



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH DATA ORGANIZATIONS

## Elliot M. Stone Award of Excellence in Health Data Leadership

### THE 2019 ELLIOT M. STONE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH DATA LEADERSHIP



NAHDO is honored to present the 2019 Elliot M. Stone Award of Excellence in Health Data Leadership to Joseph W. Thompson, MD, MPH, President and CEO of the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement and Professor at the UAMS Colleges of Medicine and Public Health.

Dr. Joe Thompson is a national leader in the use of health care and public health data to improve health and facilitate the understanding of the health care delivery system's performance. Dr. Thompson's work is centered at the intersection of clinical care, public health, and health policy. He is responsible for developing research activities, health policy, and collaborative programs that promote better health and health care in Arkansas. He has led vanguard efforts in planning and implementing health care financing reform, tobacco- and obesity-related health promotion, and disease prevention programs. Dr. Thompson has worked with Arkansas's executive and legislative leadership and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to develop a creative alternative to Medicaid expansion under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and has led efforts to evaluate the program's results.

In addition, Dr. Thompson has been a guiding force in Arkansas's innovative initiatives to improve health system access, quality, and cost—including a systematic, multi-payer overhaul of Arkansas's health care payment system. He also oversees the administration of a state database of health information and continues to support Arkansas's governor in implementing a 10-year initiative aimed at increasing the number of Arkansans at a healthy weight. Dr. Thompson is frequently invited to speak at national health and legislative conferences and is asked to provide congressional testimony and national briefings on health policy issues. His commentaries on public health topics have been regularly featured by numerous state and national news outlets and publications.

### ABOUT THE ELLIOT M. STONE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH DATA LEADERSHIP

For many years, the National Association of Health Data Organizations (NAHDO) has presented the **NAHDO Award of Excellence in Health Data Leadership** to an individual who represents the highest ideals in data collection, analysis, or outcomes measurement and whose creative efforts have made outstanding contributions to improvements in the collection, application, and/or dissemination of health data. Until his passing in 2006, Elliot Stone helped NAHDO select awardees who made significant contributions to the health information field and who exhibited characteristics of quality, excellence, and passion in their work—characteristics that Elliot himself embodied.

In 2006, following Elliot Stone's untimely passing, the NAHDO Board renamed its annual award the "**Elliot Stone Award of Excellence in Health Data Leadership**" in honor of Elliot and in acknowledgement of his generosity, care, and diligence to the field and to his colleagues. Elliot set the highest standards for his own performance and for others to follow. At NAHDO's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting in Washington, DC, the first Elliot Stone Award of Excellence was presented posthumously by NAHDO to Elliot's wife and sons.



## THE ELLIOT M. STONE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH DATA LEADERSHIP HISTORY

**2018—Denise Love, BSN, MBA**The 13th Elliot M. Stone Award of Excellence in Health Data Leadership was presented to Denise Love, NAHDO's Executive Director at the 33rd NAHDO Annual Conference in Deer Valley, Utah. In her 20 years as NAHDO's Executive Director, Ms. Love leveraged her experience gained in establishing health care reporting systems in Utah as the Director of the Office of Health Data Analysis to advance statewide reporting initiatives nationally and fulfill NAHDO's mission to promote the public availability and uniformity of health care data. Ms. Love serves a liaison between federal and state initiatives including input to and guidance for HIPAA legislation and Administrative Simplification and Privacy regulations as well as involvement with the Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) and the CDC Environmental Public Health Tracking Program. In 2007, as states began implementing All-Payer Claims Databases (APCDs), Ms. Love expanded NAHDO's technical focus beyond hospital discharge data reporting, co-founding the All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) Council, a collaboration between NAHDO and the University of New Hampshire. In 2018, she was re-appointed to a second four-year term to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) (a statutory advisory body on health statistics to DHHS). She received her Bachelors of Nursing and MBA degrees from Westminster College of Salt Lake City, Utah.

