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Kristine M. Gebbie, DrPH, RN, is the Elizabeth Standish Gill Associate Professor of Nursing, Director, Center for Health Policy and Director of the Doctor of Nursing Science program at Columbia University School of Nursing. Her focus of teaching and research is health policy and health services, with particular attention to population-based public health services and workforce preparedness. She recently completed defining core competencies in emergency preparedness for the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and has just been awarded support to define competencies in bioterrorism readiness. In 2000, Dr. Gebbie completed a nationwide enumeration of the public health workforce for the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). With continued support from the CDC and new funding from HRSA, Dr. Gebbie is undertaking additional research and providing ongoing training in emergency preparedness and response.

Dr. Gebbie was Secretary of the Department of Health for the State of Washington (1989-93). In addition to service as the public health administrator for the State of Oregon (1978-89), and the coordinator of ambulatory care for St. Louis University Hospitals (1975-78), Dr. Gebbie has taught nursing and health policy courses at the University of Washington (1989-93), the Oregon Health Sciences University (1978-89), the University of California at Los Angeles (1968-71), and St. Louis University (1971-78). She served four years as a Senior Consultant on Public Health Initiatives to the Office of Public Health and Science, US Department of Health and Human Services. She was the first White House National AIDS Policy Coordinator (1993-94). Dr. Gebbie is active in many professional organizations, and has served as a member of the Executive Board of the American Public Health Association. She has chaired the Environment, Safety, and Health Advisory Committee of the U.S. Department of Energy. She has been elected as a fellow to the American Academy of Nursing and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Gebbie has been associated with HIV policy and services since early in the epidemic. She was a member of the first Presidential Commission on AIDS, the AIDS committees of both the Institute of Medicine and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials and chaired the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on the Prevention of HIV Infection. She is past president and board member of the Lutheran AIDS Network. She is currently the vice chair of the Institute of Medicine's Committee on the Smallpox Vaccination Program.

Kristine Gebbie earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at St. Olaf College, a Masters of Nursing from the University of California at Los Angeles, and a Doctor of Public Health in

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