



BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES
MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
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Kristine M. Couch

Kristine M. Couch, a resident of Centennial, has been a registered occupational therapist for 32 years. She has extensive experience in patient care, program development and management. Her private practice, Industrial Rehabilitation & Evaluation Services, LLC, has an exclusive emphasis on the continuum of employment. Ms. Couch has assisted companies such as the Denver Water Department, Sara Lee Baking Group and La Petite Academy develop ADA functional job descriptions. She has developed post-offer employment physicals for clients including the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and Costco. Ms. Couch presently completes ergonomic evaluations and training for the Gates Corporation, Centura hospital system and Kaiser Permanente. She developed the competency training programs for HealthONE and Exempla Healthcare. The final step in the continuum of employment, and a specialty of Ms. Couch, is completing evaluations for determination of disability for patients with multiple sclerosis.

Ms. Couch graduated from Colorado State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in occupational therapy. She has received extensive ergonomic and functional evaluation training through BTE Technologies; Advanced Ergonomics; Susan Isernhagen and Associates; and Roy Matheson & Associates. She is a national advocate and First Connections volunteer for the Leukemia Society and Lymphoma Research Foundation. Ms. Couch is a Colorado native and operates a farm in northeastern Colorado. She is the mother of three grown sons.

Ms. Couch was appointed to the State Board of Health by Governor Bill Owens in 2003 and was reappointed in 2005. Ms. Couch serves as the Board of Health representative on the Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease, and Chronic Pulmonary Disease Program Review Committee.

Laura Davis

Laura Davis, a resident of Westminster, is the Director of Environmental, Health and Safety for Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. She has 25 years of experience in the environmental, health and safety field including service at Metropolitan Denver Wastewater Reclamation District; Public Service Company of Colorado; and Chemical Waste Management, Inc. She began working at Ball Aerospace in April of 1991. In addition to managing the Environmental, Health and Safety and the System Safety Engineering Departments, Ms. Davis participates in conducting compliance assessments at other Ball Corporation facilities throughout the United States.

Ms. Davis, a Colorado native, has a Master's Degree in Environmental Policy and Management from the University of Denver and is a Registered Environmental Assessor with the State of California. She has served as a member of the Colorado Hazardous Waste Roundtable; the Colorado Air Quality Forum; and the Environmental Information Consortium. She has also served on the Jefferson, Boulder and Broomfield County Local Emergency Planning Committees. Her volunteer activities include various charitable projects associated with the Order of the Eastern Star.

Ms. Davis was appointed to the State Board of Health by Governor Roy Romer in 1995. She was reappointed by Governor Bill Owens in 1999 and again in 2003. In April 2007, she was reappointed by Governor Bill Ritter to serve another four-year term. She served as vice-president of the Board in 2002-2003.

Larry W. Kipe, M.D.

Dr. Larry Kipe, a resident of Craig, has practiced family medicine with the Moffat Family Clinic in Craig since 1989, and is currently president of the Colorado Academy of Family Physicians. He previously practiced medicine in the U.S. Air Force, including at Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and on remote assignment in Ankara, Turkey.

Dr. Kipe is Board Certified in Family Practice and Geriatric Medicine. He is a member of the American Medical Society, American Academy of Family Physicians, Colorado Medical Society and the Colorado Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Kipe received his B.S. degree from the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas. He received his M.D. degree from the University of Texas Southwestern, and completed his residency in Family Practice at the Air Force Regional Hospital at Carswell AFB, Tx.

Dr. Kipe was appointed to the State Board of Health by Governor Bill Ritter in April 2007.

Jeanne T. McGinnis

Jeanne T. McGinnis, a resident of Lakewood, is Physician Services Administrator for Exempla Lutheran Medical Center in Wheat Ridge. She facilitates retention strategies for physician engagement while assisting in contractual relationships with medical staff including development efforts to establish an on-campus ambulatory surgery center and off-campus outpatient healthcare facility.

As president of Premier Medical Services, Inc., from 1991-2005, she provided healthcare services and consultation which included: physician recruitment and retention activities, medical practice marketing, practice management, medical staff analysis, in-house physician services, events planning, strategic business planning including senior healthcare and housing services for economically disadvantaged. She also provided assistance in the establishment of two start-up companies relating to complimentary medicine. Her past experience also includes serving as regional vice president of PrincipalCare & MediSphere Health Partners, Inc, (1997-1999); director of physician services for P/SL Healthcare System, Aurora Presbyterian Hospital (1989-1991); manager of adult psychiatric services at West Pines Psychiatric Hospital (1988-1989); and director of psychiatric services at AMI Presbyterian Aurora Hospital (1987-1988). Early in her career, she worked in various clinical nursing positions at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD, the Anne Arundel General Hospital in Annapolis, MD, and The University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City.

