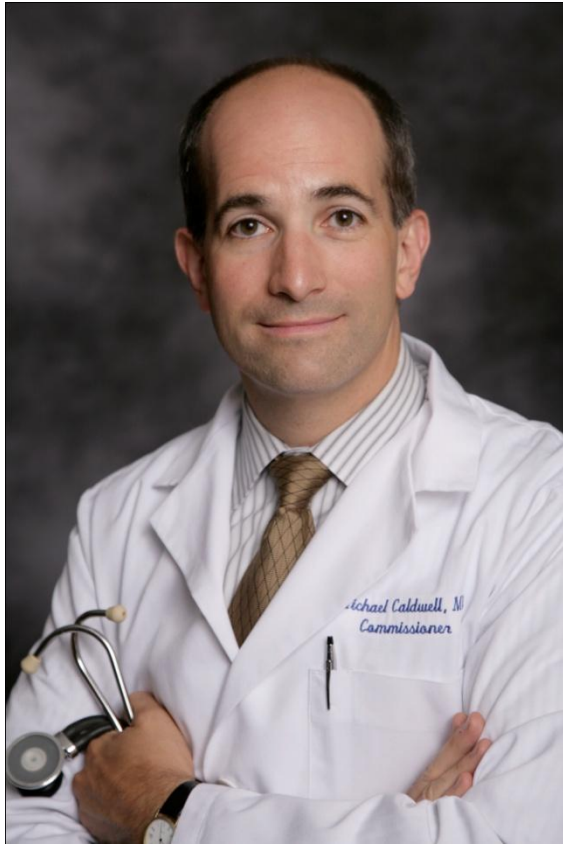


## Opening Town Hall Meeting, July 20, 2011



### **Michael C. Caldwell, MD, MPH**

Dutchess County Department of Health, NY

County Executive William R. Steinhaus appointed Dr. Michael C. Caldwell Commissioner of the Dutchess County Department of Health on August 8, 1994. He was reappointed in 2000 and again in 2006. He currently oversees the health of nearly 300,000 people over an 800 square mile area with a budget of more than \$35 million and a staff of 150 employees.

One of the youngest physicians ever to be appointed a Health Commissioner in the United States, he served as the youngest President of his national professional association, the National Association of County & City Health Officials ([NACCHO](#)) as well as the youngest President of the New York State Association of County Health Officials ([NYSACHO](#)). He has been featured in Life In Medicine Magazine, the Harvard School of Public Health Review Journal and most notably, testified to the [US HOUSE Homeland Security Subcommittee on Pandemic Flu Preparedness in 2007](#); the [US SENATE Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions in 2006](#); and the [US SENATE Committee on Governmental Affairs in December 2001](#) to advocate for more resources for emergency preparedness at the local level.

Dr. Caldwell received his Baccalaureate Degree in Art History from Columbia University in 1986 and went on to study at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine where he completed his Medical Doctorate in 1990. He completed his medical training at the Mount Sinai Medical Center with three years of Residency in Internal Medicine. Dedicated to a career in Public Health, Dr. Caldwell attended the Harvard University School of Public Health where his major focus of study was in Public Management & Community Health. He was awarded his Masters of Public Health Degree from that University in 1994. Dr. Caldwell holds State physician licenses in New York and New Jersey and was Board Certified in Internal Medicine in 1995.

Dr. Caldwell is a widely recognized leader in the field of public health as well as clinical research vaccine trials. He is currently a Principal Investigator for a new seasonal flu vaccine as well as an international research Cervical Cancer Vaccine study, one of only two sites in New York State. His strong leadership skills are widely respected and he was invited by CDC Director Julie Gerberding in April 2006 to be a keynote speaker at the CDC's Annual Leadership Training Day. He was especially privileged to have been the only active local health official in the country to be invited by President Obama to the [White House Rose Garden signing ceremony](#) of the historic Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act on June 22, 2009. In New York State, [Governor David Paterson appointed Dr. Caldwell](#) to the state Tobacco Use Prevention & Control Advisory Board in 2008.

Dr. Caldwell has been active on many national workgroups and advisory committees. He serves as the Chair of the Public Health Practice Based Research Networks ([PBRN](#)) National Advisory Committee, part of [the Center for Public Health Systems & Services Research](#) (PHSSR); he also participates as a member of the National Commission on Prevention Priorities ([NCPP](#)) of the Partnership for Prevention; the [Harvard School of Public Health Advisory Council for the Division of Public Health Practice](#); [C-Change](#), a national comprehensive cancer control organization; and most recently, the CDC's Expert Working Group to review the "Role of Public Health in Screening Programs in an Era of Health Reform."

His numerous awards and honors include: [the 2008 Heartsafe Champion Award](#) from the American Heart Association; accompanying County Executive William R. Steinhaus to the George HW Bush Presidential Library in November 2008 as he received the [Exemplary Local Elected Official Award](#) from President George HW Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush on behalf of C-Change, recognizing his outstanding leadership and contributions to Comprehensive Cancer Control in Dutchess County; the 2006 Jackson E. Spears Community Service Award from the New York Medical College; the 2005 Key Volunteer Service Award and Annual Gala Honoree from the American Heart Association; the 2004 Humanitarian "Legacy of Hope" Award and the 2001 Great American Smokeout Award from the American Cancer Society; the 2003 Community Service Award and the 2000 Breath of Spring Distinguished Speaker Award from the American Lung Association of Northeastern New York; the 2000 Distinguished Class Speaker at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine Scientific Session; the 1999 Public Health Professional of the Year Award given to him by his colleagues in New York State; a 1998 (US HHS) HRSA Primary Care Policy Fellowship; a 1996 & 1997 NY

State Health Department Public Health Education Awards; an AOA Honor Medical Society Research Fellowship; a David Scherf Cardiology Award from the New York Academy of Medicine; a McGraw-Hill Award from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine; a March of Dimes Research Fellowship. He was elected a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine in 1995 ([NYAM](#)). Dr. Caldwell holds academic appointments at the Harvard and New York Medical College Schools of Public Health and the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. He was honored to have received the Key to the City of Lincoln, Nebraska as well as receiving a distinguished appointment by former Nebraska Governor Mike Johanns as an Admiral of the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska.

Dr. Caldwell is a nationally recognized and highly sought after speaker on many public health issues. He has presented at the 2008 Public Health Care Congress as well as the Obesity Congress in Washington, DC. In 2006 he was privileged to have been the moderator and keynote speaker of the 1st Annual National Preparedness Summit. He has also been heard on [National Public Radio](#) as a guest on Talk of the Nation's [Science Friday](#) with Ira Flatow to speak on Lyme Disease in 1999.

Dr. Caldwell is past Chair of the New York State Association of Counties ([NYSAC](#)) Public Health & Mental Health Committee and has been active in local community life as a Past President of the Dutchess-Ulster American Heart Association; a member of the Board of Directors of the Dutchess County Chapters of the American Cancer Society and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.