### **2017—Mark McClelland, MD**

The 12th Elliot M. Stone Award of Excellence in Health Data Leadership was presented to Mark McClelland, MD, PhD, the Director of the Margolis Center for Health Policy at Duke University, and a dedicated advocate for the use of administrative data for health policy, market, and research. He supports and conducts research, evaluation, implementation, and educational activities to improve health policy and health, through collaboration across Duke University and Health System, and through partnerships between the public and private sectors. Dr. McClelland is a doctor and an economist, and his work has addressed a wide range of strategies and policy reforms to improve health care outcomes and lower costs. Before coming to Duke, he served as a Senior Fellow in Economic Studies at the Brookings Institution, as Director of the Health Care Innovation and Value Initiatives and led the Richard Merkin Initiative on Payment Reform and Clinical Leadership. Dr. McClelland is a former administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and former commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), where he developed and implemented major reforms in health policy. Dr. McClelland is the founding chair and a current board member of the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA, is a member of the National Academy of Medicine and chairs the Academy's Leadership Council for Value and Science-Driven Health care, cochairs the guiding committee of the Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network, and is a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. He has also previously served as a member of the President's Council of Economic Advisers and senior director for health care policy at the White House, and as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy at the Department of the Treasury. He was previously an associate professor of economics and medicine with tenure at Stanford University, and has twice received the Kenneth Arrow Award for Outstanding Research in Health Economics.

### **2016- Dr. Anne Elixhauser**

The eleventh Elliot M. Stone Award of Excellence in Health Data Leadership was presented to Dr. Anne Elixhauser, Senior Research Scientist with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality where she is a champion for hospital administrative data. As a key team member of the AHRQ Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP), she has been a leader in development and evolution of the National Inpatient Sample and the Kid's Inpatient Database and the development and implementation of scientifically-validated open-source analytic tools and methods in use throughout the country today. She led the development of the HCUP Statistical Briefs series for the past ten years, which continues today. Dr. Elixhauser was also involved in the initial development of MONARHQ (My Own Network, powered by AHRQ) and AHRQ Quality Indicators, important tools for states to display their local data and identify variances and target improvement initiatives. Other tools and methods that enhance the utility of state hospital discharge databases include the Clinical Classification Software and the Comorbidity measures. Because of her dedicated vision and expertise and AHRQ's partnership with states that supply the data, hospital administrative data are the cornerstone of national, state, and private-sector health services research, public and population health, and quality improvement initiatives. Dr. Elixhauser's contributions to the field have enabled health data organizations to optimize the quality and use of their own data.

### **2014 – Karen M. Bell**

The tenth Elliot M. Stone Award of Excellence in Health Data Leadership was presented Karen Bell, MD, Director of the Center for Sustainable Health and Care at JBS International, focusing on improving the health of vulnerable and underserved populations in the US and worldwide. She has been ranked among the top 25 physician executives by Modern Healthcare. As the Chair of the Certification Commission for Health Information Technology, she was primary author on the first publicly available consensus developed in support of clinician readiness to successfully assume financial risk. serves on the boards of several state health information exchange organizations and data analytic companies and on committees for the Federal Advisory Committee Act, advising Health and Human Services on ways in which health data and health information technologies can better support health reform and accountable care. Dr. Bell She received her medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts, and her master of medical science degree from Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island. She was an Associate Professor at the University of Rochester, and Clinical Instructor at Harvard University School of Medicine where she continues to conduct seminars and workshops for clinicians of all types interested in improving the health and welfare of their patient populations. Prior appointments held by Dr. Bell include Director, Office of Health Information Technology Adoption of the Office of the National Coordinator, US Department of Health and Human Services where she focused on programs to support integration of HIT into clinical practice.

### **2013 – Richard E. Johannes**

The ninth Elliot M. Stone Award of Excellence in Health Data Leadership was presented to Dr. Richard Johannes. Dr. Johannes has over 30 years in health services research as well as a practicing physician. Dr. Johannes publishes extensively on clinically-based risk adjustment outcome metrics for use in comparative hospital performance reporting. Most recently, he has focused on the epidemiology and economics of hospital-acquired infections. Dr. Johannes also maintains an appointment in gastroenterology at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School. He was previously Vice President of Clinical Development at Datamedic in Waltham, MA where he led two NIST Advanced Technology Program grants. From 1979-1989, Dr. Johannes was a faculty member in Gastroenterology and Biomedical Engineering at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

**2012—WILLIAM F. DAVENHALL**

**2011— MARJORIE S. GREENBERG**

**2010 – CAROLYN M. CLANCY, MD**

**2009 – ARNOLD MILSTEIN, MD**

**2008 – MICHAEL PINE, MD, MBA**

**2007 – DAVID CARLISLE, MD, PHD**

**2006 – DAVID NASH, MD**

**2005 – ELLIOT M. STONE**

**2001 – DR. LOUIS SULLIVAN**

**2004 – ROBERT DAVIS**

**2000 – SENATORS KASSEBAUM AND KENNEDY**

**1997 – ERNEST SESSA**

**1996 – BRUCE VLADECK, PHD**

**1995 – WILLIS GOLDBECK**

**1994 – DOROTHY RICE, SCD**

**1993 – KERR WHITE, MD**