



**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES**  
**MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH**  
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**Laura Davis**

**Laura Davis**, a resident of Westminster, is the Director of Environmental, Health & Safety and System Safety Engineering for Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. She has 28 years of experience in the environmental, health and safety field including service at Metropolitan Denver Wastewater Reclamation District; Public Service Company of Colorado; and Chemical Waste Management, Inc. She began working at Ball Aerospace in April of 1991. In addition to managing the Environmental, Health and Safety and the System Safety Engineering Departments, Ms. Davis participates in conducting compliance assessments at other Ball Corporation facilities throughout the United States.

Ms. Davis, a Colorado native, has a Master's in Environmental Policy and Management from the University of Denver and is a Registered Environmental Assessor with the State of California. She has served as a member of the Colorado Hazardous Waste Roundtable; the Colorado Air Quality Forum; and the Environmental Information Consortium. She has also served on the Jefferson County, Boulder County and Broomfield County Local Emergency Planning Committees. Her volunteer activities include various charitable projects associated with the Order of the Eastern Star.

Ms. Davis was appointed to the State Board of Health by Governor Roy Romer in 1995. She was reappointed by Governor Bill Owens in 1999 and again in 2003. In April 2007, she was reappointed by Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. to serve another four-year term. Ms. Davis currently serves as vice-president of the Board. She also served as vice-president in 2002 and 2003.

**Larry W. Kipe, M.D.**

**Larry Kipe, M.D.**, a resident of Craig, has practiced family medicine with the Moffat Family Clinic in Craig since 1989. He previously practiced medicine in the U.S. Air Force, including at Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and on remote assignment in Ankara, Turkey.

Dr. Kipe is Board Certified in Family Practice and Geriatric Medicine. He is a member of the American Medical Society, American Academy of Family Physicians, Colorado Medical Society and the Colorado Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Kipe received his B.S. degree from the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas. He received his M.D. degree from the University of Texas Southwestern, and completed his residency in Family Practice at the Air Force Regional Hospital at Carswell AFB, Texas.

Dr. Kipe was appointed to the State Board of Health by Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. in April 2007.

**Jeanne T. McGinnis**

**Jeanne T. McGinnis**, a resident of Jefferson County, is currently vice president of business development and physician services for Exempla Lutheran Medical Center in Wheat Ridge. Prior to this she was president of Premier Medical Services, Inc. (1991-2005) providing healthcare consultation to for-profit and not-for-profit systems in both the public and private sectors. Her past experience also includes serving as regional vice president of PrincipalCare & MediSphere Health Partners, Inc. management service organization (1997-1999); director of physician services for P/SL Healthcare System, Aurora

Presbyterian Hospital (1989-1991); manager of adult psychiatric services at West Pines Psychiatric Hospital (1988-1989); and director of psychiatric services at AMI Presbyterian Aurora Hospital (1987-1988). Early in her career, she worked in various clinical nursing positions at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD, the Anne Arundel General Hospital in Annapolis, MD, and The University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City.

Ms. McGinnis earned a Master of Administrative Science (cum laude) in 1986 from The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, having first earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1980 from The University of Iowa College of Nursing in Iowa City, Iowa.

Her volunteer and community activities include leadership within and/or fundraising for Colorado Academy; Jefferson County Jr. Sports Association; Rockland Community Church; and Mercy Housing. She and her husband, Michael, moved to Jefferson County from the east coast in the 80s. They have two children.

Ms. McGinnis was appointed to the State Board of Health by Governor Roy Romer in October 1995. She was reappointed by Governor Bill Owens in June 1999 and again in February 2003. In April 2007, Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. reappointed her to serve another four-year term. She served as president of the Board in 2007 and 2008, and previously served for several years as vice-president of the Board. She also represents the Board of Health on the State Tobacco Education, Prevention and Cessation Grant Program Review Committee.

