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Bryan Samuels is the director of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. He began his Illinois public career in 1990 as an assistant with the Human Services Department under then Governor James Thompson, where he served as liaison between the Governor and the state’s human service agencies. Samuels earlier worked with state and local agencies over ten years in several states including Missouri, Rhode Island, Kentucky, and Nebraska. He has also advised the Cummings Foundation, Annie E. Casey Foundation, John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and Danforth Foundation and has worked with the National Center for Family Centered Practice. Director Samuels brings personal insights to the state’s top child welfare office having lived in a group home and attended Glenwood School for Boys from his early elementary school days through high school. After graduating from Glenwood, Samuels earned a B.A degree in economics from the University of Notre Dame, as well as an M.A. degree in public policy from the University of Chicago where he later served as an adjunct professor at the School of Social Service Administration.

Keki R. Bhole is the president of Keki R. Bhole Associates, a company specializing in Six Sigma Quality and Productivity Initiatives. He has consulted with over 420 companies in 33 countries, ranging from manufacturing and service industries to universities and governments. Mr. Bhole retired from Motorola after 42 years of service. At the time of his retirement he was senior corporate consultant for quality and productivity improvement. He received a B.S. in telecommunications engineering from the University of Madras and a M.S. in applied physics and engineering sciences from Harvard University. Mr. Bhole is a seminar leader for the American Management Association, the Management Center of Europe, and the Management Center for the Middle East. He has been an associate professor at the Illinois Institute of Technology and a visiting professor at the University of San Diego and Northwestern University. Mr. Bhole is on the editorial boards of the National Productivity Review and Strategic Insights in Quality. He has published over 200 papers, addressed numerous professional societies, and has lectured and consulted on four continents.

Robert Rosner, Ph.D., an internationally recognized astrophysicist, recently assumed the directorship of Argonne National Laboratory (ANL). Previously, he served as chief scientist at ANL since 2002. He was chairman of astronomy and astrophysics at the University of Chicago from 1991 to 1997, and since 1998 has been the university's William E. Wrather Distinguished Service Professor. Mr. Rosner was the Rothschild Visiting Professor at the Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences at Cambridge University in 2004. He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2001, and is a fellow of the American Physical Society. Mr. Rosner holds a Ph.D. in physics from Harvard University and a bachelor's in physics from Brandeis University. Rosner's many scientific community services include current positions on the External Advisory Committee for the National Ignition Facility at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the Steering Committee of the Interagency Task Force on High Energy Density Physics, the Scientific Advisory Committees for the Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research, Lindau, Germany, and the Astrophysical Institute Potsdam, Germany. As head of Argonne National Laboratory, Dr. Rosner is an opinion leader on several subjects including energy research and development, accelerator science, computational science, and nanotechnology.

Robert Levy, M.D., Ph.D., director of Northwestern Memorial Hospital's Gamma Knife Program, and chief of the section of stereotactic neurosurgery, is professor of neurological surgery and physiology at the Feinberg School of Medicine. His medical degree was earned at Stanford University Medical School, where he also received his doctorate in neurosciences and completed a postdoctoral fellowship. He performed a residency in neurological surgery and served as chief resident at the University of California-San Francisco, where he worked at the Brain Tumor Research Center. Dr. Levy is board certified in neurological surgery and has performed stereotactic radiosurgery procedures as well as microneurosurgical operations for several years. He has authored several neurological surgery texts and published hundreds of journal articles, abstracts, and national and international presentations. His research now centers on restoring function after stroke and in novel methods of drug delivery to the brain and brain tumors. He has been given a number of honors and awards and has been listed in the Best Doctors in America for his work in neurological surgery and radiosurgery.
Anthony Hirschel is the Dana Feitler Director of the David and Alfred Smart Museum of Art. Mr. Hirschel, trained as an historian of the art of the late Middle Ages and early Renaissance at the University of Michigan and at Yale, has been active in art museum administration for nearly twenty years, fourteen of them as a museum director. Much of that time has been spent in some of the nation's most ambitious and widely-recognized academic art museums at Yale, the University of Virginia, and Emory University. He has also taught at Yale and at Randolph-Macon Women's College in Roanoke, Virginia. Before coming to the University of Chicago's Smart Museum of Art in 2005 as its Director, Hirschel spent three years as the Director and CEO of the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Hirschel's experience spans all aspects of art museum operations, ranging from acquisitions to capital campaigns, conservation to major expansion and renovation of facilities. Among other professional affiliations, Hirschel is a member (and former Board member) of the Association of Art Museum Directors and is a Board member of the American Federation of Arts.

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