

Lawrence Paul Matheis, Jr.

Larry Matheis has served as Executive Director of the Nevada State Medical Association since October 1988 and serves as the Executive Director of the Nevada Medical Political Action Committee (NEMPAC). He has been responsible for planning and managing organized medicine's legislative strategy and is Nevada medicine's key link to the national staffs of the American Medical Association and national medical organizations.

He represents Nevada medicine on numerous State and community organizations. He served: as advisor to the "Keep Our Doctors in Nevada" board that passed the medical liability reforms in 2004; as a member of the steering group of the "Nevadans for Tobacco Free Kids" campaign that passed the "Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act" in 2006; and; on the steering committee of the coalition that opposed the UnitedHealth Group acquisition of Sierra Health Services, an effort that has resulted in a settlement offer from the State Attorney General containing significant protections for Nevada physicians and the public. He was a member of Governor Jim Gibbons' Transition Team where he served on three committees and Chaired the Committee on Medicaid Policy.

Larry is Co-Chair of the Nevada Covering Kids and Families Coalition, Secretary of the Nevada Health Care Reform Project, and former President and current Chair of the Policy Advocacy Committee of the Nevada Tobacco Prevention Coalition. He also serves on: the Nevada Council of HealthInsight (the federally designated state Quality Improvement Organization); the Medicare Carrier Advisory Council (and is a member of the Transitional Advisory Group for the new Medicare contractor-Palmetto, GBA); the Nevada Organ and Tissue Donation Task Force; the Commissioner of Insurance's Advisory Committee on Health Care (and numerous subcommittees and task forces for the Division of Insurance); the Board of the Nevada Public Health Foundation; the Legislative Affairs Work Group of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Project; the advisory board of the Nevada Center for Ethics and Health Policy; the State Board of Pharmacy's Controlled Substance Task Force; the Board of the Access to Healthcare Network in Northern Nevada as well as the United Way of Southern Nevada's Access to Healthcare Impact Council; the newly formed State Primary Care Advisory Council; the newly formed Nevada Advisory Committee to Prevent Infections in Health Facilities; and, the newly formed national Safe Injection Practices Education & Awareness Campaign Steering Committee.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Matheis served for 3 years as the State Health Administrator in charge of the Nevada State Health Division with the responsibility for enforcing all State laws and regulations pertaining to health. His other titles were: Secretary of the Board of Health; Commissioner of Food and Drug; and State Registrar of Vital Statistics. From its creation in 1981, Mr. Matheis served as Executive Director of the Clark County Coalition Health Systems Agency until he received the appointment to the State Health Division. He was a columnist on senior issues in the Las Vegas Review-Journal for 3 years. He has written numerous articles on health related issues and made formal presentations at dozens of national conferences as well as appearing frequently on television and radio representing medicine. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri where he attended and received 2 degrees from Washington University in St. Louis. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and lives with his wife and daughter in Las Vegas.