Education: Master of Administrative Science (cum laude), the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD; Bachelor of Science in Nursing, The University of Iowa College of Nursing, Iowa City, IA.

Her volunteer and community activities include leadership within and/or fundraising for Colorado Academy; Jefferson County Jr. Sports Association; Rockland Community Church; and Mercy Housing. She and her husband, Michael, have two children.

Ms. McGinnis was appointed to the State Board of Health by Governor Roy Romer in October, 1995. She was reappointed by Governor Bill Owens in June 1999 and again in February 2003. In April 2007, she was reappointed by Governor Bill Ritter to serve another four-year term. She served as vice-president of the Board for several years and was elected president of the Board in January 2007. She also serves as the Board of Health representative on the Tobacco Education, Prevention and Cessation Grant Program Review Committee.

Kindra Mulch

Kindra Mulch, a resident of Burlington, is the administrator of Kit Carson County Health and Human Services. In this capacity, she is responsible for all public and environmental health programs as well as all human (social) service programs for Kit Carson County. In all, Ms. Mulch has over 25 years working for the Kit Carson County Board of County Commissioners. She began her career with Kit Carson County as a public health nurse in 1980. As public health nurse, her responsibilities included communicable disease control; well child care; immunizations for adults and children; adult health services; school nursing; prenatal care program; home health; and special projects. From 1989-2001 she served as administrator of Kit Carson County Public Health, and she became Health and Human Services administrator in 2001. Ms. Mulch is also owner and partner in Mulch Farms in Burlington.

Education: Bachelors of Science in Nursing, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS, 1980. Registered Nurse in Colorado since 1980.

As a member of the Public Health Nurses Association of Colorado (formerly Colorado County Nurses Association since 1980, she has served in every elected office and committee assignment. She is also a member of the Colorado Nurses Association; the Colorado Association of Local Public Health Leaders; the Colorado Rural Health Association; and the Colorado Social Service Directors Association. She has served as a board member for the Colorado Association of School Boards; as a Burlington School Board member; as a Prairie Family Center board member, in addition to serving as member and chair of numerous committees in her church.

Ms. Mulch received the 2002 Hero in Health award from the Colorado Children's Campaign. In 1997 she received the Florence Award from the Colorado County Nurses Association, and in 1986 she was honored as Colorado County Nurse of the Year.

Ms. Mulch was appointed to the State Board of Health by Governor Roy Romer in 1997. She was reappointed by Governor Bill Owens in 2001 and again in 2005. She served as vice-president of the Board in 2004.

Christine Nevin-Woods, D.O., M.P.H.

Dr. Christine Nevin-Woods, a resident of Pueblo, has been the executive director of the Pueblo City-County Health Department and health officer for Pueblo County for 16 years.

She has served in a variety of public health, clinical medicine and academic positions during her career, including as state epidemiologist and director of the communicable disease division for the Hawaii State Department of Health, and in the U. S. Army Medical Corps as general medical officer at Army Medical Centers in El Paso, Texas, Columbia, S.C. and Honolulu, Hawaii. She also was a staff physician at the Pueblo Community Health Center for 10 years and currently is the medical director of the Pueblo Child Advocacy Center. She is a clinical assistant professor with the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine; community medicine coordinator for the Southern Colorado Family Medicine Residency Program; and teaches at Colorado State University-Pueblo.

Dr. Nevin-Woods is a board member of the Colorado Public Health Association and president-elect of the Pueblo Community Health Center Board. She served as president of the Colorado Health Officers Association from 1993-1995. She has previously served on numerous boards and committees, including the boards of the Colorado Society of Osteopathic Medicine; National Association for County and City Health Officials; St. Mary-Corwin Regional Medical Center; American Hospital Association, NOVA Award Advisory Panel; Pueblo Montessori Association; and the Pueblo Child Advocacy Center. She

previously served a term on the State Board of Health from 1997-2001 as an appointee of Governor Roy Romer.

Dr. Nevin-Woods received her B.A. degree from Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. She received her D.O. degree from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine; and her master's in public health from the University of Hawaii School of Public Health.

Dr. Nevin-Woods was appointed to the State Board of Health by Governor Bill Ritter in April 2007.

