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## Back from the Brink: The Recovery Act One Year Later Biographies

### **U.S. Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.**

As a U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania, Bob Casey is focused on changing the direction in Washington.

From expanding access to health care to preparing our children for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century to reducing our dependence on foreign oil to preserving our environment to protecting Americans at home and our interests abroad, Bob Casey knows that we face many challenges.

In his short time in the U.S. Senate, Bob Casey has already joined the debate on one of his top priorities: increasing access to health insurance for children.

This issue is not only one that is close to Senator Casey's heart, it also runs in the family. The late Governor Robert P. Casey signed into law the children's health insurance program on which the federal law is modeled.

Casey serves on five Senate committees: Foreign Relations; Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; the Special Committee on Aging; and the Joint Economic Committee.

In eight years as Pennsylvania Auditor General and two years as State Treasurer, Bob Casey compiled a record that focused on making government more accountable and responsive to the needs of Pennsylvanians. He has been a fiscal watchdog who made nursing homes safer, child care more affordable and government more accountable. He led the fight to reform Megan's Law to better protect Pennsylvania communities and children.

Casey and his wife, Terese, were married in 1985 and live in Scranton with their four daughters: Elyse, Caroline, Julia and Marena. Casey is the eldest son of the late Governor Robert P. Casey and his wife, Ellen. Throughout his public career, Bob Casey has been guided by the legacy of his father, and the principle that: "All public service is a trust, given in faith and accepted in honor."

### **Carol Austin, Vice President, Strategic Initiatives, Philadelphia Youth Network**

Carol Austin, Vice President, Strategic Initiatives for the Philadelphia Youth Network, is a youth workforce development executive with over sixteen years experience in designing and implementing systems and programs that help youth transition successfully from school to work or post-secondary education. Throughout her professional career, Carol has worked with schools and youth focused non-profit organizations. The goal, to structure mentoring, training and work-place experiences that help youth ready themselves and teachers and training providers to better prepare youth for the world of work. She has

extensive experience in the development and delivery of work readiness curriculum to youth and in recruiting and engaging businesses and other partners to embrace youth workforce development as a core mission of their business. She spearheaded a city-wide employer engagement initiative, called WorkReady Philadelphia, that increased her organization's base of participating employers by 58%. In her current role with the Philadelphia Youth Network, Carol is responsible for ensuring the organization is structured for growth and achieves its strategic priorities. She holds a Masters in Education from Temple University and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Rosemont College.

**Ed Boito**, *Special Campaign Director, Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future (PennFuture)*

Ed Boito joined PennFuture in August 2008 as the Special Campaign Director of the Pennsylvania Works! campaign. Boito coordinates campaign strategy, policy development, coalition-building and government relations in support of policies that promote community revitalization, creating new economic opportunities, and reforming government investments. Most recently, Boito was the project coordinator at the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association, where he assisted with government relations, grass-roots lobbying, and a wide range of research and project needs for the Association. Boito also has extensive experience in the private sector, primarily in sales, management, and marketing, and as a small business owner.

**Della Clark**, *President, The Enterprise Center*

Della Clark is President of The Enterprise Center; an entrepreneurial center that provides access to capital, capacity building, business education and economic development opportunities to high potential minority entrepreneurs. During her 18-year tenure, she has cultivated relationships with key corporate and industry leaders from the wider business world, representatives from educational institutions, and high-ranking government officials at the city, state and federal levels. A native of Texas and a graduate of Washington, DC's American University in Business Administration, Ms. Clark is a recognized leader. She was selected for and completed participation in the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship's Philadelphia International Leadership Initiative. Through the Fellowship, Ms. Clark explored international entrepreneurial activities in Hungary, Austria and the Czech Republic in 2002 and Ireland in 2004. Ms. Clark also served as a Senior Policy Fellow (1998-2000) at the George V. Voinovich Center for Leadership and Public Affairs at Ohio University. Ms. Clark has received many awards and today, Della Clark demonstrates her active involvement in the community by serving as a board member for the University City District and St. Christopher's Foundation for Children.

**James P. Creedon**, *Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of General Services, Chief Implementation Officer, ARRA*

James P. Creedon was confirmed as Secretary of the Department of General Services (DGS) on July 6, 2005, and oversees one of the largest operating departments to support the core operations of Pennsylvania state government. DGS has a \$160 million operating budget and over 1,200 employees. Most recently, Secretary Creedon was appointed by Governor Edward G. Rendell as Pennsylvania's Chief Implementation Officer for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). DGS manages all non-highway Capital projects, procures nearly \$4 billion of goods and services annually, serves as the real estate agent for state-owned land and leases, oversees the Commonwealth's vehicle fleet, maintains all state-owned facilities, implements an energy-management and conservation initiative in all state-owned buildings, serves as the state's insurance broker, monitors participation in state contracts by minority-and-women-owned businesses, manages federal and state surplus and supplies, and oversees the Capitol Police, Commonwealth Media Services, and Printing and Publications.

**Liz Garland**, *Associate Director, American Rivers' Clean Water Program - Pennsylvania*

Liz Garland joined American Rivers' Pennsylvania office in 2007. Her work promotes green infrastructure and low-impact development approaches within Pennsylvania's funding and regulatory institutions that serve municipalities managing stormwater. Prior to American Rivers, she assisted West Virginia's citizen-based

watershed groups with efforts to protect the state's waterways using the tools of the Clean Water Act and other state and federal laws. Liz also spent nine years managing a computer mapping laboratory at Virginia Tech that developed Geographic Information System capacity for Virginia's local planners and state natural resource managers assessing the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay. Liz received a B.A. for study in Geography from Mary Washington College and completed graduate study in water resource management, mapping and remote sensing through Virginia Tech's Geography program. Liz has interlaced over 30 years of whitewater experience working in the outdoor industry and volunteering with watershed associations, national river advocacy groups and state and national stakeholder processes to secure sound river management, recreational access and flows, and safety.

**William M. George, *President, Pennsylvania AFL-CIO***

In December 2009 Pennsylvania AFL-CIO President Bill George reached a significant milestone in life – 50 years of membership and leadership in Organized Labor. Bill was born and raised in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania and became a member of United Steelworkers of America Local 1211 in 1960 when he went to work in the open health of Jones & Laughlin Steel. From there he rose through the ranks to become President of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO in 1990. Bill has been an outspoken and tenacious advocate for working families and their unions. He has gone to jail fighting for transportation workers in the Greyhound Strike in 1991 and for SEIU members at Canonsburg Hospital in 1992. Bill George is admired by his Sisters and Brothers in the PA Labor Movement for his courage and is respected by many employers and government officials for his persistence and dedication to the rights of working families. Bill credits his endurance and perseverance to the solidarity and unity displayed by working people everyday across the Keystone State. He often refers to the labor movement as the greatest force for social and economic progress in the world.

**Lauren Giguere, *Deputy Director, City of Allentown Department of Community and Economic Development***

Lauren Giguere is the Acting Director of Allentown's Department of Community and Economic Development. She has been with the City of Allentown for seven years. Prior to that, she worked at Lehigh Carbon Community College for 19 years serving as the Director of Literacy and Job Training and the Allentown Donley Site Administrator. She has been a volunteer with the Allentown Human Relations Commission and has also been a Board member of Latino Leadership Alliance. Previously she served as volunteer with the Hispanic Business Council and Chaired the Education committee for many years. She currently serves on the advisory committee for Aspires Program of the Lehigh County Conference of Churches and has also been a Board member of Latino Leadership Alliance, previously serving as volunteer with the Hispanic Business Council, chairing the Education committee for many years. She currently serves on the advisory committee for Aspires Program of the Lehigh County Conference of Churches, Board of Directors for the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley. She also serves on several committees of Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation. She has a Masters Degree in Education from Lehigh University and a Bachelors Degree from Cedar Crest College. In 2002, she received the Chamber's Athena Award and in 2006 a new Allentown Human Relations award was started in her honor. She has been married for 29 years to her husband Marc Giguere and has two daughters, Danielle and Paula.

