

Abbreviated Biography

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Bobbie Berkowitz is currently Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychosocial and Community Health at the University of Washington School of Nursing and Director for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Turning Point National Program Office. Dr. Berkowitz also directs the NINR funded Center for the Advancement of Health Disparities Research at the University of Washington School of Nursing. She holds an Adjunct Professor appointment with the Department of Health Services at the University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine. She joined the faculty at the University of Washington in July 1996 after having served as Deputy Secretary for the Washington State Department of Health. During her tenure at the Department of Health, she chaired the Public Health Improvement Plan Steering Committee and was responsible for the development of The Washington State Public Health Improvement Plan (1994,1996). Prior to 1993, she was Chief of Nursing Services for the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health. Bobbie served on the Washington State Board of Health from 1988 to 1993 and was appointed by the Governor to the Washington Health Care Commission from 1990 through 1992. Bobbie is a member of the Board of Directors for the Hanford Environmental Health Foundation and serves on the Editorial Advisory Board of the journal, Public Health Nursing and as Associate Editor of Nursing Outlook. She serves as Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of Qualis Health and Vice-Chair of The Public Health Foundation Board. She was elected to the Board of Trustees for Group Health Cooperative in January 2004. Bobbie is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and an elected member of the Institute of Medicine. She is currently Vice-Chair of the IOM Committee on Physical Activity, Health, Transportation, and Land Use and a member of the IOM Committee on Benefits, Payment, and Performance Improvement. She holds a Ph.D. in Nursing Science from Case Western Reserve University and Master of Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Washington.