

Hansen Receives Picker Award for Long-Term Care

Ms. Hansen, who was cited for her dedication to “creating a better life for this country’s aging population” and “the competence and compassion” with which she pursues that goal, was presented the award by Lucile O. Hanscom, executive director of Picker Institute. Following the award ceremony, Ms. Hansen gave the Picker Lecture on the topic of “Person-Centered Care: Why Does It Really Matter?”

Also present at the conference were two previous winners of the Picker Award for long-term care: Dr. Bill Thomas, the recipient of the first award in 2009, and Karen Schoeneman, MPA, who received the award in 2010. As part of the Picker Education Series, Dr. Thomas led a think-tank talk on “The Crucible.” Ms. Schoeneman, deputy director of the Division of Nursing Homes for CMS, served on a panel and conducted the conference's closing session, “Exploring Further,” with Carmen Bowman.

Ms. Hansen and Dr. Thomas, both passionate advocates for the aging population and eldercare, recorded a Picker Conversation during the conference. Click [here](#) for a clip from the video.