2017 CPCA Annual Conference Speakers

Joe Acosta, Chief Operations Officer, Wilmington Community Clinic

Joe Acosta is the Chief Operations Officer for Wilmington Community Clinic, an FQHC serving the community in Los Angeles where he was raised, the Los Angeles Harbor. Joe has been serving the safety net since 2003 when he joined his first FQHC. Since then he has had the privilege of supporting many clinics by his work with the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County for many years and with LA Care Health Plan. Mr. Acosta joined the team at Wilmington Community Clinic in October 2014 to lead operations and put to use years of experience advancing the quality of medicine through the intelligent and proficient use of technology.

Assemblymember Doctor Joaquin Arambula (D-Fresno)

Dr. Joaquin Arambula was elected in April 2016 in a special election to represent California’s 31st Assembly District. Assemblymember Arambula now serves the cities of Biola, Bowles, Calwa, Cantua Creek, Caruthers, Coalinga, Del Rey, Easton, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Monmouth, Orange Cove, Parlier, Raisin City, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma, Tranquility and approximately 41% of the City of Fresno.

Since 2007, Dr. Arambula has served in a senior position with California Emergency Physicians (CEP) at Adventist Hospital in Selma, and was appointed Medical Director in early 2013. Under his leadership, the Selma Emergency Department has been recognized as one of the most efficient emergency departments in the state and won a number of awards. These include CEP’s Emergency Department of the Year in 2009, the CEP America Distinguished Site Award in 2012 and the Women’s Choice Award as one of America’s Best Hospitals in Emergency Care in 2014. He also serves as a mentor for the UCSF Fresno Doctor’s Academy, helping to encourage local students to enter the health care profession.

Dr. Arambula was born and raised in the San Joaquin Valley, where he attended Fresno public schools. Later he attended medical school with the intention of returning to his home community to practice medicine and make the Central Valley a better place to live, work and raise a family.
In the Assembly, he will focus on efforts to increase access to healthcare for low-income Californians, fight for increased water supplies for the Central Valley, and improve air quality. Dr. Arambula also will work to create jobs by improving the local economic climate.

The Assemblymember’s father, Juan Arambula, is a former school board member, Fresno County Supervisor and California Assembly member, who is the son of migrant farm workers who toiled in the fields of the San Joaquin Valley. His mother, Amy, is a dedicated community advocate and attorney.

Dr. Arambula and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Fresno with their three daughters.

Ria Berger, MPA, Chief Executive Officer, Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County

Ria Berger is the CEO of Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County, one of the largest nonprofit oral health providers for children. Previously, she was Vice President of Human Resources for several Fortune 500 companies, and has been a Managing Director in the United Kingdom for eight years. Berger holds more than 25 years of business development, operations, and human resources experience in the United States, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. Ria Berger received her Master's Degree in Public Administration from USC and has taught various HR and business courses at UCI and USC. Berger serves as a member of the Board of Directors at Cal Optima, Orange County's single largest health insurer. Her greatest strengths are in strategic planning, the successful execution of world-class leadership, and capacity building. Her specialties include strategy, operations, fund development, talent acquisition, leadership development, mergers and acquisitions, and effective systems integration within the healthcare, financial, retail, and service industries. Strategic as well as tactical, Ria has led Fortune 500 companies, private corporations, and nonprofit organizations.

Theresa Blanco, MEd, Patient Education & Health Promotion, Covered California Department Manager, Shasta Community Health Center

Theresa has a BS in Health Education & Community Services from CSU Chico and Master’s in Education from Simpson University. During her time at Chico she interned at the Diabetes Resource Center assisting the Dietitian and Nurse in Diabetes Education and Patient Care. By highlighting the communities need for basic diabetic education, this experience fueled her passion for health education and instilled a lifelong compassion for those faced with the diagnosis of a chronic condition. After graduating from Chico she worked for over 10 years at Tehama County PH in Health Education & Promotion. During that time she saw the need for higher quality materials with respect to plain language and strived to provide them in an effort to improve patient understanding. She has received awards from Red Bluff High School, Girls Inc., & both Tehama & Shasta County Public Health for her work. Since joining the SCHC team in 2011, she has continued her love of education by respecting the need for patient friendly
curriculum and resources. She now oversees the Patient Education & Outreach & Enrollment teams. Under her guidance both teams continue to grow to better serve our community health needs.

