

Elder Friendly Futures 2017

PLENARY PANEL I

The Eldercare Workforce: Meeting the Long-Term Services and Supports Needs of Older Adults

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SUSAN SKILLMAN BIO

Susan M. Skillman, MS, is the Deputy Director of the University of Washington Center for Health Workforce Studies, Associate Director of the WWAMI Area Health Education Center Program Office and an investigator with the WWAMI Rural Health Research Center. Her research covers a wide array of health workforce topics, including studies of the primary care, nursing, behavioral health, and allied health workforce. She is currently collaborating on a statewide assessment of Washington State's behavioral health workforce, and recently developed and is implementing a program to assess emerging health workforce demand in Washington State, the Health Workforce Sentinel Network. She is on the advisory board of Washington's Allied Health Center of Excellence, serves on the planning committees for several national and international conferences, and has had consulting roles with the National Governor's Association and the Institute of Medicine, among others. Prior positions included research positions at the University of Washington's Department of Health Services and the Center for Health Studies at Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound. She received her Bachelor's degree from Whitman College and her Masters degree from Washington State University.

KEVIN HARRIS BIO

Kevin is a neutral Facilitator with the Ruckelshaus Center's Health Policy practice, and helps community, regional and state leaders achieve consensus around health transformation innovations, interventions and related challenges. Kevin has over 30 years of national health policy leadership, working with state agencies, providers, associations, community leaders, unions and advocates in more than 40 states around vulnerable groups, including Medicaid and state-funded populations. He has worked nationwide on LTSS reform, including Medicaid innovation, reimbursement, HCBS waivers, managed LTSS, Money Follows the Person grants and Balancing Incentive Program systems change. Kevin is both a practitioner and Assistant Professor at Washington State University Extension, and has degrees from the University of California at Davis (Bachelor of Science); San Francisco State University (MBA in Finance), and the University of Washington (Master of Public Administration).

GRANT LINACRE BIO

Grant Linacre joined Emerald Heights as its Executive Director in October 2015. Emerald Heights, sponsored by Emerald Communities, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) senior housing and service organization that provides innovative programs which foster culture, vitality and independence. The community is a Type A Life Plan community that accommodates residents' changing needs throughout the aging process. As Executive Director he is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the community. Prior to joining Emerald Heights, Mr. Linacre held a variety of positions with increasing responsibilities with Life Care Services, one of the nation's largest managers of continuing care retirement communities. Mr. Linacre earned his bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, MI. He has been a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator in Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, and Washington. He is an active member of LeadingAge Washington, currently serving on their Continuing Care Retirement Community Cabinet and their Workforce Solutions Council, and has been a speaker at state and national conferences.