



**Public Policy Forum**  
**Thursday, October 29, 2009**  
**10 a.m. - 12 noon**  
**Lansing Community College West Campus**

**Stimulus Dollars at Work in Michigan**

**Agenda**

Welcome & Opening Remarks by Sharon Parks, League President and CEO

Presentation by **Leslee Fritz**, Director, Michigan Economic Recovery Office and Questions

Presentation by Panel Members and Questions

- **Charles Overbey**, Director of the Office of Health and Human Services, State Budget Office
- **Arnold Weinfeld**, Director, Public Policy and Federal Affairs, Michigan Municipal League
- **Kim Sibilsky**, Executive Director, Michigan Primary Care Association
- **Kacie Kefgen**, Director of Communications and Member Services, Middle Cities Education Association

**\*\*For those participating via the live Webcast please e-mail questions to [michleague@gmail.com](mailto:michleague@gmail.com)**

**Presenters**

**Leslee Fritz, Director, Michigan Economic Recovery Office**

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm tapped Leslee Fritz to lead the newly created Michigan Economic Recovery Office (ERO) on February 13, 2009, one day after the passage of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act. The ERO is responsible for coordinating with state agencies to ensure that Michigan's Recovery funds are used effectively and transparently to create jobs, jump-start the economy and protect citizens during this time of economic challenge.

Before taking on the role of ERO director, Fritz served the Granholm administration as a Senior Project Manager, Communications Director for the Office of State Budget and Deputy Communications Director for the governor.

Prior to joining the governor's team, Fritz worked as staff director for the Senate Democratic Caucus. She was a partner in the Phoenix Consulting Corporation, based in Jackson, Miss. and has served as Communications Director for the Michigan Democratic Party. Fritz holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Albion College.

**Charles Overbey, Director of the Office of Health and Human Services, State Budget Office**

Charles Overbey has been the Director of the Office of Health and Human Services in the State Budget Office since October 2003. Budget development and implementation for the Department of Human Services and the Department of Community Health are in his unit.

Overbey started his state career with the Department of Human Services in 1972 and worked in DHS until moving to the State Budget Office in 2003. DHS experience includes determining eligibility, providing employment services, and a range of administrative functions in planning, evaluation, and policy analysis. Overbey was the Director of Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation when he moved to the State Budget Office.

His education includes a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan.

**Arnold Weinfeld, Director, Public Policy and Federal Affairs, Michigan Municipal League**

Weinfeld has been with the League since November 2004. As the Director of Public Policy and Federal Affairs, Weinfeld serves as the League's lead lobbyist in Washington DC, coordinating federal advocacy efforts and working directly with Michigan's congressional delegation and national local government advocacy organizations such as the National League of Cities. In his public policy role, he is responsible for the planning and development of new programs, services, publications, and outreach strategies to support the League's broad policy initiatives and related programming. He also serves as President of the Michigan Municipal League Foundation, where he works to coordinate the Foundation mission of educating local officials with that of League programs.

Before coming to the MML, Weinfeld worked for the Michigan House of Representatives in a variety of capacities including legislative aide, policy analyst and policy director. He also served as an elected member of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education from 1994-2002 where he held the positions of Treasurer and Board President. He is currently Treasurer of the Waverly Education Foundation. Weinfeld is a graduate of Michigan State University where he received his bachelor's degree in social science.

**Kim Sibilsky, Executive Director, Michigan Primary Care Association**

Sibilsky has over 28 years of experience working to improve access to health care for underserved populations throughout Michigan and the nation. Bringing community development and finance experience to her position as executive director of the Alcona Health Center in Lincoln, she then worked with Michigan State University and six other universities and 32 underserved counties as Center Director of the Northern Michigan Area Health Education Center. Through the next ten years, she did national consulting in health systems development and worked with the National Rural Health Association as Deputy Director for Policy and Program.

All of this experience prepared Sibilsky for her current position as Executive Director of the Michigan Primary Care Association. Her responsibilities include supervising and coordinating the activities of a statewide primary care association including membership services, grant and contract administration, health systems development and strategic thinking in improving access to care and reducing health disparities for people in Michigan.

**Kacie Kefgen, Director of Communications and Member Services, Middle Cities Education Association**

Kefgen works for the Middle Cities Education Association as the Director of Communications and Member Services. Her duties include public relations and policy work. She previously served as

a legislative aide for state Representative Joel Sheltroun. While in the House, she managed the representative's education initiative to reform Michigan's high school graduation requirements.

Kefgen is a graduate of James Madison College at Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in International Relations.