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Jack Ludmir, MD, is Professor and Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Pennsylvania Hospital, and Vice Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Director of Obstetrical Services at the University of Pennsylvania Health System. He is also the President of Women and Children's Health Services, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the care of women in Philadelphia communities. Dr. Ludmir completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology and fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and has been faculty at Harvard and Penn for the last 25 years. He was awarded the Alfred Stengel Penn Health System Champion Award for improving and transforming the entire health system's obstetrical services and ensuring that every patient had access to prenatal care. As Director of the City of Philadelphia's task force for obstetric care of the underserved and uninsured he has strongly advocated for the care of vulnerable populations; recently he was awarded the Spirit of Motherhood Award from the Maternity Care Coalition for his role in advocacy for mothers and children in the Philadelphia region. At the national level, he is the past-chairman of the American Hospital Association's Section for Maternal and Child Health Governing Council and has been a member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology Practice Bulletin and Obstetric Practice Committees. Dr. Ludmir is an evaluator of the standards and quality of maternity care in several countries in Latin America and has established formal relationships with universities in those countries to capacitate personnel to improve the care of women.

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Bonnie Connors Jellen is Director of the Section for Maternal and Child Health at the American Hospital Association (AHA) and is responsible for working with over 2,000 member hospitals providing specialty care to women and children. Over three decades, she has worked exclusively in the maternal and child health field including positions at the AHA, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and on Capitol Hill for the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Child and Human Development. Bonnie has been active in many organizations including committee appointments at the March of Dimes, the Alan Guttmacher Institute, and other national and local child health initiatives. Bonnie has an undergraduate degree in Child Development from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and a graduate degree in Health Services Administration from The George Washington University, Washington D.C.