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Dr. Husten is the Interim President at Partnership for Prevention, a non-profit, non-partisan organization committed to improving the health of all people by preventing illness and injury. She was initially board certified in family practice and subsequently in preventive medicine. After practicing as a family practice physician in the private sector for seven years, she completed a Cancer Prevention Fellowship at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). She then went to the Office on Smoking and Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Georges C. Benjamin is the Executive Director of the American Public Health Association (APHA), the nation's oldest and largest organization of public health professionals, since December 2002. He came to that post from his position as secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, where he played a key role in developing Maryland's bioterrorism plan. Benjamin became secretary of the Maryland Health Department in April 1999, following four years as deputy secretary for public health services. As secretary, Dr. Benjamin oversaw the expansion and improvement in the state's Medicaid program.

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