



Shelly Ten Napel | Chief Executive Officer

Shelly Ten Napel joined CHAD in March of 2016. Having grown up in South Dakota, she is excited for the opportunity to continue working on health care and health policy back at home.

Ms. Ten Napel served most recently as the Director of the Health Care Reform and Innovation Administration in the DC Department of Health Care Finance (DCHF), which housed the District's Medicaid agency. Her division developed an agenda for Medicaid payment and delivery system reform.

Her portfolio of experience included health information exchange, the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, Medicaid reimbursement for telemedicine, and the development of a health home program designed to offer a coordinated approach to providing behavioral health, other health care, and social services. She also led a State Innovation Model planning initiative for the District.

Prior to DHCF, Shelly worked as a Director for AcademyHealth, working primarily on State Coverage Initiatives (SCI), the national program office for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation state-based coverage programs. After the passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), SCI helped coordinate the State Health Reform Assistance Network which supported 11 states in implementing the Medicaid, Exchange, and insurance reform aspects of the ACA. She also provided consulting services to the DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority on their consumer assistance programs. During her time at AcademyHealth, she helped lead the State Quality Improvement Institute, which worked with eight states to develop programs focused on improving quality and containing health care costs.

Before AcademyHealth, Ms. Ten Napel was the Development Director for Columbia Road Health Services, a Community Health Center that serves low-income and uninsured residents of Washington, DC. Previous to that, she served as a Policy and Program Manager for the National Rural Health Association where she did health policy work related to health insurance, rural health care quality and managed several programs; including ones related to Community Health Centers, the Medicare PACE program, Medicare Part D and rural EMS. Shelly spent the first four years of her career working for U.S. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, becoming a legislative assistant on health care issues. She advised the Senator on a range of health policy issues including health care appropriations, Medicare, Medicaid, insurance reform, public health, and rural health care issues.

Shelly holds Masters Degrees in Social Work and Public Policy from the University of Michigan. She did her thesis work on health care finance while working for the Community HealthCare Association of the Dakotas. Shelly resides in Sioux Falls with her husband and two children.