Interim Dean, College of Public Health, UNMC

Senator Joel Johnson, M.D.: Senator Johnson will share his perspective on why Nebraska needs to have a discussion of the need for change in health care finance, organization and delivery. He will reflect on why he started the collaborative discussions that led to this summit, and his hopes for what will take place today and afterwards.
Chair, Health and Human Services Committee, Nebraska Unicameral

8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.: How Should the Current System Change?

Keith Mueller, Ph.D. will moderate this and all other sessions.
Associate Dean, College of Public Health, UNMC

The purpose of this session is to provide a national context for the reasons to change the health care system and some of the directions change is taking both nationally and in other states.

Paul M. Pietzsch: Mr. Pietzsch will discuss the role of business coalitions in motivating change in health care delivery, with a focus on the successes he has experienced in Iowa.
*President, Health Policy Corporation of Iowa and
Facilitator, Iowa Buyers Alliance*

Catherine Hess, M.S.W.: Ms. Hess will provide an overview of state activities focused on improving the health care system, and how those can be the focus of private-public partnerships to induce change. Her presentation benefits from an April, 2008 report by the National Academy on State Health Policy, for which she was the lead author.
Senior Program Director, National Academy for State Health Policy

Mary R. Grealy, J.D.: Ms. Grealy will discuss the proposal for change, “Closing the Gap: A Proposal to Deliver Affordable, Quality Health Care to ALL Americans,” developed by the Healthcare Leadership Council. The proposal emphasizes public-private partnership and the role of information technology.

President, Healthcare Leadership Council

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.: Break

10:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.: Are We Prepared for Change in Nebraska?

This session will provide an overview of current conditions in Nebraska and proposals for change.

David Palm, Ph.D.: Dr. Palm will describe the health care system in Nebraska and the state’s relative rankings in performance of the system and in health care indicators. He will also describe innovative projects in Nebraska that are changing the delivery of health care.

Director, Office of Public Health, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Richard O’Brien, M.D. and John Benson, Jr., M.D.: Drs. O’Brien and Benson will present a summary of the report of the Nebraska Health Care Reform Task Force on behalf of the Nebraska Medical Association.

Co-Chairs, Nebraska Medical Association Health Care Reform Task Force

Laura Redoutey: Ms. Redoutey will present the reform framework of the Nebraska Hospital Association, adapted from the American Hospital Association, “Health for Life.”

President, Nebraska Hospital Association

11:50 a.m. – Noon: Lunch will be served

Noon – 1:00 p.m.: Creativity in Redesigning the System

Speaker to be announced

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.: Break

1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Preparing for the Next Decade in Nebraska

The purpose of this session is to reflect on early comments and discuss ways in which participants want to keep the dialogue going after the summit. The College of Public Health will facilitate any future activities desired by the participants.

Matthew Canedy, M.P.Aff.: Mr. Canedy will reflect on major themes in discussions of health care reform, including those expressed during this summit. He will comment on

the goals and plans of the Bipartisan Policy Center as related to health care reform.
Director of Health Care Research, Bipartisan Policy Center

Panelists:

Senator Joel Johnson, M.D.

Glenn Fosdick, Chairman of the Board, Nebraska Hospital Association

Ron Asher, M.D., President, Board of Directors, Nebraska Medical Association

Steve Martin, President and CEO, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska