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Mollyann Brodie is Vice President, Director of Public Opinion and Media Research at the Kaiser Family Foundation. She directs a variety of public knowledge and survey-related projects. Prior to joining the Foundation, Dr. Brodie was a Health Policy Fellow and Assistant Director of the Program on Public Opinion and Health at the Harvard School of Public Health, where she co-edited Volume IV of the series on The Future of American Health Care. She has recently been published in the Journal of American Medical Association, Health Affairs, and the Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law.

Dr. Brodie received her PhD in Health Policy from Harvard University, holds a Master of Science degree in Health Policy and Management from Harvard's School of Public Health, and a Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from the University of California, Los Angeles. Previously, Dr. Brodie worked as a health policy analyst for the US Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of Evaluation and Inspection, and performed

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Dr. Cheryll Bowers-Stephens is a licensed medical doctor and a board certified adult, child, and adolescent psychiatrist who is the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Schopenhauer Group, a consulting firm specializing in community and organizational development, public policy research and executive coaching. In addition, she serves as the Principal Investigator for the State of Louisiana's Children's Mental Health Initiative and Early Childhood Supports and Services Program.

As the former Commissioner of Mental Health in Louisiana she led the states mental health preplanning, response and immediate recovery from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In this position, she laid the foundation for the transformation of Louisiana's public mental health system in line with the objectives of the President's New Freedom Commission and Governor Blanco's Health Care Reform Plan.

Dr. Bowers-Stephens has extensive background and experience in strategic management fund development, public administration, program planning/implementation and treatment of special populations, such as infants and individuals with co-occurring mental illness and developmental disabilities. She previously served as the Medical Director of Infant, Children and Adolescent Services and the Developmental Neuropsychiatry Program in Louisiana. On the national level, she currently serves as a member of President Bush's Advisory Council on HIV-AIDS.

Appointed by former US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary, Tommy Thompson, she also now serves on the national Advisory Board to the Center for Mental Health Services for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Administration. In addition, she was recently re-elected to the national board of directors for the American Academy of Community Psychiatrists.

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