

You Can Run, but You Can't Hide: Problems and Policy in Long-Term Care

RTI Fellow Seminar
Washington, DC
March 24, 2009

Fellow Seminar Series—Emerging Issues in Science and Society

- 50th anniversary celebration of RTI International
- Series of 6 Washington, DC, policy seminars covering a wide range of topics on which the Institute does research and provides technical assistance
- All at the Newseum, 9:00 a.m., running about 2 hours
- March 24 to June 9

Fellow Seminar Topics

- Building Sustainable Improvements in Neonatal Outcomes, April 14
- Promise of Electronic Health Information, April 28
- Restoring Governance in Conflict-Affected Countries: Extending Hard Lessons Learned, May 11
- Integrated Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs): What Determines Success, Potential for Scale Up, and Sustainability?, May 19
- Effective Global Climate Change Policy: Technical and Regulatory Challenges, June 9

Why Long-Term Care Should Be Part of Health Reform

- With the aging of the population, the number of people with disabilities is sure to grow substantially
- Federal and state governments spend substantial amounts of money on long-term care
- Not only do people with disabilities use expensive long-term care services, they have high acute care expenses related to their underlying chronic diseases
- The current long-term care financing and delivery system is broken

Overview of Seminar

- **Wayne Anderson** will discuss the cost of disability to the health and long-term care system
- **Barbara Gage** will discuss the future of post-acute care
- **Janet O’Keeffe** will discuss federally-funded initiatives to reform state long-term care systems
- **Joshua Wiener** will discuss quality assurance and workforce initiatives in England
- **John Rother** will be the discussant and will discuss the role of long-term care in health reform

Speakers

- **Wayne Anderson**, Ph.D., is a senior researcher at RTI International, where he focuses on issues of disability, the long-term care workforce, and home and community-based services
- **Barbara Gage**, Ph.D., is a senior researcher at RTI International, where she directs a large number of Medicare projects on post-acute care. Prior to coming to RTI, she worked at the Urban Institute and the Medicare Prospective Payment Advisory Commission

Speakers (cont.)

- **Janet O’Keeffe**, DrPH, RN, a senior researcher at RTI International, where her research focuses on home and community-based services. Prior to coming to RTI, she worked for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, AARP, and the American Psychological Association
- **Joshua Wiener**, Ph.D., is Senior Fellow and Program Director for Aging, Disability and Long-Term Care at RTI International, where he focuses on home and community-based services, workforce issues, international health systems, and quality of care

Speakers (cont.)

- **John Rother** is Group Executive Officer of Policy and Strategy at AARP, where he is responsible the federal and state public policies of the Association, for international initiatives, and for formulating AARP's overall strategic direction. Prior to coming to AARP in 1984, Mr. Rother served as a Staff Director for the Special Committee on Aging under Senator John Heinz (R-PA)