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John W. Beasley, MD, got his B.A. from Harvard College and his MD from the University of Minnesota. Following a rotating internship he and his physician wife served in the Peace Corps in the Chuuk Islands for two years. They then moved to New Orleans and spent nearly a year doing full time family planning. This was followed by a move to Madison, where John took his Family Medicine Residency. Subsequently, he served the DFMCH variously as Director of Medical Student Education, Residency Director in Eau Claire and Madison, and Medical Director of the Physician Assistant Program. He founded WREN in 1984.

He has a 20-year history of working with colleagues in the UW Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering. In 1991, working with Jim Damos, MD, he created the Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics Course which has reached over 150,000 learners in 55 countries. Although retired from direct patient care he continues to teach residents, lecture and write.

In his spare time, he likes to keep his vintage tractors running and is an active pilot. He and Penelope have two children and four grandchildren.