**Seth Green, *Director, Job Opportunity Investment Network (JOIN)***

Seth Green is the director of JOIN, a \$3 million, public-private partnership that seeks to build career pathways for low-skilled workers in Greater Philadelphia. Prior to leading JOIN, he was a consultant at McKinsey and Company and the founder and president of a non-partisan organization called Americans for Informed Democracy that empowers young people to be global changemakers. His work experience includes time at the American Prospect, the Brookings Institution, and Lazard LLC. He graduated summa cum laude from Princeton University, earned master's degrees from the London School of Economics and Oxford on a Marshall Scholarship, and completed a JD at Yale Law School, where he was named an Olin fellow.

**John Hanger, *Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection***

John Hanger is the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Hanger chairs the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority, the Environmental Quality Board, and the Appalachian States Low Level Radioactive Waste Commission. In addition, Mr. Hanger is the Vice-Chairperson of PennVest and a member of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. From 1998 to 2008, Mr. Hanger was president and CEO of Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future (PennFuture) where he oversaw drafting and enactment in 2004 of Pennsylvania's Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act; the Growing Greener II \$645 million environmental bond issue in 2005; the 2008 Act I \$650 million Alternative Energy Fund; Act 129 Energy Efficiency and Smart Metering law; Act 70 Climate Change Action Plan; Pennsylvania's Biodiesel and Advance Cellulosic Mandate Act; and the \$800 million Water and Sewer Investment Act known as H<sub>2</sub>O. From 1993 -1998, Mr. Hanger was a commissioner with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC). He is the architect of Pennsylvania's 1996 Electricity Generation and Customer Choice Act. Prior to becoming PUC commissioner, Mr. Hanger served as legal counsel to Commissioner Joseph Rhodes from 1988 to 1993. From 1984 to 1988 he worked at Community Legal Services, Inc. of Philadelphia, serving as public advocate. Mr. Hanger is a 1979 graduate of Duke University and a 1984 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Law.

**E. Craig Heim**, *Executive Director, Office of Energy Conservation and Weatherization, Department of Community and Economic Development*

Mr. Heim served in eight different United Way organizations throughout the country, including Santa Clara California, Charlotte, North Carolina and more recently served as the Chief Executive Officer of the United Way of Central New York. From 1989 to 1995 served as Senior Vice President of the United Way in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Between 2004 and 2008 served as Executive Vice President of the United Way in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Heim currently serves as the Executive Director of the Office of Energy Conservation and Weatherization with the Department of Community and Economic Development.

**Elizabeth G. Hersh**, *Executive Director, The Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania*

Liz is the executive director of the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania, the state's largest organization dedicated exclusively to promoting solutions to the shortage of affordable and accessible homes within the reach of all Pennsylvanians. Under her leadership the Alliance has grown in size and influence. It is credited with advances in legislation to address blight, generating new state and federal resources to provide housing for low income people and the publication of important research. The Alliance is a leading source of information on state housing and community development issues through its website, online newsletter, webinars, training presentations and annual Homes within Reach conference. The Alliance is often called upon to provide expert testimony to the Pennsylvania House and Senate. A social worker with a Master's Degree from the University of Chicago, Liz led the Tenants' Action Group of Philadelphia, the Blueprint to End Homelessness and was a senior official with the Illinois Department of Welfare prior to joining the Housing Alliance. The volunteer program she designed at Jobs for Youth Chicago was nationally recognized. She has worked with migrant farm workers, teen peer counseling, youth employment, welfare to work, substance abuse prevention, housing and homelessness. She has taught at the University level and is often invited as a speaker. Ms. Hersh is a native Pennsylvanian.

