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Richard Bohrer is a Partner with Martin, Blanck & Associates, a federal health services consulting firm based in Falls Church, Virginia. Martin-Blanck provides critical assistance to public and private sector clients focused on federal and state health care delivery systems and services. Martin-Blanck has grown to two dozen senior executive partners with expertise in health care policy, program development, management, informatics, and strategic planning.

In January 2004, Mr. Bohrer retired from the U.S. Public Health Services as Assistant Surgeon General and Director of the Community Health Center Program, after a 34 plus year career in public health. In this capacity, Mr. Bohrer managed a national program whose mission is to improve access to high quality primary health care services for underserved and vulnerable populations in the United States. This 5 billion-dollar system delivers care to over 11 million people at over 3500 community-based health centers.

As Director of the Health Center Program, Mr. Bohrer was responsible for the implementation of a proactive, population-based Care Management Model. Through participation in Health Disparities Collaboratives, health centers are involved in changing and improving their practices, while assuring delivery of evidence-based care. Utilization of this Care Management Model has resulted in improvement of health outcome measures in diverse community health center settings and populations, and flourishing partnerships with many national associations and organizations.

In 2002, Mr. Bohrer assumed responsibility for the development and implementation of the President's Health Center Initiative -- a five year plan that will increase by 60% the number of persons health centers serve. The initiative combines three strategies -- strengthening health centers, improving the quality of health centers and expanding health centers -- with the ultimate goal of strengthening the Nation's safety net for those most in need of care. Mr. Bohrer's responsibility for expanding health centers resulted in the goals for FY 2002 and FY 2003 being exceeded.

A native of Washington, D.C., Mr. Bohrer received his BA in Psychology from Baldwin-Wallace College in 1967 and his MA in Psychology from the University of Minnesota in 1969. He was the first Health Service Officer in the PHS to attain the 2 star rank.