

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Wanda K. Jones, Dr.P.H.

Dr. Wanda Jones was appointed as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health in the Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS) at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in November 2009. In this capacity, Dr. Jones actively participates in the Department's efforts concerning global health, disaster recovery, Healthy People 2010 (and 2020), and a range of other issues managed within OPHS.

Prior to her current appointment, Dr. Jones was the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (Women's Health) and the Director of the Office on Women's Health, also within OPHS. In that capacity, she emphasized the elimination of health disparities, addressing HIV/AIDS and violence against women, supporting women with disabilities, and helping women have better access to health care services and programs. Prior to joining OWH, she served as the Associate Director for Women's Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. In 1990, she became the Assistant Director for Science in the Office of the Associate Director for HIV/AIDS, where she was active in policy issues related to HIV laboratory testing, women, and AIDS, HIV vaccine development, and health care workers.

Dr. Jones received her bachelor's degree in medical technology from Penn State University and her doctorate in public health laboratory practice from the University of North Carolina.

Hillary Chen, J.D.

Hillary Chen is a Policy Analyst in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, where she focuses primarily on global health.

Previously, Ms. Chen served as Deputy Chair of Global Health for the Clinton Global Initiative, where she developed multi-sector initiatives in areas such as nutrition and maternal and child health. Ms. Chen also spent a year in Hubli, India as a Senior Fellow for the Deshpande Foundation, overseeing the Foundation's health and education portfolios. In 2002 and 2006, she helped run gubernatorial campaigns in Wyoming.

Ms. Chen earned her bachelor's degree in sociology from Princeton University and her law degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

Judy Meehan

Judy Meehan is the Executive Director of the National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition. In this capacity, Ms. Meehan provides leadership for a coalition of medical associations, nonprofit partners, and corporations dedicated to improving the health and safety of families and is responsible for business operations, fundraising, and program development activities designed to strengthen the coalition and enhance its communications.

Through public/private partnerships and collaboration with experts on a broad range of maternal and child health issues, Ms. Meehan directs the Coalition's promotion of important health issues for all populations, especially those most at risk. She has over 20 years of experience in the health care field, and has worked on numerous federal grant projects, developed several publications, and served on many national committees designed to share health messages with those who need them most.

Ms. Meehan earned her bachelor's degree in health planning and administration from Pennsylvania State University.

Tina Sharkey

Tina Sharkey is the Chairman and Global President of BabyCenter LLC, a Johnson & Johnson Company, the Web's number one global interactive parenting brand, reaching more than 78 percent of new and expecting moms online in the United States. Recognized by Advertising Age's 2008 Digital A-List, BabyCenter is the established leader in providing mom insights and innovative interactive marketing solutions to the world's leading brands.

A pioneer in the development of leading consumer media brands and new media applications, Ms. Sharkey has more than 20 years of experience in the evolution of new media. Prior to joining BabyCenter, Ms. Sharkey worked at America Online, Inc., where she led AOL's social networking initiatives, including the AIM (Instant Messenger) and Social Media groups. She also led AOL's network programming and directed the transformation of AOL.com into an open online destination. Before AOL, Ms. Sharkey served as Group President of Sesame Workshop's Online Services and as Co-Founder and Chief Community Architect of iVillage.com. Before joining iVillage, she collaborated with Barry Diller on a new home shopping channel, Q2, a division of QVC, helped launch the Adobe Acrobat and New York 1 brands, and managed corporate brand strategies for Time Warner, QVC, and Sony.

Ms. Sharkey is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania.

Kimberly A. Bassett

Kimberly Bassett is the Executive Director of The Wireless Foundation. In this role, she is responsible for the Foundation's charitable programs that enhance America's communities through wireless technology.

Ms. Bassett joined The Wireless Foundation in October 2009 after having served as Director of External Affairs for Verizon Washington, DC, where she was responsible for community engagement, government relations, employee advocacy, and management of the Verizon Foundation. Prior to her time at Verizon, Ms. Bassett was the Director of Programs for DC Vote. She also worked as the Director of Programs and Partnerships for The Stephen Case Foundation, and served as a presidential appointee in the Clinton Administration.

Ms. Bassett received her bachelor's degree from North Carolina Central University and her master's degree from North Carolina A&T State University.