### **Philip S. Mehler, MD, FACP**

**Philip S. Mehler, MD, FACP**, a resident of Denver, is the Chief Medical Officer of Denver Health. Dr. Mehler has been at Denver Health since training there as a resident in the early 1980s. He served as Chief of Internal Medicine from 1993-2003 and was named Denver Health's Associate Medical Director in 2003. He served in that position until 2008, when he was promoted to Chief Medical Officer for Denver Health. Dr. Mehler is also a Professor of Medicine at the CU Medical School where he holds the Glassman Endowed Chair of Medicine. This was the first ever endowed chair at a public hospital. Mr. Glassman was a patient of Dr. Mehler's for many years and deeply appreciated the medical services provided to him.

Dr. Mehler, a Denver native, is a Phi Beta Kappa and Honors Graduate of the University of Colorado, and an Alpha Omega Alpha Graduate of the CU Medical School.

Dr. Mehler has published almost 200 manuscripts, many in the area of medical complications of anorexia nervosa and bulimia, and has been honored by 5280 Magazine numerous times as the Top Internist in Denver. In addition, Dr. Mehler has been listed in Best Doctors in America for the last twelve years, and he is listed in Who's Who in America. He has won numerous teaching and research awards from both the University of Colorado Department of Medicine and from Denver Health. He is recognized as the national and international expert in the medical complications of anorexia nervosa and bulimia.

Dr. Mehler is on the national task force for health care reform. The National Association of Public Hospitals (NAPH) recognized him in June 2009 with their "Chair Award," for his medical contributions to vulnerable patients within the public safety-net hospital. This is the highest award given annually by NAPH. In 2009, he was named the recipient of the Silver & Gold Award, the highest honor bestowed upon an alumnus by the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Dr. Mehler was appointed to the State Board of Health by Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. in April 2009.

### **Kindra Mulch**

**Kindra Mulch**, a resident of Burlington, is the Director of Kit Carson County Health and Human Services. In this capacity, she is responsible for all public and environmental health programs as well as all human (social) service programs for Kit Carson County. In all, Ms. Mulch has over 25 years working for the Kit Carson County Board of County Commissioners. She began her career with Kit Carson County as a public health nurse in 1980. As public health nurse, her responsibilities included communicable disease control; well child care; immunizations for adults and children; adult health services; school nursing; prenatal care program; home health; and special projects. From 1989-2001, she served as administrator of Kit Carson County Public Health, and she became Health and Human Services administrator in 2001. Ms. Mulch is also owner and partner in Mulch Farms in Burlington.

Ms. Mulch earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1980 from Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS, and has been a licensed Registered Nurse in Colorado since 1980.

As a member of the Public Health Nurses Association of Colorado (formerly Colorado County Nurses Association) since 1980, she has served in every elected office and committee assignment. She is also a member of the Colorado Nurses Association; the Colorado Association of Local Public Health Leaders; the Colorado Rural Health Association; and the Colorado Social Service Directors Association. She has served as a board member for the Colorado Association of School Boards and as a Burlington School Board member. Currently Ms. Mulch serves on the Centennial Area Health Education Board, Rural Solutions and as a Prairie Family Center board member. Ms. Mulch received the 2002 Hero in Health award from the Colorado Children's Campaign. In 1997 she received the Florence Award from the Colorado County Nurses Association, and in 1986 she was honored as Colorado County Nurse of the Year.

Ms. Mulch was appointed to the State Board of Health by Governor Roy Romer in 1997. She was reappointed by Governor Bill Owens in 2001 and again in 2005. In April 2009 she was reappointed by Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. to serve another four-year term. She served as vice-president of the Board in 2004. Ms. Mulch serves as the Board of Health representative on the Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease, and Chronic Pulmonary Disease Program Review Committee.

### **Christine Nevin-Woods, DO, MPH**

**Christine Nevin-Woods, DO, MPH**, a resident of Pueblo, has been the executive director of the Pueblo City-County Health Department and health officer for Pueblo County for 18 years.

Dr. Nevin-Woods has served in a variety of public health, clinical medicine and academic positions during her career, including as state epidemiologist and director of the communicable disease division for the Hawaii State Department of Health, and in the U. S. Army Medical Corps as general medical officer at Army Medical Centers in El Paso, Texas, Columbia, S.C. and Honolulu, Hawaii. She also was a staff physician at the Pueblo Community Health Center for 10 years and currently is the medical director of the Pueblo Child Advocacy Center. She is a clinical assistant professor with the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine; community medicine coordinator for the Southern Colorado Family Medicine Residency Program; and teaches at Colorado State University-Pueblo.