**Stephen Herzenberg**, *Executive Director, Keystone Research Center*

Stephen Herzenberg has been KRC Executive Director of the Keystone Research Center since the organization began operating in 1996. He holds a PhD in Economics from MIT. Before joining Keystone, Steve taught at Rutgers University and worked at the U.S. Congressional Office of Technology Assessment and the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL). At USDOL, he served as assistant to the chief negotiator of the labor side agreement to the North American Free Trade Agreement. His publications for national audiences include *Losing Ground in Early Childhood Education*, 2005; "Reinventing the U.S. Labour Movement, Inventing Postindustrial Prosperity: A Progress Report," International Labour Organization, 2005; *New Rules for a New Economy: Employment and Opportunity in Postindustrial America*, Cornell/ILR press, 1998; U.S.-

Mexico Trade: Pulling Together or Pulling Apart?, Office of Technology Assessment, September 1992; and Labor Standards and Development in the Global Economy, UDOL: Bureau of International Labor Affairs, 1990.

**Barry Kauffman**, *Executive Director, Common Cause/Pennsylvania*

Barry Kauffman is Executive Director of Common Cause Pennsylvania, working to restore the integrity of the legislative process and modernize the state's election laws. He is a regular commentator in media throughout the state and served on Governor Rendell's Pennsylvania Elections Reform Task Force. Prior to joining Common Cause, Barry was a citizens' advocate in the Governor's Office working out of the Governor's Action Center and is a past state chair of the Sierra Club. Barry has a B.A. in Political Science from Indiana University of PA and an M.S. in Communications from Shippensburg State University.

**George Klaus**, *Area Director, USDA Rural Development*

Currently Area Director, USDA Rural Development, managing staff and financial assistance that serves Southeast Pennsylvania communities through single and multi-family housing, community facilities, infrastructure and business development programs. From 1969 to 1996, he served the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs in several capacities: As Director of the Bureau of Local Government Services (administered State financial and technical assistance programs for local governments, including the Distressed Municipalities Program); Chief of DCA's Municipal Training and Municipal Consulting Divisions; as Acting Secretary and later Acting Deputy Secretary of DCA during the early months of the Ridge Administration. From 1996- 1998 he organized and was Director of the Pennsylvania Municipal Training Partnership, and also Director of Education for the Pa State Assn. of Boroughs. From 1998 to 2002 he served as Community Builder, U.S. Dept. Housing & Urban Development, covering 26 central Pennsylvania counties. His volunteer service includes the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania, the South Central Assembly for Effective Governance, Penn State University's Economic Development Course Advisory Board, and RULE - the Pennsylvania Rural Leadership Program. He received a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Alfred University, and a Master's in Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University.

**Michael Leachman**, *Senior Policy Analyst, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*

Michael Leachman joined the Center in July 2009 as a Senior Policy Analyst with the State Fiscal Project. His work at the Center includes analysis of Recovery Act and other federal grants to states. Prior to joining the Center, Leachman worked for nine years at the Oregon Center for Public Policy (OCPP), a member of the State Fiscal Analysis Initiative. His work at OCPP included research on corporate income taxes, reserve funds, spending limits, the Earned Income Tax Credit, food stamps, and TANF. Leachman holds a Ph.D. in sociology from Loyola University Chicago.

**Greg LeRoy**, *Executive Director, Good Jobs First*

Dubbed "the leading national watchdog of state and local economic development subsidies" and "God's witness to corporate welfare," Greg founded Good Jobs First in 1998. He has been writing, training, and consulting on development issues for state and local governments, labor-management committees, unions, community groups, tax and budget watchdogs, environmentalists, smart growth advocates, and associations of public officials for more than 25 years. A nationally prominent speaker and frequently quoted news media source, he is the author of *The Great American Jobs Scam: Corporate Tax Dodging and the Myth of Job Creation* (Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2005) and *No More Candy Store: States and Cities Making Job Subsidies Accountable* (1994).

