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### *AAICAMA: IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS...*

#### **Bobby J "BJ" Miller**

**Adoption Program Specialist, Sr.**

**WV Department of Health and Human Resources**

I am responsible for administering all post adoption subsidies and services for the state of West Virginia. I am also the AAICAMA Compact Administrator for the state. In this position, I have led a redesign of the adoption process in order to assure more timely delivery of services to children in West Virginia and to those placed out-of-state. As a former adoption and foster care home finder and in my current position I have had the opportunity to work with many families to assure they receive the services they need for successful adoptions.

A graduate of the University of South Carolina with a B. S. in education, I will receive a Masters of Communication from West Virginia University in May, 2008.

I have participated in Regional Roundtables, Adopt-Us-Kids, and NASAP and was a presenter at the 2007 annual conference for the North American Council on Adoptable Children. Being a single adoptive parent of two teen-age boys gives me a personal insight into the problems often faced by our providers. I feel I am able to relate to other parents and their challenges.

#### **Richard Fenton**

**Deputy Executive Director**

**National Association of State Medicaid Directors**

Richard Fenton recently joined the National Association of State Medicaid Directors as Deputy Executive Director. Mr. Fenton has over 31 years of experience in health care financing and administration. Mr. Fenton has been focusing his efforts on providing technical assistance to the states on recent legislative activity relating to the Medicaid Program including the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, and the legislative activities related to health reform. Prior to joining NASMD, he worked for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in a variety of management positions overseeing the Family and Children's Medicaid programs, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and Medicaid state-wide waiver activity. He also has managed a variety of long term care programs at CMS and the Health Care Financing Administration. He is a member of the Maryland State Bar and has a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

#### **Ursula Gilmore**

**AAICAMA Program Manager**

Ms. Gilmore has worked at APHSA for more than 15 years and currently serves as the program manager for the Assn of Admin of the Interstate Compact on Adoption & Medical Assistance. Prior to this, she has worked as a Research Analyst



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for both AAICAMA and AAICPC. During this time, she has conducted national research on the interstate movement of children receiving adoption assistance; on barriers in the interstate home study process; on states' capacity to collect interstate adoption data, and states' early implementation of the Adoption and Safe Families Act. In addition, Ms Gilmore also worked with the NAPCWA affiliate and the Family-to-Family project.

Ms. Gilmore received her M.A. in Child Development from Purdue University and her B.A in Sociology from Lemoyne College.

**Warren L. Lewis**  
**Consultant**  
**AAICAMA Staff**

Warren is the former Deputy Compact Administrator to the AAICAMA, AAICPC and ACJA for the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. He retired in 2006 after 31 years of service with the Department where he was manager for a number of programs in addition to the interstate compacts. They included the state's child abuse hotline and background checks program, child abuse appeals unit, Statewide Adoption Network, Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange, Medical History Registry and Foster Parent Registry. He was involved in legislative and regulatory development and training. Prior to the state service, Warren was a protective services caseworker for six years at a county children and youth agency.

During 2005-2006 Warren served as the Treasurer on the AAICAMA Executive Committee and currently serves as an adjunct member to the committee. He chaired the Website Development Committee. In 2005, Warren was honored to receive the Charles Edwards Service award.

He lives in Marysville, Pennsylvania with his wife Nancy and two adopted daughters. They also have three adult daughters and three grandchildren. For 20 years they served as foster parents to more than 30 children.

**Sharon McCartney**  
**Legal Research Consultant**  
**AAICAMA staff**

Ms. McCartney is the Legal Research Consultant for AAICAMA and has worked with AAICAMA for more than six years. Prior to that, she spent four years as a state Social Services Specialist for the DeKalb County Department of Family and Children's Services in Atlanta, Georgia working in the subsidized childcare unit and specializing in teen outreach. Ms. McCartney also worked for the GAO's Office of General Counsel in the Education, Workforce, and Income Security division and in the Legislative Counsel division of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children under a Shapiro Public Interest Grant.

Ms. McCartney received her J.D. from The George Washington University Law School and B.A. from The University of Texas at Austin where she majored in Psychology with an emphasis in Child and Adolescent Psychology.