



## **Leadership of the California Center for Connected Health (CCCH)**

### **Sandra Shewry, M.P.H.**

#### **Founding President and Chief Executive Officer**

Sandra Shewry has held a number of senior leadership positions within California state government. She most recently served as director of the California Department of Health Care Services, which administers California's Medicaid program (Medi-Cal) and the California Children's Services program and provides financial support to the state's health care safety net. Other programs under Ms. Shewry's leadership have included public health, emergency preparedness, and licensing of health facilities.

Ms. Shewry served as the executive director of the California Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board from 1996 to 2002, and was a member of the team responsible for development and implementation of California's high-risk pool (MRMIP); a subsidized pregnancy coverage program (AIM); a small employer purchasing cooperative (HIPC); and the state's SCHIP program (Healthy Families).

Ms. Shewry is a member of the Commonwealth Fund's Commission on a High Performance Health Care System. She earned graduate degrees in public health and social welfare from the University of California at Berkeley.

### **Thomas Nesbitt, M.D., M.P.H.**

#### **Executive Director of Telehealth Services**

Thomas Nesbitt is executive associate dean of the University of California Davis School of Medicine and a professor in the department of family and community medicine specializing in rural health and the use of advanced telecommunications technologies to improve access to medical education and care.

Dr. Nesbitt is the founding director of the Center for Health and Technology, which oversees UC Davis's telemedicine, distance learning, and medical informatics programs. He works closely with UC Office of the President, health care policy leaders, and senior staff from the State of California to implement Proposition 1D and the California Telehealth Network.

As co-director of the California Telehealth Network, Dr. Nesbitt oversees the deployment of a statewide telecommunications program that will link over 500 sites on a "digital health highway." Together, these two initiatives will greatly expand access to health care services for many patients and families in rural areas.

Dr. Nesbitt received his medical degree from UC Davis, completed residency training through the Spokane Family Medicine Residency Program, an affiliate of the University of Washington School of Medicine, and obtained his master's of public health at the University of Washington's School of Public Health.