**Kelly Lewis**, *President & CEO, Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania*

The Honorable Kelly Lewis, President & CEO of the Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania, leads the Council's strategies to build strong industry partnerships, robust technology infrastructures, and a

strengthened technology workforce in order to discover, demonstrate and deploy advanced technology and innovations across the region and state. A public servant, in 2000 through one of the biggest upsets in PA House history, Lewis won a seat in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Lewis served four years and his legislative record includes the nation's first heart defibrillator (AED) Bill for Schools, placing more than 3,200 AEDs in PA school buildings. He authored Pennsylvania's highway safety corridor legislation, tort reform language against venue-shopping, and the growth supplement in the state budget to aid fast-growing schools. Lewis' toll-equity efforts at the Delaware Water Gap Toll Bridge continue to save local residents and businesses more than \$4 million per year. Locally, Lewis started the Safe80 Task Force, Team Monroe, the Pocono Telecommunication's Task Force, and The Reasons for Christmas Project, among many successful initiatives. Lewis's political career was highlighted by his leadership in securing millions of dollars in state and federal funding for the Pocono region and Pennsylvania. An attorney with an MBA and finance degree, Lewis served four years as the Monroe County Controller, overseeing its \$110 million budget and operations.

**Paul Marchetti**, *Executive Director, Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority*

Paul Marchetti has served as Executive Director of PENNVEST since 1988. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Marchetti was a Fiscal Policy Specialist in the Governor's Office of the Budget and, prior to that, a Senior Economist for the U.S. Government Accountability Office. He holds a B.A. in Economics from the University of Massachusetts, an M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Maryland, with specializations in Public Finance, Industrial Organization and Social Policy. Mr. Marchetti is a past President of the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (1994-1996).

**Russell McIntosh**, *Assistant Vice President, Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.*

Mr. McIntosh is an assistant vice president of Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (HRG) and is responsible for managing the firm's Financial Service Group. In this capacity, he and his staff provide financial consulting services to water and wastewater utilities and provide grant administration and compliance services to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mr. McIntosh is a recognized expert in water and wastewater utility financing and has completed numerous articles and seminars on municipal financing, rate structures, and tapping fee calculations. He is also routinely called as an expert witness with regard to these matters. Because of his expertise, Mr. McIntosh has served as technical advisor to the Pennsylvania Municipal Authority Association and Pennsylvania Builders Association on the development of procedures and language incorporated into Pennsylvania Act 203 of 1990 and Act 57 of 2003. These acts govern the calculation and imposition of capital charges such as connection fees, customer facilities fees, and tapping fees. Mr. McIntosh has assisted clients with a wide variety of financial needs, including the development of financing plans, user charge systems, and valuation studies; calculation of capital charges and impact fees; and assessments for private and municipality-owned sewer and water utilities. He has also assisted clients with the preparation of grant and loan applications to PENNVEST, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, HUD, and Rural Utility Services. In addition, Mr. McIntosh has developed specialized computer programs to analyze financial data and perform sensitivity analyses. He routinely provides budgeting assistance and general financial consulting.

**Eileen H. McNulty**, *Pennsylvania's Deputy Accountability Officer, ARRA*

Eileen H. McNulty serves as Pennsylvania's Deputy Accountability Officer for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Working with Ron Naples, The Commonwealth's Chief Accountability Officer, she ensures the state's compliance with federal requirements for tracking stimulus funds and publicly reporting outcomes by creating a window for citizens to see the effectiveness of stimulus spending in the state. Previously Eileen served as the first Chief Financial Officer of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board from November 2006 until April 2009. Prior to that she had been the Department of Revenue's Executive Deputy Secretary since 2003. McNulty served as Revenue Secretary under Governor Robert P. Casey from January 1991 through January 1995. During that time she oversaw the collection of tax revenues and the operation of

the Pennsylvania Lottery and the implementation of county level sales taxes and electronic funds transfer. She received honors while earning her bachelor's degree in economics from Michigan State University. She also serves as a volunteer for the Community Action Commission's income tax assistance program.

**Ethan Pollack**, *Fiscal Policy Analyst, Economic Policy Institute*

Ethan Pollack is a Fiscal Policy Analyst at the Economic Policy Institute. His areas of research include economic policy, transportation, and budget and tax policy. Prior to joining EPI, he worked at the Office of Management and Budget and the George Washington Institute of Public Policy. His work has been used by numerous media outlets, and he has appeared as a guest on CNN, Fox News, BBC World News, and WNYC. He is also a regular contributor to Young Professionals Nation ([ypnation.net](http://ypnation.net)).

