Executive Position Profile

Chief Health Policy Officer

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1. Position Description

Scope of Position

The **Chief Health Policy Officer** provides leadership as chief administrative officer of the AAN Center for Health Policy (CHP) located in Minneapolis, MN and Washington, DC.

Education and Experience

- Bachelor’s degree or equivalent
- 5+ years of related professional experience conducive to the successful leadership and management of CHP, which may include but is not limited to leadership and management experience in a medical association or organization, or in insurance or other fields related to medicine or health policy, or as a healthcare executive in a medical practice or institution.

Primary Duties

- Provide oversight to CHP staffing of the Government Relations Committee, Practice Committee and its subcommittees, Medical Economics and Management Committee and its subcommittees, Registry Committee and the AMA Delegation.
- Facilitate effective relationships with Federal health-related agencies.
- Facilitate effective relationships with state neurosocieties and state medical societies.
- Provide oversight for the political action committee (BrainPAC).
- Direct, oversee and monitor activities of AAN’s Washington, D.C. office.
- Participate in the strategic planning of the AAN and direct strategic activities of the CHP.
- Serve as the primary liaison to the Officers and Board of the AAN relating to CHP activities.
- Oversee development and implementation of CHP budget.
- Effectively manage and guide professional development of CHP staff.
- Collaborate and work effectively as a member of the executive staff team of the AAN.

Experience Requirements

Knowledge, Skill and Abilities

- Must be politically astute with the ability to build consensus, rally support around common goals and motivate groups and individuals
- Collaborative and engaging personality
- Excellent listening skills
- Understanding of regulatory and legislative process
- Experience in advocacy and quality improvement
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Demonstrated supervisory skills
- Experience in developing health policy and governmental relations at the state and/or federal level
- Knowledgeable of socio-economic issues affecting specialty medicine
- Understanding of physician-payer relations, including private and public payers
- Experience in building coalitions and effective relationships with public and private organizations as well as federal agencies
II. Organization Review

About AAN

Founded in 1948, the AAN now represents more than 30,000 members of which the majority are neurologists. The AAN is dedicated to promoting the highest quality patient-centered care and enhancing member career satisfaction. A neurologist is a doctor with specialized training in diagnosing, treating and managing disorders of the brain and nervous system such as Alzheimer’s disease, stroke, migraine, multiple sclerosis, brain injury, Parkinson’s disease, and epilepsy.

Vision

To be indispensable to our members.

Mission

To promote the highest quality patient-centered neurologic care and enhance member career satisfaction.

Goals

- Ensure the ongoing health of the profession and the organization in order to support the unique needs of all members
- Personalize member communication and the member experience
- Educate and assist members in order to provide high quality clinical care in the evolving healthcare environment
- Advocate for members and their patients on issues of importance to neurology, including access to high-quality, cost-effective care, research, and fair payment
- Enhance member satisfaction with resources that support members throughout their careers
- Promote neurology and neuroscience research and training

Executive Staff

- Catherine M. Rydell, CAE, Executive Director/CEO of the AAN
- Bruce Levi, JD, General Counsel, AAN, AAN Institute
- Timothy Engel, Chief Financial Officer
- Jason Kopinski, Deputy Executive Director, AAN
- Christine E. Phelps, Deputy Executive Director, AAN Institute
- Chris Becker, Chief Business Development Officer
- Angela Babb, CAE, APR Chief Communications Officer

CHP Staff

- Rod Larson, Chief Health Policy Officer (Retiring)
- Becky Schierman, Director Quality Improvement
- Amanda Becker, Senior Director, Policy & Practice Innovation
- Amy Kaloides, Director Advocacy
- Mike Amery, Senior Legislative Counsel, Federal Affairs, Washington, DC
- Thomas Getchius, Director Clinical Practice
- Allie Whitaker, Administrator, Advocacy

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The AAN offices are located in the AAN’s headquarters building; built by the AAN and opened in 2012, located in the heart of the vibrant Mill District in Minneapolis, MN, across from the Guthrie Theater.

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www.aan.com
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