



## Community Catalyst Leaders

### **Marcia Hams**

#### **Director, Prescription Access and Quality**

Marcia Hams has worked for over 20 years to expand access to quality, affordable health care. At Community Catalyst, Ms. Hams directs prescription drug initiatives, which address fair pricing, deceptive marketing practices and conflicts of interest, transparency in industry relationships with providers, evidence-based prescribing and drug manufacturing safety. Prior to joining Community Catalyst, Ms. Hams was deputy director of Health Care For All, one of the most influential state consumer health organizations in the country. There she was responsible for policy development, campaign organizing and legislative advocacy on health reform, children's health, Medicaid, managed care and community benefits. In 1996 she managed HCFA's survey research and program to develop the Massachusetts Fishing Partnership Health Plan. She completed doctoral coursework in health policy at the Brandeis University Heller School and holds a M.A. from Boston University and a B.A. from Pomona College in Claremont, CA.

### **Michael Miller**

#### **Director of Policy**

Michael Miller focuses on providing policy and strategy support to state-based consumer health advocacy groups. Miller has expertise in the areas of Medicaid, SCHIP, Medicare, and developing state-level options to expand coverage for the uninsured, small group and non-group insurance reform, long-term care financing and delivery, managed care reform, hospital community benefits, and uncompensated care. Prior to joining Community Catalyst, Miller was the Policy Director for Health Care for All of Massachusetts. He also worked for the City of Boston Elderly Commission as a policy analyst and for the Alzheimer's Association of Eastern Massachusetts as Director of the Community Partnership Project. Miller holds a bachelor's degree from Brown University and a master's degree in public policy from Tufts University.

### **Robert Restuccia**

#### **Executive Director**

At Community Catalyst, Robert Restuccia has established an impressive track record of working with low-income communities and state and local partners to achieve health care reform. Restuccia has represented the interests of health consumers for over 20 years. He was a founder of Health Care For All of Massachusetts and became its Executive Director in 1989. Under his leadership, it became one of the largest and most effective state consumer health care organizations in the country. Currently, Restuccia also serves as Executive Director for The Prescription Project. He is also an adjunct professor at the Boston University School of Public Health. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation, RealBenefits Inc, Health Care for All of Massachusetts, and the Commonwealth Care Alliance. Restuccia has been a recipient of numerous awards for his work in health care reform, including the Families USA Health Care Advocate of the Year Award and the Gail Douglas Award of Public Health Practice. He has a bachelor's degree from Harvard College and a master's degree in public administration from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

**Susan Sherry**  
**Deputy Director**

Susan Sherry has more than 25 years of experience in health policy and consumer health advocacy. At Community Catalyst and Families USA, she developed and supervised state-based technical assistance programs and issue work including tobacco tax coalitions, nonprofit to for-profit conversions, health reform, and prescription access initiatives. Sherry is an instructor at the Harvard School of Public Health where she teaches a course in community organizing. In 2004 and 2005, Sherry was named one of Modern Healthcare's 100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare. Prior to her national work, Sherry was the founding Executive Director of Health Care For All of Massachusetts. In that role, she represented consumer interests in negotiations in the 1986 Massachusetts universal health care law efforts, hospital free care, insurance market reforms, and financially distressed acute care hospitals. Sherry holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and a master's degree from Goddard College. She has also completed her doctoral coursework at Brandeis University.

**Katherine Villers**  
**President, Community Catalyst**

Kate Villers was founding Executive Director of Community Catalyst and is known as an innovator in developing high social impact organizations. She plays both internal and external roles on behalf of Community Catalyst and chairs its board of directors and that of RealBenefits. She co-founded the Villers Foundation and Families USA. From 1982 - 1997 she was Executive Director of the Massachusetts programs of both organizations. An urban planner, she previously founded and was director of New Communities Housing, which pioneered community capacity-building approaches in managing low- and moderate-income housing. Earlier she was research director for the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency and the Interfaith Housing Corporation. Villers served on the boards of directors of many organizations, including Associated Grantmakers of Massachusetts, Women and Philanthropy, National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, Health Care for All of Massachusetts, and the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare Foundation. She has a master's degree in urban affairs from Boston University and a bachelor's degree in American studies from Grinnell College.