University of Utah Center on Aging

Research Retreat

April 3 & 4, 2007 Health Sciences Education Building – Alumni Hall

With Distinguished Visiting Scholars:



Robert L. Kane, M.D. Professor and Minnesota Chair in Long-Term Care and Aging

Robert Kane, MD, currently holds an endowed chair in Long-term Care and Aging, directs the Center on Aging and the Minnesota Geriatric Education Center and co-directs University's Clinical Outcomes Research Center. He also directs an AHRQ-funded Evidence-based Practice Center. He was the Dean of the University of Minnesota School of Public Health from 1985-1990. Dr. Kane has conducted numerous research studies on both the outcome of clinical care and the organization of care, with special attention to the care of older persons, especially those needing long-term care. He currently directs an Evidencebased Practice Center. He is the author or editor of more than 30 books and 350 journal articles and book chapters on health services research, geriatrics, and long-term care. He served on the World Health Organization's Expert Committee on Aging. His current research addresses the outcomes of acute and long-term care, especially the effects of hospital and post-hospital care and better ways to deliver chronic care. He has received the President's Award from the American Society on Aging and the Polisher Award from the Gerontological Society of America. Based on the struggles to get adequate long-term care for their mother, he and his sister, Joan West, wrote It Shouldn't Be This Way. He has formed a national advocacy group, Professionals with Personal Experience with Chronic Care (PPECC).



Rosalie A. Kane, PhD Professor

Rosalie A. Kane, PhD, is a professor of public health at the University of Minnesota where she is also a faculty member of the Center for Biomedical Ethics, School of Social Work, and the Center on Aging. Previously she was a social scientist at The Rand Corporation in Santa Monica, California and a faculty member at the University of California at Los Angeles, and before that, at the University of Utah. Dr. Kane's research is devoted to aspects of long-term care services, organization, policies and financing. It ranges across all settings, including nursing homes, assisted living, and home care, and also concerns topics such as home care, case management, assessment, quality assurance, and regulation, value conflicts in long-term care, ethical dilemmas arising in long-term care, and the tensions between safety and protection versus freedom for those using long-term care services. She serves on many national task forces and committees, is a prolific author of journal articles, books, and reports, and is past editor-in-chief of both The Gerontologist and Health and Social Work. She directs a national study on Measurement, Indicators, and Improvement of Quality of Life in Nursing Homes and a national study on service patterns in assisted living. In 1998, she received a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Award in Health Policy Research.