

## Preparing for the Next Pandemic: Strengthening the U.S. Public Health System

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### **Dan Crippen, PhD**

Former Director, Congressional Budget Office

Dan Crippen served as the director of the Congressional Budget Office from 1999 through 2003. Prior to his stint at CBO, Crippen was President George H. W. Bush's adviser on all issues relating to domestic policy, including the preparation of the federal budget. From 1981 to 1985, he served as chief counsel and economic policy adviser to Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker of Tennessee. In the private sector, he was a principal with the Washington Counsel, a consulting firm. He has also served as executive director of the Merrill Lynch International Advisory Council and as senior vice president of the Duberstein Group.



### **Margaret Hamburg, M.D.**

Former Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration

Hamburg has spent her entire career working to improve the nation's health. She served as Health Commissioner for New York City (1991-1997); Assistant Secretary for the US Department of Health and Human Services (1997-2001); Vice President, then Senior Scientist for the Nuclear Threat Initiative (2001-2009) and Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA; 2009-2015). Among other accomplishments, she is credited with streamlining and modernizing the FDA. Since 2015 she serves as Foreign Secretary for the National Academy of Medicine and is Chair of the Board of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.



**James (Jim) Capretta**

Resident Fellow, Milton Friedman  
Chair, American Enterprise Institute  
Fellow, Bipartisan Policy Center

James C. Capretta is a resident fellow and holds the Milton Friedman Chair at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), where he studies health care, entitlement, and US budget policy, as well as global trends in aging, health, and retirement programs.

Concurrently, Mr. Capretta serves as a senior adviser to the Bipartisan Policy Center and, since 2011, as a member of the Advisory Board of the National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation

He spent more than 16 years in public service before joining AEI. As an associate director at the White House's Office of Management and Budget from 2001 to 2004, he was responsible for all health care, Social Security, welfare, and labor and education issues. Earlier, he served as a senior health policy analyst at the US Senate Budget Committee and at the US House Committee on Ways and Means. From 2006 to 2016, Mr. Capretta was a fellow, and later a senior fellow, at the Ethics & Public Policy Center.

Mr. Capretta is also a contributor to RealClearPolicy, where he regularly publishes commentary on public policy issues.

**Chris Jennings**

Founder and President, Jennings Policy Strategies, Inc.  
Fellow, Bipartisan Policy Center

Chris Jennings is an over three decades-long health policy veteran of the White House, the Congress and the private sector. In 2014, he departed from his second tour of duty in the White House where he served President Obama as Deputy Assistant to the President for Health Policy and Coordinator of Health Reform. He served in a similar capacity in the Clinton White House for nearly eight years.

Outside of government service, Mr. Jennings has been a senior health policy advisor to ten Presidential campaigns, the 2008, 2016 and 2020 Democratic Platform Drafting Committees, and multiple gubernatorial and Senate candidates. Most recently, Vice President Biden appointed Mr. Jennings as one of his members of the Biden-Sanders Unity Task Force. Recognizing his pragmatic nature and experience with key Democratic policymakers, the Bipartisan Policy

Center (BPC) sought Chris to serve as a senior advisor on a number of health reform projects, including reports and recommendations on access, delivery reforms, cost containment, and long-term care.



**Judy Monroe, M.D.**  
President and CEO, CDC Foundation

Dr. Judith Monroe, president and CEO of the CDC Foundation, has dedicated her career to protecting people and saving lives. She joined the CDC Foundation in February 2016 as president and CEO, following her role as a deputy director of CDC and director of CDC's Office of State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support. In her work at the CDC Foundation, Dr. Monroe advances priority programs that improve the health of people around the world and prepare other nations to better prevent, detect and respond to dangerous health threats, including the current COVID-19 pandemic.

During her tenure as the state health commissioner for Indiana she served as president of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials through the H1N1 pandemic. Dr. Monroe currently serves on the board of directors for the Center for Global Health Innovation and for the Georgia Global Health Alliance, and is a member of the Milken Institute's Public Health Advisory Board. Additionally, she serves as a member of the World Health Organization Foundation's Advisory group, as well as many national advisory committees and boards.



**Julie Morita, M.D.**  
Executive Vice President, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Julie Morita, M.D., is executive vice president of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), where she oversees programming, policy, research and communications activities. As the nation's largest private philanthropy dedicated solely to improving the nation's health, RWJF is focused on advancing health equity where everyone in America has a fair and just opportunity to live the healthiest life possible. Dr. Morita has served on several federal, state and local COVID19 advisory committees including the Biden Transition COVID19 Advisory Board.

Previously, she helped lead the Chicago Department of Public Health for nearly two decades, first as the Immunization Program medical director, then as chief medical officer. In 2015, she was appointed commissioner, where she oversaw the public health needs of 2.7 million residents in the nation's third largest city.

Dr. Morita began her medical career as a pediatrician in Tucson, Ariz., before moving into public health as an Epidemic Intelligence Service officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta (CDC).

