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David Seltz Named NASHP's Academy Chair
Will Serve Key Role Guiding the Development of State Health Policy

Washington DC — The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) has named David Seltz, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission, as its new Academy Chair. The independent [Academy of state health policymakers](#) from the executive and legislative branches of state government guides NASHP's work.

NASHP made the announcement at its annual state health policy conference last week in New York City. David succeeds Jane Beyer, who concluded 3 years of service as Chair and over 30 years as a member of NASHP's Academy.

"David becomes our new Academy Chair at just the right time, bringing his expertise and passion to our work as states across the nation are seeking new ideas on how to make health care more affordable," said NASHP Executive Director Hemi Tewarson.

"I am honored to be elected to NASHP's Academy Chair," said Mr. Seltz. "I have been proud to serve on the NASHP Executive Committee over the last 10 years, joined by an incredible group of state leaders who have dedicated their time to this work with a shared passion for building and nurturing the broader state health policy community."

"Health policy challenges are complex and daunting, and the urgency to develop and implement solutions has never been greater. I look forward to working with the NASHP community and our colleagues across the U.S. in this new capacity, so we can continue to learn from each other, challenge each other, and inspire each other in the important work of improving the health and well-being of all people."

"As we welcome David as our new Academy Chair, we also celebrate Jane Beyer for her many significant contributions to NASHP and the state of Washington," said Ms. Tewarson. "As Jane has served in multiple roles across Washington's executive and legislative branch, she has influenced so many of the state's major pieces of health policy legislation. She has brought that unique perspective and expertise to our work here at NASHP — helping us continue to innovate in how we support states."

David Seltz is the first Executive Director of the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission (HPC). Before the HPC's establishment in 2012, David was the Special Advisor on health care for Governor



Pictured L to R: David Seltz, NASHP Academy Chair; Jane Beyer, outgoing NASHP Academy Chair; Shannon McMahon, NASHP's Board Chair; Hemi Tewarson, NASHP Executive Director

Deval Patrick (MA) and Senate President Therese Murray. Through these positions, David advised on the passage of health care access reform legislation in 2006, a forerunner to the Affordable Care Act. He subsequently worked on landmark cost containment legislation in Massachusetts, which has informed and shaped similar legislation across numerous states. As Executive Director, David has led the HPC through its growth into a nationally recognized leader in health policy and health care reform efforts.

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Founded in 1987, NASHP is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to be of, by, and for all states by providing nonpartisan support for the development of policies that promote and sustain healthy people and communities and advance high quality, affordable health care. Our vision is to improve the health and well-being of all people across every state.