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# Nebraska Health Summit

## ***“Are We Prepared for Changes?”***



**May 29, 2008**

**Durham Research Center  
Auditorium**

**University of Nebraska  
Medical Center  
Omaha, Nebraska**

## ***Purpose of the Nebraska Health Summit***

*A dialogue will be facilitated that generates a commitment to changes in health care delivery, finance and outcomes in Nebraska. Elements necessary to generate that commitment include appreciation for the current crisis in health care finance, understanding of the multiple causes of the crisis, knowledge of specific actions that can be undertaken within the state, and ability to use state discussions and experiences to influence national policy.*



**7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m**  
Continental Breakfast

**7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m**

Welcome:

Hal Maurer, M.D., Chancellor,  
University of Nebraska Medical Center

Introductions:

Keith J. Mueller, Ph.D., Associate Dean,  
College of Public Health,  
University of Nebraska Medical Center  
and  
Joel T. Johnson, Nebraska State Senator

Moderator:

Keith Mueller, Ph.D., Associate Dean, College of Public Health, UNMC

**8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.**

*How Should the Current System Change?*

Paul M. Pietzsch, Iowa Health Buyers Alliance  
Catherine Hess, National Academy for State Health Policy  
Mary R. Greal, 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?*

“The Landscape in Nebraska”

David Palm, Office of Public Health, DHHS

“NMA Proposal for Change”

Richard O'Brien, M.D., Center for Health Policy & Ethics, Creighton University  
John Benson, Jr., M.D., Internal Medicine, UNMC

“Health for Life”

Laura Redoutey, President, Nebraska Hospital Association

**Noon - 1:00 p.m** (Lunch provided)

*Reasons to Change from Cannot to How?*

Keith J. Mueller, Ph.D., Associate Dean,  
College of Public Health,  
University of Nebraska Medical Center

**1:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m**

*Preparing for the Next Decade in Nebraska*

Panel Members:

Joel T. Johnson, Nebraska State Senator  
Matthew Canedy, Director of Healthcare Research, Bipartisan Policy  
Center, Washington, DC  
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

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