**Mark Price**, *Labor Economist, Keystone Research Center*

Mark Price has been a KRC labor economist since 2004. He received a PhD in economics from the University of Utah. His dissertation, *State Prevailing Wage Laws and Construction Labor Markets*, was recognized with an Honorable Mention in the 2006 Thomas A. Kochan and Stephen R. Sleigh Best Dissertation Awards Competition sponsored by the Labor and Employment Relations Association. His areas of research include income inequality, trends in employment and compensation, the construction industry, and low-wage labor markets. Mark's work for KRC has included reports profiling the state of women in the Pennsylvania workforce, and a nationally recognized report tracking the educational qualifications of the early childhood workforce in the United States. He has also taught as an adjunct instructor at the University of Utah, Westminster College of Salt Lake City, and Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA. He is currently teaching an online course on labor market analysis at Penn State University. Mark blogs for KRC at <http://www.papolicyblog.com/>.

**James D. Ritzman**, *P.E. Deputy Secretary, Planning, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation*

Jim is the Deputy Secretary for Planning at the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. He directs the activities associated with the Center for Program Development and Management, the Bureau of Municipal Services, and the Bureau of Planning and Research. In this role, he is responsible for overseeing Pennsylvania's planning and programming functions, such as the Mobility Plan (PennDOT's long range plan), Twelve Year Program development, the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and managing approximately \$1.6 billion federal each year. Prior to his present assignment, Jim served as the Director of the Center for Program Development and Management, the Chief Design Services Engineer in the Bureau of Design, the Construction Project Manager for the I-99/US 220 Corridor in Engineering District 2-0, Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary for Highway Administration, as well as several other assignments in his 24 years with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Jim received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Geneva College. Jim, his wife (Tambra), and daughters Hannah (16), and Elisabeth (11) reside in Juniata County.

**Tony Ross**, *President and Chief Executive Officer, United Way of Pennsylvania*

Anthony L. Ross was selected for the position of President of United Way of Pennsylvania (UWP) in April, 2005. As President, Mr. Ross is providing leadership that is improving the quality of life in communities across the state through initiatives that have matched over 300,000 Pennsylvanians with Prescription Assistance Programs, assisted in the distribution of over 250,000 prescription discount cards, secured nearly \$20 million in first-time state funding for the Federal LIHEAP program that provided home heating assistance to an additional 67,000 Pennsylvania families and was a passionate advocate on behalf of the nonprofit sector during the 2009 budget impasse. Mr. Ross began his career with the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives. During his tenure in the state House, Ross served in a variety of progressively responsible capacities including, Information Specialist, Research Analyst and Executive Director. Mr. Ross has been appointed to two gubernatorial commissions; including The Early Learning Investment Commission and the Pennsylvania Stimulus Oversight Commission. The Early Learning Investment Commission is

charged with expanding the support of early childhood education in the business community. The Stimulus Oversight Commission is charged with advising and monitoring Commonwealth activity regarding Pennsylvania's portion of the \$16 billion federal stimulus.

**Judith L. Schwank**, *President/CEO, 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania*

Judy Schwank's interest in a more prosperous and sustainable Pennsylvania has taken her to leadership roles in government and the non-profit world. She served as Berks County Commissioner from 2000-2007 and now serves as President of 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania. Judy's educational credentials include both a bachelor and master degrees from Penn State University and continuing education at Harvard University. Judy has long been a familiar face in Berks County-she served as county extension director from August 1991 to December 1999 and county agricultural agent concurrently. Her focus in county government was the improvement of service to taxpayers with a focus on regional cooperation. At 10,000 Friends she has worked to expand the organization's outreach to communities throughout the Commonwealth with a focus on sustainable development that allows municipalities to better plan their growth. She was appointed by Governor Edward Rendell as chair of the PA State Planning Board in 2004 and also serves on many key local boards as well.

