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Kenneth W. Kizer, MD, MPH (Chair) currently serves as the Chief Health Care Transformation Officer and Senior Executive Vice President for Atlas Research. He has been elected to both the National Academy of Medicine and the National Academy of Public Administration.

Dr. Kizer is a highly experienced physician executive whose diverse professional experience includes senior leadership positions in the public and private sectors, academia, and philanthropy. He has previously served as founding President and CEO, National Quality Forum; Under Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and chief executive officer of the nation's largest healthcare system, during which time he engineered the internationally acclaimed transformation of the Veterans Healthcare System in the late 1990s; founding Chairman, President and CEO, Medsphere Systems Corporation, a leading commercial provider of subscription-based health information technology; founding Director, Institute for Population Health Improvement and Distinguished Professor, University of California, Davis; inaugural Chief Medical Officer, California Department of Managed Health Care; Director, California Department of Health Services; and Director, California Emergency Medical Services Authority, where he was the architect of the state's EMS and trauma care systems in the early 1980s.

During his record tenure as California's top health official, he won high praise for orchestrating the state's response to the then new HIV/AIDS epidemic, implementing California's famed Tobacco Control Program and the '5-a-Day' for Better Nutrition Program that was later adopted for national implementation, pioneering Medicaid managed care, and restructuring many of the state's public health programs.

He also has served on the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and as Chairman of The California Wellness Foundation. Dr. Kizer has longstanding interests in organ transplantation stemming from his experience as a practicing emergency physician, public health official, and health system leader, as well as his personal experiences as the husband of a multiple times organ transplant recipient. He has a deep understanding of the anxieties and difficulties families experience while waiting for an organ.

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