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Speaker Biographies

Donna Brown, JD, MPH

Government Affairs Counsel
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Donna L. Brown, JD, MPH has served for 13 years as Government Affairs Counsel at the National Association of County and City Health Officials and has 35 years of experience working in health policy, government affairs, and law in Washington, DC. She has held positions at other nonprofit organizations, including the American College of Preventive Medicine, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the National Association of Counties, and the Children's Defense Fund. She has also engaged in the private practice of law, specializing in federal administrative and legislative matters. She served a six-year term as an appointed member of the D.C. General Hospital Commission. Brown received her BA and MPH degrees from Yale University and her law degree from Georgetown University, where she served as an editor of the law review.

Lovell A. Jones, PhD

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Lovell A. Jones, Ph.D., is currently a professor in the Department of Health Disparities Research and the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Director of the Center for Research on Minority Health at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Dr. Jones received his doctorate in 1977 in the field of zoology with an emphasis in endocrinology and tumor biology from the University of California, Berkeley. During his training there, he was a National Institutes of Health (NIH) pre-doctoral trainee and a Ford Foundation Fellow at UC Berkeley's Cancer Research Laboratory. Dr. Jones was an NIH postdoctoral fellow in the Reproductive Endocrinology Center at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF). Dr. Jones also was an instructor in the Departments of Physiology and Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences at UCSF.

In 1980, he joined the Department of Gynecologic Oncology, where he stayed until 2005, at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. In 1982, he became a member of the graduate faculty at The University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Houston and now serves as director of its Reproductive Biology Program. From 1988 until 2005, he served as director of the Endocrine Research Laboratory. In 2000, he was named the first director of M. D. Anderson's Congressionally Mandated Center for Research on Minority Health. Over the last three decades, Dr. Jones has trained more than 100 students and/or fellows, ranging from high school students to clinical fellows, in his laboratory.

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He has published over 150 scientific articles on a variety of subjects, from hormonal carcinogenesis to health policy, and he edited *Minorities and Cancer*, one of the few comprehensive textbooks on this subject. During his career, Dr. Jones has received research support from the NIH, Rockwell Foundation, the Walton Family Foundation, Kellogg Company, American Health Foundation and the American Cancer Society (ACS), as well as the ExxonMobil Foundation and Houston Endowment Inc. Since 1980, Dr. Jones has received more than \$25,000,000 direct cost research funding for investigations in which he served or presently serves as the principal investigator or co-principal investigator. Dr. Jones has conducted extensive research into the relationship between hormones, diet and endocrine responsive tumors. His present work involves determining the mechanism by which natural and environmental estrogenic agents may initiate cancers in hormonally responsive tissue. He is a principal investigator on two NIH grants, including The Women's Health Eating and Living (WHEL) Study; a grant studying the role of diet on prevention recurrence of second primaries in breast cancer survivors and the Centers of Excellence for Community Partnership, Outreach, Research and Training (EXPORT).

Dr. Jones is a member of the American Association for Cancer Research, the Endocrine Society, the International Association for Breast Cancer Research, the American Society of Zoologists, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the New York Academy of Science, Sigma Xi, the Society for the Study of Reproduction and the International Society for Comparative Oncology. In 1992, Dr. Jones served as a member of the Clinical Research Panel of the National Task Force on the NIH Strategic Plan. For his work in the area of cancer prevention, he was selected as the 1996 recipient of the M. D. Anderson Faculty Award in Cancer Prevention. In 2000, Dr. Jones received the Legacy of Leadership Award by Howard University Hospital and was honored by the U.S. House of Representatives for his work addressing health disparities in the underserved. Dr. Jones was awarded the 2002 Humanitarian Award by the ACS and Sisters Network[®] Inc. In 2004, Dr. Jones was recognized by the Board of Sponsors of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month for his research efforts over the last twenty years to address breast cancer. Most recently, he was honored with the NIH/National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities Director's Award in Health Disparities Excellence.

From 1989 to 1995, Dr. Jones served as co-principal investigator of the National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer. In addition, he has served on the Board of Directors of the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, the National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the Prostate Health Council of the American Foundation for Urologic Diseases. He also has served on a number of review committees, including the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) Department of Defense Women's Health Research Project; the IOM Environmental Justice Committee; the IOM Roundtable for Environmental Health Sciences, Research and Medicine; and the Environmental Protection Agency's Endocrine Disrupters Screening and Testing Advisory Committee. Dr. Jones is the founding chair of the Biennial Symposium Series on Minorities, the Medically Underserved and Cancer as well as the founding co-chair of the Intercultural Cancer Council, the nation's largest multicultural health policy group focused on the minorities, the medically underserved and cancer.

Sharon Moffat, RN, BSN, MSN

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Sharon is the Chief of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention with the national Association of State and Territorial Health Officials. Prior to her work at the national level, Sharon served for two years as Commissioner of Health for the Vermont Department of Health. In addition, she served for two Governors, as the Deputy Commissioner of Health. As Health Commissioner, Sharon has led the state public-private executive committee in the strategic development and implementation of Vermont's health reform, the Blueprint for Health. She was appointed by Governor Douglas in summer of 2009 to the Vermont Health Reform Commission.

Since 1997, she has been an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Vermont: College of Nursing and Allied Health. She has had leadership roles at the national level including President of the Association of State and Territorial Directors of Nursing, Taskforce Liaison to the Community Preventive Services Guide and Executive Officer on the National Coordinating Board for Heart Disease and Stroke. As a public health leader for over 25 years, Ms. Moffatt has been a program planner in the areas of public health nursing, environmental health, refugee health, maternal child health, school health, and children's mental health. Throughout her public health career, she has worked closely with a wide variety of public health and health care professionals and key community partners to systematically improve the health of our citizens. Sharon is a 2004 scholar of PHLI.