**Scott J. Sheely**, *Executive Director, Lancaster County Workforce Investment Board*

Scott J. Sheely has been the Executive Director of the Lancaster County Workforce Investment Board, one of 22 such boards in Pennsylvania, since 2000. Vocationally, he has worked as the human resources director of a large mental health agency, the operations manager of a nursing home chain, the associate pastor of a church, and the owner of a regional wholesale jewelry business. A graduate of Franklin and Marshall College in government, Wright State University in mental health counseling, and United Theological Seminary in pastoral counseling, Scott is currently a doctoral candidate in adult and workforce education at Penn State University.

**Peter Speaks**, *Deputy Secretary, Department of General Services*

Peter Speaks currently serves as Deputy Secretary and Special Advisor to the Governor for Minority, Women-Owned and Disadvantaged Business Development. Peter formerly served as Deputy Secretary for Administration for the Department of General Services where he oversaw the Department's Human Resources, Budget, Media Services, Equal Employment Office, Information Systems and the Minority and Women Business Program. In 2001, as Deputy Auditor General for Performance Audits under former Auditor General and now Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr., Peter oversaw a performance audit of the Commonwealth's minority- and women-owned business program. He also established the Auditor General's first Minority and Woman Business Statewide Task Force. The Task Force's recommendations served as the foundation for Governor Ed Rendell's initiatives to enhance opportunities for minority and women businesses in Pennsylvania.

**Kenneth Stephens**, *Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Society*

Kenneth Stephens is an attorney at the Legal Aid Society's Law Reform Unit where he specializes in class action litigation and law reform efforts in the areas of disability discrimination and public benefits for low-income New Yorkers. In 2009 he helped partner the Open Society Institute with New York State officials to create a \$175 million Back-to-School clothing and supplies grant program. Through this creative use of private foundation support and federal stimulus funding, over 800,000 low income children who were participating in the food stamps program received \$200 cash grants to help with back-to-school expenses. Mr. Stephens has over twenty years of court room experience, and is frequently called upon to testify before legislative officials on the impacts of proposed legislation and regulatory changes affecting New York's most vulnerable families. Mr. Stephens has served on the Legal Service Advisory Committee to the Commissioner of the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance since 2006. In 2008 he was honored with a New York County Lawyer's Association Public Service award. Prior to becoming a public interest

lawyer, Mr. Stephens directed economic development and anti-poverty projects, including a six-county weatherization program and served as a Commissioner of the Ulster County Human Relations Commission for ten years.

**Bernadette Turner**, *Executive Director, Addison Behavioral Care*

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA, Bernadette has a Bachelor's in Sociology, and a Master's in Community Leadership. With over 17 years working in social & human services, Bernadette sharpened her counseling, people and organizational skills. Working with various populations and social areas of concern, Bernadette received the national certification as a Co-Occurring Disorder Professional from the PA Certification Board; becoming proficient in substance abuse and mental health disorders as well as family dynamics & the community and the ramifications of both. Currently, Bernadette is Executive Director of Addison Behavioral Care, a social service agency dedicated to helping families and individuals with their quality of life, specializing in substance abuse prevention, intervention and treatment. In addition, Bernadette is founder of the African American Leadership Association ([www.aala.webs.com](http://www.aala.webs.com)); President of Turner Solutions, a consulting firm helping businesses and organizations get their best results ([www.tsolutionspro.webs.com](http://www.tsolutionspro.webs.com)). Bernadette also volunteers for B-PEP and is Chair of their REMP initiative as well as B-PEP's finance & operations committee and is the chair of her children's PTO group.

**Sharon Ward**, *Director, Pennsylvania Budget and Policy Center*

Sharon Ward has been the Director of the Pennsylvania Budget and Policy Center (PBPC) since 2006. She received her BA from the State University of New York at Albany, and pursued an MS in Political Science with a concentration in statistics and methodology at the Rockefeller Institute of Public Policy. Sharon has worked as an advocate on behalf of children, consumers, and the environment for more than 20 years. She was the Director for Advocacy and Child Care Policy for Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth and has worked as a community organizer and issue advocate for the New York Public Interest Research Group and Citizen Action of New York. In 1989, she was elected to the Albany City Council, where she served for eight years. At PBPC, Sharon plays a vital role in educating policymakers, community groups, and the public on state budget and tax policies.