



2008 State of the State Kansas Economic Policy Conference *Insuring a Healthy Kansas*

Thursday, October 30, 2008

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Main Conference Site - Kansas Memorial Union, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

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The 2008 State of the State Kansas Economic Policy Conference, *Insuring a Healthy Kansas*, is scheduled for Thursday, October 30, at the University of Kansas Memorial Union on the Lawrence campus. With live video-conferencing, Phillipsburg, Kansas and Ulysses, Kansas will join us as satellite locations. The morning session and luncheon keynote will be hosted on-site by Lawrence and the afternoon session will be hosted by Ulysses with speakers joining from both Ulysses and Lawrence via satellite.

As the number of people with health insurance keeps falling while costs continue to rise, access to quality, affordable health care remains an important concern for Kansas and the nation. At this year's conference we will explore the range of issues facing the state as we discuss "Insuring a Healthy Kansas." We'll begin by assessing the current status of health care in Kansas through our State of the State presentations. Later, we'll hear lessons from the recent Massachusetts health care reform and then explore the nuances of health care reform in Kansas. Please join us as we discuss this challenging and important issue.

Keynote Speakers

Sandy Praeger was elected as Kansas Commissioner of Insurance in 2002, and reelected in 2006. Commissioner Praeger is responsible for regulating all insurance sold in Kansas and overseeing the nearly 1,700 insurance companies and 85,000 agents licensed to do business in the state.



She is currently President of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), chair of the EX-I Subcommittee for Internal Administration, and chair of the Government Relations Leadership Council.

Praeger was elected previously to both the Kansas Senate and House. While in the legislature, she worked to gain passage of patient protection laws, external review of health plans and insurance, and the Kansas expansion of children's health insurance. In 2001 she led the successful campaign for mental health parity in Kansas.

She was a recipient of the prestigious Dr. Nathan B. Davis Award, bestowed annually by the American Medical Association to individuals who have made a significant contribution to public health through elected and career government service.

Nancy Turnbull is the Associate Dean for Educational Programs at the Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard University. She is also a senior lecturer in health policy in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the School. Her research interests include health insurance regulation, health care access, consumer participation in managed care plans, and international applications of managed care.



Before joining HSPH, Nancy worked for almost ten years for the Massachusetts Division of Insurance, where she was First Deputy Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner for Health Policy. Nancy is on the board of a number of state health policy organizations, including the Massachusetts Health Policy Forum, Commonwealth Care Alliance, and the Massachusetts Health Council. She is the author of many research articles including *The Massachusetts Model: An Artful Balance*.

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Thursday, October 30, 2008 Lawrence, Kansas Ulysses, Kansas Phillipsburg, Kansas

Agenda

- 8:30 am **Registration, Coffee & Pastries**
- 9:00 am **Welcome**
Steven Maynard-Moody, Director, Institute for Policy & Social Research (IPSR), The University of Kansas
- Welcome and Introduction**
 Richard Lariviere, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, The University of Kansas
- 9:15 am **Morning Keynote Address - Hosted on-site by Lawrence**
 Access to Health Insurance in Kansas and Across the Nation
 Sandy Praeger, Kansas Insurance Commissioner and President, National Association of Insurance Commissioners
- 10:15 am **Break**
- 10:30 am **Morning Panel - Hosted on-site by Lawrence**
 The State of the State
 The State of Health in Kansas
 Rod Bremby, Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
 The State of Health Reform in Kansas
 Marcia Nielsen, Executive Director, Kansas Health Policy Authority
 Are We Getting Good Value for our Health Care Investments?
 Robert St. Peter, M.D., President and CEO, Kansas Health Institute
 The Effects of Federal Programs on Kansas: Medicare and Medicaid Reform
 Elizabeth Weeks Leonard, Associate Professor, School of Law, The University of Kansas
 Moderator
 Michael H. Fox, Professor, Health Policy and Management, School of Medicine, The University of Kansas
- Noon **Luncheon and Keynote Address - Hosted on-site by Lawrence**
 Introduction
 Steve Warren, Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies, The University of Kansas
 Health Reform in Massachusetts: Progress So Far, Challenges Ahead, and Some Lessons for Kansas
 Nancy Turnbull, Associate Dean for Educational Programs, Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard University
- 1:30 pm **Afternoon Panel - Hosted by Ulysses with speakers from Lawrence and Ulysses via satellite**
 The Realities of Health Reform in Kansas
 What are the Major Issues Confronting Health in Kansas
 Senator Stephen Morris, President, Kansas Senate, Hugoton (Ulysses)
 Advocating and Providing Health Care for Changing and Non-Traditional Populations
 Penney Schwab, former Director, United Methodist Mexican American Ministries, Garden City (Ulysses)
 Health Policy Oversight – The Politics of Health Reform
 Representative Melvin Neufeld, Speaker of the Kansas House, Ingalls (Ulysses)
 Providing Health Insurance to Our Employees
 Ken Daniel, Chairman, Topeka Independent Business Association and CEO, Midway Wholesale (Lawrence)
 Moderators
 Greg Hurd, Film and TV Producer, Host of River City Weekly, Free State Studios (Ulysses)
 Jim McLean, Vice President for Public Affairs, Kansas Health Institute (Lawrence)
- 3:30 pm **Closing Remarks**
 Donna K. Ginther, Associate Professor of Economics and Director, Center for Economic and Business Analysis, IPSR, The University of Kansas
- 3:45 pm **Adjourn**

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October 14

\$95 Online Early Bird (by Oct. 14, 2008)

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- ☐ Phillipsburg \$120

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Lawrence location - all sessions will take place on Level 5 of the Kansas Union, The University of Kansas
Ulysses location - all sessions will take place in the Video Conferencing Room, Pioneer Communications
Phillipsburg location - all sessions will take place in The Entrepreneurial Center

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Registration & Fees

For online registration and payment, please visit:
www.ipsr.ku.edu/conferen/kepc08/. A discounted registration fee is available online:

\$95 for online registration and payment by October 14, 2008
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\$120 for mail-in registration by October 14, 2008
\$130 after October 14, 2008

Fees include conference materials, continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshments. Walk-in registration is available, but we encourage you to register by **October 14, 2008**.

All fees must be paid by October 30, 2008.

Location & Parking

Lawrence

At the University of Kansas, parking is available in the Mississippi Street Parking Garage, north of the Kansas Union. The parking garage can be accessed from both Oread Avenue and Mississippi Street. Parking is \$1.00 per hour, cash only.

Ulysses

Parking is available at the conference site, Pioneer Communications, 120 W. Kansas Avenue.

Phillipsburg

Parking is available at the conference site, The Entrepreneurial Center, 205 F. Street.

Please see the conference website for additional parking information and maps:

www.ipsr.ku.edu/conferen/kepc08/

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