



**Toward Universal Health Insurance:
Raising the Curtain on California's 2006 Coverage Debate**

**Tuesday, November 15, 2005, 8:00am-12:30pm
California State Association of Counties Conference Room
1020 11th Street, Sacramento, CA**

AGENDA

8:00 to 8:30 – Reception (Light Breakfast will be served)

8:30 to 8:40 – Kick-off and Introduction to New America

David Leshner, Director, California Program, New America Foundation

8:40 to 8:45 – Introduction to Opening Speaker

Crystal Hayling, President and CEO, Blue Shield of California Foundation

8:45 to 9:00 – Opening Remarks

Secretary Kimberly Belshé, California Health and Human Services Agency

9:00 to 10:30 – First Panel: “Outline of Major California Coverage Plans”

Each panelist will outline their policy approach to expanding insurance coverage and will discuss the political environment surrounding their plan. Questions and answers will follow.

Moderator: Lucien Wulsin, Project Director, Insure the Uninsured Project

- Assemblywoman Wilma Chan (D-16) (AB 772, 100% Campaign Plan)
- Assemblyman Keith Richman (R-38) (AB 1760, Individual Mandate)
- Angie Wei, Legislative Director, California Labor Federation (SB 2, Employer Mandate)
- Len Nichols, Health Director, New America Foundation (Shared Responsibility)
- Judy Spelman, Former Consultant, Office of Senator Sheila Kuehl (SB 840, Single Payer)

10:30 to 10:45 – Break

10:45 to 12:15 – Second Panel: “Trade-Offs and Challenges in Achieving Universal Coverage”

Each panelist will give their views on the coverage plans and the possible outcomes for health reform in 2006. Questions and answers will follow.

Moderator: Crystal Hayling, President and CEO, Blue Shield of California Foundation

- Scott Hauge, President, Small Business California
- Fred Harder, Senior Vice President, California Hospital Association
- Michael Sexton, President, California Medical Association
- Senator George Runner (R-17), Vice-Chair of the California Senate Health Committee
- Richard Figueroa, Legislative Director for California Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi

12:15 to 12:30 – Closing Thoughts

Wendy Lazarus, Founder and Co-President, The Children's Partnership