

In February of 2011, *Robert M. Kaplan, Ph.D.* joined the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of the Director as Associate Director for Behavioral and Social Sciences and Director of the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR). Prior to working for government, Kaplan was Distinguished Professor of Health Services at UCLA and Distinguished Professor of Medicine at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine where he was PI of the California Comparative Effectiveness and Outcomes Improvement Center. He led the UCLA/RAND health services training program and the UCLA/RAND CDC Prevention Research Center. He was Chair of the Department of Health Services from 2004 to 2009. From 1997 to 2004 he was Professor and Chair of the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, at the University of California, San Diego. He is a past President of several organizations, including the American Psychological Association Division of Health Psychology, Section J of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (Pacific), the International Society for Quality of Life Research, the Society for Behavioral Medicine, and the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research. He is a Past Chair of the Behavioral Science Council of the American Thoracic Society. Dr. Kaplan is a former Editor-in-Chief of *Health Psychology* and of the *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*. He is the author, co-author or editor of more than 18 books and approximately 470 articles or chapters. The ISI includes him in the listing of the most cited authors in the world (defined as above the 99.5th percentile). In 2005 he was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Sciences.