

Additional Background on David Riemer

Since 2008, Riemer has worked at the Community Advocates Public Policy Institute in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he is currently a Senior Fellow.

Riemer previously served, from 2004 to 2007, as Director of the Wisconsin Health Project. This initiative resulted in bipartisan legislation that, if enacted, would have insured all Wisconsinites and controlled costs by creating an incentive-driven statewide health insurance exchange.

Prior to launching this project, in 2003-2004, Riemer campaigned for Milwaukee County Executive. He received 101,000 votes, or 43% of the votes cast, in a race against County Executive—later Governor and candidate for President—Scott Walker.

In 2003, he served as Budget Director for Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle.

From 1988 to 2001, Riemer worked in several positions in the administration of Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist, including Budget Director, Administration Director, and Chief of Staff.

From 1975 to 1988, Riemer was legal advisor to Wisconsin Governor Patrick Lucey, worked for Sen. Edward Kennedy's Subcommittee on Health and Scientific Research, developed health policy options for the Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau, prepared a report on Wisconsin's uninsured for the state Department of Health and Social Services, and worked on health care cost containment for Time Insurance Company.

He is the author of *The Prisoners of Welfare: Liberating America's Poor from Unemployment and Low Wages* (Praeger: 1988) and numerous articles on reducing poverty, improving health insurance, and public administration.

Riemer is one of the co-founders of The New Hope Project. He worked as an Atlantic Fellow in Public Policy in London and Oxford, England, in 2002; his research focused on supplementing low-income workers' earnings through the tax system. Riemer was an Eisenhower Fellow in Hungary in 1999. As a Rockefeller Foundation resident in Bellagio, Italy, in 2012, he began work on "Putting Government In Its Place."

Riemer received an AB degree from Harvard College in History and Literature (1970) and a law degree from Harvard Law School (1975). He and his wife live in Milwaukee.