



Howard A. Kahn
CEO, L.A. Care Health Plan
2011 Mathias Award Recipient

Howard A. Kahn is Chief Executive Officer of L.A. Care Health Plan, a position he has held since 2001. L.A. Care Health Plan is the nation's largest public health plan with nearly 800,000 enrolled members. In his position as CEO, Mr. Kahn leads a coalition of over 50 community organizations that have joined together to create the Children's Health Initiative of Greater Los Angeles, an effort to provide health insurance to every low-income child in Los Angeles County. Launched in June 2004, the Initiative has successfully raised over \$100 million through a public/private partnership, and is actively enrolling children in health coverage programs. Mr. Kahn has also led efforts by L.A. Care to reinvest millions of dollars into the community, with a special emphasis on strengthening the Safety Net.

Howard has more than 25 years of experience in healthcare, leading for-profit, not-for-profit and public organizations, with an emphasis on serving diverse and vulnerable populations. He served as Senior Vice President for Latin America and Global Health at CIGNA International, where he was responsible for managing the overall implementation of CIGNA's programs and strategies in targeted markets. Mr. Kahn has also served in several capacities at Aetna, notably as a Vice President responsible for the company's global health business, and as Vice President and General Manager for Aetna's nationwide governmental managed care and managed health operations.

Howard was Founding President and Chief Executive Officer of The California Wellness Foundation, a \$1 billion foundation whose mission is to promote health and prevent disease in underserved communities. He was also the Founding Chief Executive Officer of the Health Plan of San Mateo, a public non-profit HMO.

Currently, Howard is chair of the California Association of Health Plans, the first public plan CEO to hold that position. In 2009, Governor Schwarzenegger appointed Howard to the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability (Prop. 63) Commission. He also serves on the boards of Cal eConnect, the Association for Community Affiliated Plans, The Good Hope Foundation; Insure the Uninsured Project, Latino Coalition for a Healthy California, Local Health Plans of California and the School of Community & Global Health at the Claremont Graduate School. Howard pursued undergraduate studies at Harvard, received his Bachelor's degree in Development Studies from UC Berkeley, and his Masters in Public Affairs from the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota.

Howard is married with three teenage children, and lives in South Pasadena, California.

Mr. Kahn is to be honored at the 2011 Partners in Care Foundation Vision & Excellence in Health Care Leadership Tribute Dinner on Monday, May 9, 2011 at the Beverly Hills Hotel in Beverly Hills, California.

About the Mathias Award

Given each year in recognition of an innovative and creative leader or organization in the professional health care community whose vision, dedication, and accomplishments are changing the shape of health care. The award was initiated and named in honor of Partners in Care Foundation's first award winners, Founding Chair of the Board, Dr. Allen Mathies and Weta Mathies.

Previous Mathies Award honorees include: Robert W. Lundy and Lloyd A. Bookman, founding partners of health law firm Hooper, Lundy & Bookman, Inc.; Richard A. Norling, former CEO, Premier: Inc; George C. Halvorson, CEO, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan; Lloyd H. Dean, CEO, Catholic Health care West; Francine Kaufman, MD, world-leader in diabetes care; Thomas M. Priselac, CEO, Cedars-Sinai Health System; D. Duane Dauner, CEO, California Hospital Association; Robert E. Tranquada, MD, major health leader; James E. Ludlum, JD, the "father" of health law; Yoshi Honkawa, distinguished government relations expert in health; Dr. Allen Mathies, president emeritus of Huntington Memorial Hospital and Weta Mathies, distinguished community leader.