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Five New Members Added to the Board of Directors of the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law

(Chicago)—Five new board members will strengthen the administration of the Shriver Center's national mission. They bring a wealth of expertise to the organization on issues affecting low-income people — financial education, the needs of low-income women, and the barriers to independent living experienced by ex-offenders. "This dynamic group of individuals will also help increase the Shriver Center's communications with different professional and diverse communities," said Rita McLennon, executive director of the Shriver Center. The following newly elected members will serve a three-year term beginning in January 2006:

- **William Beck** is a financial consultant and senior vice president of the Smith Barney investment firm. He has been managing individual and corporate accounts and advising clients on their assets.
- **Fred Cohen** is a principal in the Litigation Group at Goldberg Kohn. He has extensive experience in litigating patent and trademark infringement matters, class actions, health care matters, business tort cases, e-commerce issues, and state and local tax challenges. Cohen was cocounsel with John Bouman of the Shriver Center in the landmark case *Memisonski v. Maram*.
- **Regina Montoya** is the chief executive officer of the New America Alliance in Washington, D.C. She develops strategic and tactical plans to fulfill the alliance's mission of promoting the advancement of the American Latino community with a focus on economic and political empowerment.
- **Joe Scantlebury** is a senior policy officer of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. His policy advocacy grant making in education targets two areas: helping high schools better prepare all students for college, work, and citizenship; and reducing the financial and other barriers to higher education.
- **Orin Whiting** is a principal at Much Shelist and has in-depth experience in commercial litigation, health care law, and government affairs and regulator law as well as products liability litigation and counseling.

Sunny Fischer, executive director of the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation, is the new chairperson of the Shriver Center's board. Eileen Sweeney of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities continues as vice chairperson. The other newly elected officers are Hon. Divida Gude, of Atlanta, Georgia, as secretary, and Luis A. Wilmot of AARP/Texas as treasurer.

The remaining members of the Shriver Center board of directors are Sandra Cuneo, Police Assessment Resource Center; Gregory R. Dallaire, attorney at law; Gill Deford, Center for Medicare Advocacy; Bruce G. Iwasaki, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles; LeAlan M. Jones; Ethel Klein, Ph.D., EDK Associates; Marshall Marcovitz; Betty J. Musburger; Grace Allen Newton, Robinson, Curley & Clayton PC; Suzan L. Rayner, M.D., MPH, Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital and Care Network; Catherine Robb; Janice E. Rodgers, Quarles & Brady; Jean Rudd, JR Strategies; Jill Schuker, JAS International Group; and C. Steven Tomashefsky, Jenner & Block.

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