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Ms. Mensch has 30 years experience in federal, state and local health care and disability services systems and policies, including Medicare, Medicaid, federal community health and mental health systems, long term care, employment, transportation, housing and other human services policies for people with disabilities and chronic conditions, particularly neurological conditions. She is experienced in policy and service delivery concepts for patient-centered care, consumer-directed care, care coordination, medical home, and other consumer-oriented community-based innovations, and in local integration of housing and human services policies for at-risk populations, including people with disabilities and chronic conditions.

Ms. Mensch has provided project management, coordination of experts, committees, subcontractors, external and internal stakeholders and resources, and budget. She manages broad strategic concepts as well as tactical technical details. She is a prolific policy analyst, writer and editor with clinical, professional, and consumer publication and presentation credits.

EDUCATION:

Masters, Public Administration (M.P.A.), in Finance, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia
B.A., Political Science & English, The American University, Washington, DC,

EXPERIENCE:

Senior Associate, New Editions Consulting, Inc., McLean, VA, 2005-2007, and 2010-present.

Coordinated program evaluation, planning, policy review, consensus panel organization, facilitation, and publications under a federal management support contract with the National Institute for Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR), Department of Education. Managed agenda development, logistics, background material, speakers, and meeting summaries for series of special meetings under the HHS Office of Disability New Freedom Initiative Workgroup on incorporating “medical home” concepts into the HHS common framework for community systems, and conducting survey of Workgroup agencies on their potential roles and collaboration on “medical home.”

Vice President, Reimbursement Policy, the Neocure Group, Washington, DC & Boston, MA, 2007-2010

Provided strategic analysis, advice and education to medical device companies and providers on public and private payer coverage, payment and coding systems and policies, comparative effectiveness, and value-based/quality performance concepts. Conducted survey on how medical device manufacturers deploy reimbursement resources, presented at the Harvard Medical Device Congress. Consumer representative on the National Quality Forum’s Steering Committee for stroke care quality measures.

Vice President, Payment Policy, Consultant, Advanced Medical Technology Association, Washington, DC, 2000-2005

Focused on federal coverage, coding and payment policies for this 800-member non-profit medical manufacturer's trade association. Coordinated committees and consultants to work closely with Medicare agency staff to develop medical device pass-through categories for outpatient hospital payment; and on policies relating to national competitive bidding program for durable medical equipment used by people with disabilities and chronic diseases.

Manager, Health & Healing, Phillips Publishing, Inc., Potomac, MD, 1997-1999

Managed editorial content, team marketing, customer relations, public relations, scheduling, and new products for 500,000-subscriber consumer health newsletter.

Director, Health Policy Department, American Urological Association, Baltimore, MD, 1993-1997

Led department with \$2.8 million budget, staff of 11, 7 contractors, and 12 committees. Reported to CEO/Board of this national nonprofit specialty society representing 7,000 surgeons. Directed planning and produced seminars, surveys, clinical guidelines, physician office practice solutions, media relations, and government affairs.

Assistant Director, Washington, DC Office, American Academy of Ophthalmology, 1982-1993

Second-in-command in 9-person branch, \$1.2 million budget. National non-profit specialty society representing 16,000 eye surgeons. Educated Congress, agencies, and on Medicare physician and hospital coding, quality and payment. Coordinated FDA and Medicare agencies; HHS, GAO and other agencies.

Legislative Assistant, National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services, Alexandria, VA, 1978-1982

Provided legislative and agency analysis and advocacy representing state-level officials on Medicaid, housing, education, and other federal programs for persons with disabilities.

Research Assistant, Morris Associates, National Association of Community Mental Health Centers, 1975-1978

Provided legislative and agency research and analysis relating to local mental health centers on programs under substance abuse, mental health, community health, Medicaid, housing, education, and other federal programs for persons with mental health needs.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Mason District Appointed Member, Fairfax, Virginia, Human Services Council, 2006-present

Specific duties of the appointed members of the HSC include: analyzing the needs and effectiveness of the human services system; advising the system on annual and strategic goals, objectives and priorities, in consideration of the requirements on non-county funding; enhancing the coordination of services among human service providers; advising the Board of Supervisors on the County Executive's budget and priorities.

Human Services Council Appointed Member, Fairfax Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee, 2006-present

Specific duties of the appointed members of the CCFAC include: overseeing all aspects of the policy, priorities and proposal evaluation criteria, planning and development for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) funds projects. These projects provide for: (1) human services; (2) affordable housing development administration and construction; and (3) acquisition and/or rehabilitation of affordable housing in Fairfax County. The CCFP is funded through the County General Fund, the Community Services Block Grant and the Community Development Block Grant.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

Author, *Conquering Aphasia & Stroke for Caregivers*, Positive Power Publishing, Merrifield, VA, May 2010.

Author, Caregiver's Corner: "Building Independence: Provide Support While Re-establishing Routine," *StrokeSmart*, National Stroke Association, Colorado, May-June, 2009.

Author, *Report on the National Institute for Disability and Rehabilitation Research Expert Panel, Concepts for a Research Agenda to Make Prescription Drug Information Accessible for People with Blindness and Visual Impairments*, produced by New Editions Consulting, Inc., under contract with NIDRR, Department of Education, Washington, DC, March 2006.

Author with Paul Berger, *How to Conquer the World With One Hand...And an Attitude*, Second Edition, with Foreword by Julian Whitaker, MD, Positive Power Publishing, Merrifield, VA, June 2002.

Author, with Paul Berger, "Consumer's Perspective: Working With Aphasia," *Topics in Stroke Rehabilitation*, Aspen Publishers, Inc., Spring, 1999.

Author, *A Summary of Existing Legislation Relating to the Handicapped*, under contract for Office of Handicapped Individuals, Department of Education, Washington, DC, November, 1980.

Author, "Discrimination as a Barrier to Housing," Chapter VIII, *Housing for Developmentally Disabled Citizens, An Analysis of Policy Issues*, National Association of State Mental Retardation Program Directors, under a grant with the Developmental Disabilities Office, Office of Human Development Services, DHEW, November, 1978.