Dr. Nevin-Woods received her B.A. degree from Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. She received her D.O. degree from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine; and her Master's in Public Health from the University of Hawaii School of Public Health.

Dr. Nevin-Woods is president-elect of the Colorado Public Health Association. In 2007, she was appointed to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Vaccine Advisory Committee

for a four-year term. She has previously served on numerous boards and committees, including the boards of the Colorado Society of Osteopathic Medicine; National Association for County and City Health Officials; St. Mary-Corwin Regional Medical Center; American Hospital Association, NOVA Award Advisory Panel; Pueblo Montessori Association; and the Pueblo Child Advocacy Center. She served as president of the Colorado Health Officers Association from 1993-1995 and she served a previous term on the State Board of Health from 1997-2001 as an appointee of Governor Roy Romer.

Dr. Nevin-Woods was appointed to the State Board of Health by Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. in April 2007.

### **Joelle Riddle**

**Joelle Riddle**, a resident of Durango, is currently serving her first term as a La Plata County Commissioner. Prior to being elected to the office of county commissioner in the fall of 2006, she worked as an education program manager for Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains in Durango, and before that, she was the owner of a small business.

Ms. Riddle has made community participation an integral part of her life, and is an active volunteer for several nonprofits and community coalitions. Some of her involvement includes co-founding the Four Corners Safe School Coalition and serving as a volunteer for the Alternative Horizons local domestic violence hotline as well as serving on the Women's Resource Center Board. She is a current board member of the San Juan Basin Health Department and a member of the Health and Human Services Committee of Colorado Counties, Inc. She is also an active member of the local Kiwanis Club. Ms. Riddle received the "Rising Star" award at the 74th Annual Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner held by the Colorado Democratic Party in March of 2007.

Ms. Riddle has called La Plata County home for many years. She attended high school in Durango and Bayfield, and studied occupational therapy and social work at Ft. Lewis College in Durango and Colorado State University in Ft. Collins. She loves the beauty of the four corners area and enjoys outdoor activities whenever possible, including hiking, biking and snowboarding. She and her husband, Matt, are the parents of a 14-year old son, Meshah.

Ms. Riddle was appointed to the State Board of Health by Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. in April 2007 to serve as the county commissioner member of the Board. In April 2009, she was reappointed to serve a four-year term.

### **Glenn H. Schlabs**

**Glenn H. Schlabs**, a resident of Colorado Springs, is a member of the law firm of Sherman & Howard, LLC, in the Labor and Employment Department of the firm's Colorado Springs office. His practice includes advising both unionized and non-union employers concerning their rights and duties under federal, state and local anti-discrimination, employment and labor laws, including the Fair Labor Standards, Davis-Bacon, Service Contract and Mine Safety and Health Acts. Mr. Schlabs represents employers on employment and labor matters in the state and federal trial and appellate courts, as well as before the National Labor Relations Board. Mr. Schlabs has taught numerous continuing legal education programs with the American Arbitration Association, the Department of Justice and the Institute for Applied Management and Law. He is also a contributing editor to *The Developing Labor Law*. Mr. Schlabs joined Sherman & Howard in 1989.

Mr. Schlabs served in the U.S. Air Force from 1969 to 1989, where he was a pilot and a judge advocate. Mr. Schlabs is a member of the Colorado and Nevada Bars. He has served as president of the El Paso County Bar Association; a member of the Fourth Judicial District Nominating Commission; and a member of the Colorado Springs Osteopathic Foundation.

Education: LL.M. in Labor Law, Cornell University, 1981; Juris Doctor (with honors, Order of the Coif), University of Texas at Austin School of Law, 1977; Master of Arts in Economics, University of California – Los Angeles, 1970; Bachelor of Science (magna cum laude), U.S. Air Force Academy, 1969.

Mr. Schlabs was appointed to the State Board of Health by Governor Bill Owens in 2002 and was reappointed in 2005. In April 2009, he was reappointed by Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. to serve another four-year term. Mr. Schlabs currently serves as president of the Board. He served as vice-president of the Board in 2007 and 2008.