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Biography

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SHARON A. BASKERVILLE **Chief Executive Officer** **District of Columbia Primary Care Association**



Sharon A. Baskerville is highly regarded for her work in advocacy, health care reform, and coalition building. Baskerville honed her skills over a 20-year journey with Community Medical Care, a local safety net health center. Sharon went from patient and recipient of services to an employment path that started with being a receptionist and moved into increasing responsibility for operations – ultimately spending her final three years as executive director. In that role, she became involved in the larger issues of health care in DC, especially the disparities in how care is delivered. Her journey from being an uninsured Medicaid mom to shaper and advocate of policy and funding for the medically vulnerable led to the clarity and direction that guides her today. Baskerville has four sons and has been a DC resident for over three decades.

AWARDS

Mayor’s Commission on HIV/AIDS (2011) · HHS Champion in the Field of Maternal and Child Health in DC (2010) · Howard University Hospital Spirituality and Medicine Leadership Award (2010) · DC Appleseed Community Achievement Award (2009) · Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (2007) · DC Hospital Association Haynes Rice Community Service Award (2007) · Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Program Award (2006) · National Association of Community Health Centers Norton Wilson State/Regional Leadership Award (2006) · Chartered Family Health Center Champions for Health Award (2005, 2006) · Consumer Health Foundation (2005) · DC Department of Health Maternal and Family Health Administration *Lantern Award* (2003) · The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences Distinguished Service Award (1999) · DC Health Maintenance Organizations Association Community Service Award (1999) · The University of Chicago Kellogg Fellows International Health Leadership Development *Building Bridges Award* (1999)

Baskerville realized the suffering of the medically needy was directly related to ineffective public policy. Her first contribution to developing the political will needed for systemic health care reform was her leadership in founding the Non-Profit Clinic Consortium (NPCC) to encourage and support local safety net providers in developing a cohesive vision and political presence.

Her leadership at the NPCC brought the recognition that led to her appointment in 1998 as executive director of the newly chartered DC Primary Care Association whose mission is to facilitate the creation of an integrated primary care system that guarantees access to quality health care and eliminates disparities. Since its inception, DCPCA has become a powerful player in health care issues in the District of Columbia. In 2003, with support from the DC government, DCPCA created Medical Homes DC – a \$125 million, ten-year initiative to address capital, clinical, and operational needs of community-based health centers. The District has made a commitment of \$70 million in capital dollars and another \$10 million for operational support.

For her passionate commitment to the medically underserved, Sharon received numerous awards and mayoral appointments, including to the Mayor’s Commission on HIV/AIDS, Health Policy Council, the Health Services Reform Commission, the Task Force on HIV and AIDS, the Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Program Advisory Committee, and the Health Care Task Force.