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DONALD MOULDS TO JOIN COMMONWEALTH FUND AS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMS

*Acting HHS Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation Will Succeed
Anthony Shih, M.D.*

November 15, 2013, New York, NY—Donald Moulds will join The Commonwealth Fund as its new Executive Vice President for Programs effective January, 2014. Since June 2012, Moulds has served as Acting Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In that post, and as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Moulds has served as a chief advisor to administration officials, and has overseen an office responsible for policy development and coordination, strategic planning, research, evaluation, and economic analysis. He has also played a significant role in planning and implementing legislation.

Prior to joining the administration, Moulds held a number of leadership positions in the public and private sectors. He served as a Vice President of the California Medical Association, and as Director of the Office of Research for the California State Senate. He holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Illinois.

“We are truly excited that Don Moulds is joining us during this time of transition for the Fund and for American health care,” said Commonwealth Fund President David Blumenthal, M.D. “He has a track record of successfully bringing innovative policy ideas to fruition, and I know that his experience and good humor will be of enormous value to the Commonwealth Fund in the years to come.”

Moulds will succeed Anthony Shih, M.D., who has served as Executive Vice President since January 2011, and also headed the Fund's Program in Quality Improvement and Efficiency from 2006-2008. Dr. Shih had earlier announced his intention to pursue other opportunities once a successor was identified.

“Tony Shih has played a critical role in seeing the Fund through a leadership transition and a comprehensive strategic review of our programs,” said Blumenthal, who became Commonwealth Fund president in January 2013. “His impeccable judgment and ability to manage and motivate teams, as well as his deep knowledge of the health care delivery system, have been invaluable in both of his stints at the Fund, and we wish him only the best in his new pursuits.”

The Commonwealth Fund is a private foundation supporting independent research on health policy reform and a high performance health system.