

Audrey Sheppard

Audrey Sheppard became President & CEO of the National Women's Health Resource Center, the leading non-profit, independent health information source for women, in July 2006. She is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the organization, and leading its efforts to help women to be more knowledgeable about diseases and conditions across ages and stages of their lives, and that of their family members.

From 1996-99, directing the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Office of Women's Health, Ms. Sheppard and staff advocated women's best interests in agency regulatory decisions. She also created a program to raise public awareness about safe medicine use. Called "Women's Health: Take Time to Care," it involved partnering with 85 women's and health professional organizations, and the National Association of Chain Drugstores, to reach millions of women with tips on taking medicines smartly.

After the FDA, as a women's health consultant, one of Sheppard's specialties was outreach and coalition building within the health professional and women's health communities. Clients included patient advocacy and health professional organizations, health care and education companies. In 2004, she stepped in as Interim Executive Director of The Jacobs Institute on Women's Health, a Washington-based women's health non-profit think tank.

She has been a Director of the not-for-profit Sewall-Belmont House and Museum for six years, and is currently voluntary President. A women's history museum located on Capitol Hill, SBHM owns and exhibits a priceless collection of women's suffrage papers, art, artifacts and textiles and maintains a calendar of lectures and programs.