Glenn H. Schlabs

Glenn H. Schlabs, a resident of Colorado Springs, is a member of the law firm of Sherman & Howard, LLC, in the Labor and Employment Department of the firm's Colorado Springs office. His practice includes advising both unionized and non-union employers concerning their rights and duties under federal, state and local anti-discrimination, employment and labor laws, including the Fair Labor Standards, Davis-Bacon, Service Contract and Mine Safety and Health Acts. Mr. Schlabs represents employers on employment and labor matters in the state and federal trial and appellate courts, as well as before the National Labor Relations Board. Mr. Schlabs has taught numerous continuing legal education programs with the American Arbitration Association, the Department of Justice and the Institute for Applied Management and Law. He is also a contributing editor to *The Developing Labor Law*. Mr. Schlabs joined Sherman & Howard in 1989.

Mr. Schlabs served in the U.S. Air Force from 1969 to 1989, where he was a pilot and a judge advocate. Mr. Schlabs is a member of the Colorado and Nevada Bars. He has served as president of the El Paso County Bar Association; a member of the Fourth Judicial District Nominating Commission; and a member of the Colorado Springs Osteopathic Foundation.

Education: LL.M. in Labor Law, Cornell University, 1981; Juris Doctor (with honors, Order of the Coif), University of Texas at Austin School of Law, 1977; Master of Arts in Economics, University of California – Los Angeles, 1970; Bachelor of Science (magna cum laude), U.S. Air Force Academy, 1969.

Mr. Schlabs was appointed to the State Board of Health by Governor Bill Owens in 2002 and was reappointed in 2005. He currently serves as vice-president of the Board.

Joelle Riddle

Joelle Riddle, a resident of Durango, is currently serving her first term as a La Plata County Commissioner. Prior to being elected to the office of county commissioner in the fall of 2006, she worked as a health educator in the community, and before that, she was the owner of a small business.

Ms. Riddle has made community participation an integral part of her life, and is an active volunteer for several nonprofits and community coalitions. Some of her involvement includes co-founding the Four Corners Safe School Coalition and serving as a volunteer for the Alternative Horizons local domestic violence hotline as well as serving on the Women's Resource Center Board. She is a current board member of the San Juan Basin Health Department and a member of the Health and Human Services Committee of Colorado Counties, Inc. She is also an active member of the local Kiwanis Club. Ms. Riddle received the "Rising Star" award at the 74th Annual Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner held by the Colorado Democratic Party in March of 2007.

Ms. Riddle attended high school in Durango and Bayfield, and studied occupational therapy and social work at Ft. Lewis College in Durango and Colorado State University in Ft. Collins. She and her husband, Matt, are the parents of a 12-year old son.

Ms. Riddle was appointed to the State Board of Health by Governor Bill Ritter in April 2007 to serve as the county commissioner member of the Board.

David A. Sprepace

David A. Sprepace, a resident of Englewood, practices tax and business litigation in Denver. Since 1993, he has defended taxpayers from the I.R.S. and the Colorado Department of Revenue, and advocated the claims and defenses of his business clients. He is a member of the Colorado, Florida and Nebraska bar associations, and is licensed to practice before the U. S. Tax Court, the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, and several other federal courts.

Mr. Sprepace was born on a U.S. Army base in Frankfurt, Germany, raised in Connecticut, and lived in Arizona, Nebraska and Florida before moving to Colorado in 1992. He received his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Arizona in 1984, and was active in campus activities including Arizona Wildcat Rugby and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. In 1986, he moved to Omaha, Nebraska to attend Creighton University School of Law, where he received his J.D. in 1989. He was a member of the Creighton Law Review, and clerked in the legal department of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company until graduating. In 1989, he moved to Florida and began his career practicing insurance-defense law. In 1992, he came to Denver to attend the Graduate Tax Program at the Denver University College of Law, and graduated with an LL.M. (Taxation) in 1993.

Mr. Sprepace has been active in civic groups and the Republican party since shortly after arriving in Colorado. In 2004, he was the Republican candidate for Colorado House District 3. He is president of the Lincoln Club of Colorado, treasurer of the 1st Congressional District Republicans; and a member of the Englewood Board of Adjust and Appeals. He has served as a member of the Colorado Republican Audit Committee; president of the Greater Denver Tax Counsel Association; director of the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District; director of the Community College of Denver Foundation; and Secretary, City Club of Denver. He and his wife, Siobhan, are the parents of one daughter, Giorgia.

Mr. Sprepace was appointed to the State Board of Health by Governor Bill Owens in 2001 and was reappointed in 2005.