Biography

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Dr. Rigamer received his training in psychiatry at the New York Hospital-Cornell University and Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. He received his MPA from Harvard. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and the American Board of Child Psychiatry, a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, and a member of Physicians for a National Health Program and Alpha Omega Alpha.

Dr. Rigamer served as a Peace Corps Volunteer Physician in Monrovia, Liberia. He was the Medical Director for the U.S. State Department for many years, overseeing the healthcare of Foreign Service diplomats and their families, and advising the Secretary of State on international health issues. He also served the Department of State as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Medical Affairs and held other posts for Europe, the Soviet Union, and South Asia. He has also held positions with Kaiser Permanente HMO and Ochsner Clinic.

Dr. Rigamer is the Medical Director for Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans and directed several disaster relief programs for victims of Hurricane Katrina. He opened the first Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) in New Orleans. He was named a 2008 Healthcare Hero by New Orleans City Business magazine.

Dr. Rigamer is also the co-founder and chairman of the Partnership for Access to Total Health (PATH), a coalition sponsored by the Catholic Health Care organizations in Louisiana to improve healthcare systems for the medically underserved. He has worked to enhance the exchange of information between community health clinics and the Medical Center of Louisiana,

develop organizational partnerships to implement population-based health programs in pilot communities in New Orleans.

Dr. Rigamer was a longtime member of the LAMMICO Risk Management Committee and facilitated the litigation stress management seminars for LAMMICO insured physicians.