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## **Informational Hearing**

### **Skilled Nursing Facilities in California: Licensing, inspections and quality of care.**

**Tuesday, October 5, 2021 – 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.**  
**State Capitol, Room 4202**

### **BIOGRAPHIES**

#### **Elaine M. Howle**, *California State Auditor*

For over 20 years, Elaine M. Howle has served as the California State Auditor. Under her leadership, the State Auditor's Office provides objective assessments of state and local government entities. Ms. Howle has nearly 38 years of auditing, management, and leadership experience with the California State Auditor's Office and its predecessor office. A trusted voice, Ms. Howle is frequently called upon to provide testimony in legislative hearings and brief members on the results of her office's work. She has received various national awards and serves on various committees for national organizations. Ms. Howle is a certified public accountant and a certified government financial manager. She earned a bachelor's degree in sports management from the University of Massachusetts and a master's of business administration from California State University, Sacramento.

#### **Dr. Karl Steinberg**, *Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine*

Dr. Karl Steinberg has been a nursing home, hospice, and home health agency medical director and chief medical officer in the San Diego area since 1995 and has an active clinical practice in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and home visits. Dr. Steinberg received his bachelor's in biochemistry from Harvard and studied medicine at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, then did his family medicine residency at University of California San Diego (UCSD). He has board certifications in family medicine and in hospice and palliative medicine, and is certified as a nursing home and hospice medical director in addition to having a certification as a healthcare ethics consultant. Dr. Steinberg serves as affiliate faculty for the Shiley Institute for Palliative Care at California State University San Marcos, adjunct faculty for Case Western Reserve University's graduate school of biomedical engineering, and volunteer faculty for UCSD's School of Medicine. Dr. Steinberg is the President of AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine ([www.paltc.org](http://www.paltc.org), formerly the American Medical Directors Association) and a past president and current board member of their state chapter, the California Association of Long Term Care Medicine (CALTCM). He is editor emeritus of

AMDA's newsmagazine, *Caring for the Ages*, and an associate editor of their peer-reviewed journal, *JAMDA*. He is on the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Medical Society and serves as a delegate to the AMA and California Medical Association's House of Delegates. Dr. Steinberg is also serving on the California Insurance Commissioner's Long-Term Care Insurance Task Force on behalf of CMA. He is a past chair and current board member of the Coalition for Compassionate Care of California. Dr. Steinberg is on the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine's Public Policy Committee, serves as vice president of the National POLST organization, and is on the National Quality Forum's standing committee on Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine. Dr. Steinberg enjoys presenting at educational conferences to professional audiences and the public, and also serves as a consultant and testifying expert witness in civil lawsuits and regulatory matters. However, up until the COVID pandemic started, Dr. Steinberg was probably best known for taking his dogs on patient care rounds with him on most days.

**Anthony Chicotel**, *Staff Attorney, California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform*

Tony Chicotel is from Huron, Ohio and a graduate of Muskingum University (B.A.) The Ohio State University College of Law (J.D.) and the University of California School of Public Policy (MPP). Since 2006, Tony has worked for California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform, also known as CANHR. His primary work is to promote the rights of residents in long term care facilities - through litigation, legislation, regulatory policy, and consumer education. Tony's focus areas include: civil rights, eviction defense, dementia care, incapacity and decisionmaking, conservatorship, and end-of-life care. He loves to read, play and watch sports, and hang out with his partner and three kids.

**Tiffany Whiten**, *Senior Government Relations Advocate, California State Council of SEIU*

Tiffany Whiten is Senior Government Relations Advocate at SEIU California State Council where she oversees and coordinates state legislative and administrative policy development on many SEIU-California policy priorities, including assisted living, IHSS, nursing homes, adult day care, developmentally disabled, adult protective services and racial equity. Prior to working at SEIU California, she worked for Niemela Pappas and Associates and worked in the Legislature, beginning in 2007 for Senate President pro Tem Don Perata as well as worked for Senator Loni Hancock, Senate Majority Leader Ellen Corbett and Senator Mark DeSaulnier during her time in the Legislature.

**Craig Cornett**, *CEO/President, California Association of Health Facilities*

Craig Cornett is the CEO/President of the California Association of Health Facilities (CAHF), a non-profit trade association representing skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities for people with intellectual disabilities. Prior to coming to CAHF in December 2017, Craig was Budget Director and Chief Fiscal Advisor for the California Senate President Pro Tem, a position he held under two Senate leaders from 2008 to 2017. As the California Senate's finance director, he advised the Senate leader and Democratic Caucus on state fiscal policy matters, developed state budget and fiscal strategies for the Senate, coordinated the Senate's work on the annual state budget and fiscal legislation, and negotiated budget and fiscal issues with the Senate Republican Caucus, the Assembly, the Governor's administration, and the state's other

constitutional offices. Mr. Cornett is regularly listed in the Capitol Weekly's annual "Top 100" political and policy players in Sacramento. Prior to his service as the Senate's finance director, Mr. Cornett held a similar position for four Speakers of the California Assembly, from 2000 to 2008. Mr. Cornett also worked for the non-partisan California Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) for 17 years, including 13 years as Director of the LAO's Criminal Justice and State Administration Section. Mr. Cornett is a member of the Board of Directors of The Golden 1 Credit Union and was board chair from 2015 to 2017. He is also an Elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church and a former member of several state and national advisory committees on public policy issues. Mr. Cornett received his Master of Public Affairs degree from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin and his B.A. from Washington and Lee University. He and his wife, Mary, are the parents of two college-age daughters.

**Dr. Robyn I. Stone, *Senior Vice President, Research and Co-Director, LeadingAge LTSS Center***

Robyn I. Stone, DrPH, is Senior Vice President for Research at LeadingAge and Co-Director of the LeadingAge LTSS Center @UMass Boston. She is a noted researcher and internationally recognized authority on long-term care and aging policy, and has been engaged in policy development, program evaluation, large-scale demonstrations and other applied research activities in these areas for over 40 years. Dr. Stone has held senior research and policy positions in both the federal government and the private sector, including serving in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Disability, Aging and Long-term Care Policy and Assistant Secretary for Aging in the Clinton administration. Her work bridges the worlds of research, policy and practice to improve the care delivered to older adults--particularly lower-income populations—and to ensure the best quality of life for these individuals and their families. Dr. Stone is a distinguished speaker and has been published widely in the areas of long-term care policy and quality, chronic care for older adults and people with disabilities, aging services workforce development, the link between low income senior housing and health and family caregiving. She is a fellow of the Gerontological Society of America and the National Academy of Social Insurance and was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2014. She serves on numerous provider and non-profit boards that focus on aging issues.