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Barbara A. DeBuono, M.D., M.P.H. is Visiting Professor at The George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services in the Departments of Health Services Management and Leadership and Global Health. She is also Co-Founder and Co-Chair of The MAIA Foundation, a 501c3 public charity dedicated to improving the health and health literacy of women in sub-Saharan Africa. MAIA funds programs in maternal mortality reduction, health education and life skills coaching and reproductive health in Uganda and Rwanda. MAIA's first set of grants totaling \$101,800 were issued on August 1, 2008 to six NGO (Non-governmental organizations) in Uganda and one NGO in Rwanda.

Previously, Dr. DeBuono served as Executive Director, Public Health and Government at Pfizer Inc and was responsible for creating and managing public-private partnership programs in public health innovation, education, and research. These programs have included: research in clear health communication (health literacy), fellowships and career development awards in academic medicine and public health, and the publication of *Advancing Healthy Populations, The Pfizer Career Guide in Public Health, The Faces of Public Health, Milestones in Public Health and Moments in Leadership: Case Studies in Public Health Policy and Practice*. In 2005 Dr. DeBuono served as Senior Consultant to the World Health Organization, assigned to their Southeast Asia Regional Office in New Delhi to review public health aspects of the Tsunami Relief and Recovery Operations. She worked with the WHO offices in the Maldives and Thailand.

Dr. DeBuono served as Commissioner of Health for the State of New York in the first term of Gov. George Pataki, having previously served as Director of Health in Rhode Island in the cabinet of Gov. Bruce Sundlun. In both roles Dr. DeBuono led efforts to develop Medicaid Managed Care and SCHIP programs and crafted HIV, immunization and breast and cervical cancer prevention policies. She has served on many health policy boards, among them the Advisory Committee to the Director of the Centers for Disease Control, the Center for Health Policy Development, and the Partnership for Prevention. She is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. She has been published extensively in numerous peer-review journals, including *Journal of the American Medical Association, The New England Journal of Medicine, Journal of Public Health Policy, and American Journal of Public Health*.

In May of 2005 the CDC Foundation honored Dr. DeBuono as one of five Public Health Heroes nationwide as they celebrated their 10th anniversary. On December 15, 2005 Dr. DeBuono received the W.E. Upjohn Award from Pfizer an award that acknowledges the achievements of those colleagues whose work and lives best reflect Pfizer's core values.

Dr. DeBuono received her B.A. from the University of Rochester (Rochester, NY) and her medical degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine. She received her Masters in Public Health (M.P.H) from the Harvard University School of Public Health (Boston, MA). She completed her medical residency at New England Deaconess Hospital and was a Fellow in Infectious Diseases at the Brown University Affiliated Hospitals Program (Providence, RI).

A strong advocate for access to primary care for children and adults, Dr. DeBuono remains a champion of basic public health principles that call for the assurance of a safe and healthy environment for everyone.