



PA House of Representatives
Republican Policy Committee

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Rep. Joshua D. Kail
Chairman

PA House Republican Policy Committee Hearing
“Hospital Pricing Transparency”

May 4, 2023, at 10 a.m.

Open Discourse
239 Market Street
Lewisburg, PA 17837

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| 10 a.m. | Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance |
| 10:15 a.m. | Dean Clancy
<i>Senior Health Policy Fellow, Americans for Prosperity</i> |
| 10:25 a.m. | Patrick Neville
<i>Former Republican Leader, Colorado State House of Representatives</i> |
| 10:35 a.m. | Jim Jusko, JD
<i>President and Founder, FireLight Health</i> |
| 10:45 a.m. | Chris Deacon
<i>Owner, VerSan Consulting</i> |
| 10:55 a.m. | Questions for the Panel |
| 11:30 a.m. | Closing Comments and Conclusion |



Testifier Biographies

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Dean Clancy
Senior Health Policy Fellow, Americans for Prosperity

Dean Clancy is a senior health policy fellow at Americans for Prosperity and a nationally known health care freedom advocate with more than twenty years' high-level policy experience in Congress, the White House, and the U.S. health care industry.

Dean is president and founder of HSAs for All, a partner at Adams Auld LLC, a public policy consultancy, an advisor to the Compact for America Educational Foundation (CFA), a member of the Debt Default Clock Review Committee, and a retired member of the board of directors of Opportunity Solutions Project (OSP).

Patrick Neville
Former Republican Leader, Colorado State House of Representatives

Patrick Neville, former member of the Colorado House of Representatives, served as the Republican Leader from January 2017 to January 2021.

Patrick grew up in Littleton, Colorado where he attended and graduated from Columbine High School in 2001. After high school, he attended the University of Colorado at Denver, where he studied Economics. After college graduation, he decided he wanted to serve his country and joined the US Army.



While in the Army, Patrick was deployed to Iraq and served in the battle of Sadr City as a Platoon Leader. He was fortunate to be surrounded by the best Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) and owes much of his success to them. His awards include the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal (OLC) and Army Achievement Medal. He retired from the Army at the rank of Captain.

Following his tenure in the Colorado State House of Representatives, Patrick continued his education at the University of Denver, pursuing an Executive Masters in Business Administration and Management.



Jim Jusko, JD
President and Founder, FireLight Health

Jim created FireLight Health in 2020 to foster a more functional marketplace in healthcare services. FireLight provides healthcare pricing data and analysis to help purchasers of healthcare control costs and improve value when selecting or contracting with networks and providers.

FireLight has provided validation services for two public reports assessing more than 1000 hospitals' compliance with federal price transparency rules. FireLight also recently performed an analysis of hospital immunotherapy pricing reported in Medscape that raised questions about market power and fair pricing in hospital settings.

Jim currently serves on a technical expert panel providing input to CMS regarding price transparency data file standards. He's an adjunct faculty member at UCLA and a former member of the university's medical Institutional Review Board overseeing patient safety in clinical trials. Jim is also a recipient of a UCLA Health Innovation Challenge Award. He is a former attorney and received a BS in Mathematics from UCLA and a law degree from UC Berkeley.

Chris Deacon
Owner, VerSan Consulting

Chris Deacon has a deep understanding of the fiduciary role health plan administrators hold and should be leveraging in order to drive value for their plan sponsors and members. An attorney by training, Deacon formed VerSan Consulting, LLC in order to educate and engage employers to be more prudent purchasers of healthcare. From creative procurement methodologies and demanding contracts, to population health initiatives and primary care investment, Deacon believes that large employer-sponsored health plans not only have an opportunity – but an obligation – to drive health care transformation that delivers value for the market.



Prior to founding VerSan Consulting, Deacon ran one of the largest health plans in the country for the New Jersey Department of Treasury, which covered over 820k public sector lives, including state employees, teachers and uniformed professionals. During her tenure, Deacon was credited with helping the State save over \$3 billion through a number of initiatives, including enhanced oversight, payment integrity programs, procurement strategy, and strict accountability for the vendors with which the State engaged. Deacon has also served as a Deputy Attorney General, and then Special Counsel to Governor Christie where she oversaw the Department of Banking and Insurance, Economic Development Authority and Treasury. She holds a JD from Rutgers Law School and BA in International Affairs from The George Washington University.