

## NATIONAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVES

### **Archimedes Movement**

The Archimedes Movement, by creating opportunities for community engagement, provides a vehicle through which the growing concern over the U.S. health care system can be channeled into effective action - not only in creating the vision for a more equitable and sustainable system – but also in building the tension necessary for the realization of that vision. The movement serves as a catalyst to drive the national debate on this subject. They have launched *WeCanDoBetter.org*, a member-driven project led by former Oregon governor John Kitzhaber, MD. For more information visit:

[http://wecandobetter.org/about\\_us/archimedes\\_movement](http://wecandobetter.org/about_us/archimedes_movement)

### **The Aspen Health Stewardship Project**

Launched in the fall of 2007, the Aspen Health Stewardship Project is an initiative by the Aspen Institute to reframe and broaden the national dialogue on health care reform leading up to the 2008 presidential election and beyond. The project has convened a bipartisan group of thought leaders who have developed principles to help chart a course for the nation's health care reform efforts; related questions to pose to the presidential candidates, with their responses, will also be published.

For more information visit: <http://aspenhealthstewardship.org/>

### **Blue Sky Initiative**

The Blue Sky Initiative is an undertaking of the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families & Communities. The Initiative aims to broaden the health reform discussion and promote a transformative reform strategy that (1) optimizes the health of the entire population, not just provides more or even improved medical care, (2) creates a health system that acknowledges, balances, and strategically targets the upstream determinants that influence the health of individuals and populations, and (3) builds prevention and health promotion into the structure of the health system to improve health over the lifespan, with a particular focus on the earliest years. For more information visit:

<http://healthychild.ucla.edu/BlueSky.asp>

### **The Commonwealth Fund Commission on a High Performance Health System**

In 2005, The Commonwealth Fund's board of directors recognized the need for national leadership to revamp, revitalize, and retool the U.S. health care system. The Commission's 19 members representing every sector of health care, as well as the state and federal policy arena, the business sector, professional societies, and academia are charged with promoting a high-performing health system that provides all Americans with affordable access to high-quality, safe care while maximizing efficiency in its delivery and administration. Of particular concern to the Commission are the most vulnerable groups in society, including low-income families, the uninsured, racial and ethnic minorities, the young and the aged, and people in poor health. The Commission has produced numerous reports, all of which can be found on their website.

[http://www.commonwealthfund.org/programs/programs\\_list.htm?attrib\\_id=11932](http://www.commonwealthfund.org/programs/programs_list.htm?attrib_id=11932)

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## **Healthiest Nation Alliance**

Healthiest Nation Alliance is a group of local, state, and national public health entities who have joined forces to build the integrated 21st century health system required for the U.S. to become the healthiest nation in the world. Their vision is for an integrated national system where the participants value health and work together to achieve optimal health for all- a comprehensive system that prioritizes prevention, protects people and communities from emerging threats, and provides health care for every member of the public.

## **Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease**

The Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease (PFCD) is a national coalition of patients, providers, community organizations, business and labor groups, and health policy experts committed to raising awareness of the number one cause of death, disability, and rising health care costs in the United States: chronic disease. The PFCD's mission is to: *Challenge policymakers* - in particular, the 2008 presidential candidates - to make the issue of chronic disease a top priority and articulate how they will address the issue through their health care proposals; *Educate the public* about chronic disease and potential solutions for individuals, communities, and the nation; *Mobilize Americans* to call for change in how policymakers, governments, employers, health institutions, and other entities approach chronic disease. For more information visit: <http://www.fightchronicdisease.org>

## **Robert Wood Johnson Commission to Build a Healthier America**

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation created this national, independent, and nonpartisan Commission to (1) Raise awareness of shortfalls in Americans' health and highlight promising interventions beyond medical care to improve health and longevity, (2) Recommend policy interventions – public and private – to improve Americans' health both in the near and longer term, (3) Inspire confidence and public will to take meaningful steps towards improved health for all Americans. For more information on the Commission visit including reports visit: <http://www.commissiononhealth.org/AboutUs.aspx>