Jonathan Blazer, JD, MPS, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, California Department of Justice

Jonathan Blazer, Special Assistant to the Attorney General. Jon serves as a policy advisor to Attorney General Xavier Becerra on immigration. He recently served as Advocacy and Policy Counsel for immigrants’ rights at the American Civil Liberties Foundation (ACLU). Prior to joining ACLU, Jon worked with the National Immigration Law Center as a Policy Attorney and Project Manager. He was also a national coordinator of the American Friends Service Committee’s immigrant rights initiative and worked for six years as a legal aid attorney in Philadelphia. Jon graduated summa cum laude from Princeton University with an A.B. in Politics and holds a master’s degree in Political Science from the University of Toronto and a Juris Doctor from Stanford Law School.

Jay Boyer, MBA, Senior Director, Strategy and Finance, Greg Facktor & Associates

Jay Boyer, Senior Director, Strategy and Finance, leads the finance division at Greg Facktor & Associates, has been the contracted CFO at Wilmington Community Clinic for the last 2 1/2 years, and has provided interim CFO work to several health centers throughout California.

Heather Budd, Vice President of Clinical Transformation, Azara Healthcare

Heather Budd is the Vice President of Clinical Transformation at Azara Healthcare, where she works with practices on clinical delivery transformation projects and embedding the use of data in daily operations. She focuses on team-based care and staff satisfaction using measure performance improvement and healthy team communication as indicators of success. Previously, Heather was the Chief Operating Officer at a community health center in Rhode Island. Her health center successfully partnered with a local Medicaid payer to integrate claims data into its BI tools. The project proved practices can lower total medical expense and still improve quality outcomes. Before her work at the health center, Ms. Budd was a health IT consultant focused on building warehouses for community health center quality improvement. She also spent five years prior to that at Dana Farber Cancer Institute starting at the front desk and finishing as the Program Manager of Pediatric Neuro-Oncology.
Jonathan Chapman, MBA, Director of Community Health Center and Advisory Services, Capital Link

Jonathan Chapman initially joined Capital Link in 2007 as a Project Consultant after spending several years with Louisiana’s Primary Care Office. In 2011, he accepted the opportunity to serve as the executive director of the Louisiana Primary Care Association until late 2015 when he rejoined Capital Link as Director of Community Health Center Advisory Services and relocated to Colorado. Among his activities during this time Jonathan has worked with health centers, primary care associations and health center controlled networks on market assessments; statewide capital initiatives; implementation of HCCNs, IPAs and ACOs; capital projects; feasibility and scenario analyses; strategic management; and predictive analytics.

Mario Chavez, Director of Government Affairs, St. John’s Well Child and Family Center

Mario Chavez is the Director of Government Affairs for St. John’s Well Child & Family Center. He has been with St. John’s for over 5 years and was the staff person responsible for the Medicaid Expansion roll out in 2012-2013. Mr. Chavez directed a team of 15 outreach workers and health promoters that were going door to door to inform residents about the Medicaid expansion and new health coverage available under the Affordable Care Act. Mr. Chavez also established a powerful patient advocacy structure known as St. John’s Right to Health Committees, composed of patient leaders that advocate for improvements to our healthcare system. This outreach and patient engagement work led to the enrollment of over 15,000 patients. Mr. Chavez has over 15 years’ experience in community organizing, legislative advocacy and leadership development. Prior to joining St. John’s Well Child & Family Center, Mr. Chavez served as Director of Politics for the largest healthcare union in California, SEIU ULTCW (now SEIU Local 2015). Mr. Chavez served as Affordable Housing Commissioner for Los Angeles City (appointed by Mayor Eric Garcetti) from 2014 to 2015.

Katie Coleman, MSPH, Senior Research Associate, Senior Research Associate, Co Lead Learning Health Systems, MacColl Center at Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute

Ms. Coleman designs, implements, and evaluates large-scale practice transformation projects including a national patient centered medical homes initiative for safety net practices; the first state-based alternative payment and care model learning community for federally qualified health centers; and randomized trial of practice facilitation in California. In addition, she has coached teams and led learning collaboratives around payment reform and practice transformation in California, Oregon, Montana, Washington and Colorado, and has conducted practice coach training in these states and others. She is also the Co-Lead of the Learning Health System initiative within Kaiser Washington which seeks to leverage content, methods, and data to better inform health care delivery and patient and
staff experience to better inform research. Prior to joining MacColl, Ms. Coleman managed the strategic planning and government grants portfolio for Access Community Health Network, one of the nation’s largest network of community health centers. She holds a Master of Science in Public Health with a concentration in health care financing from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Ronald Coleman, Government Affairs Director, California Immigration Policy Center**

Ronald Coleman is CIPC’s Government Affairs Director based in Sacramento. Formerly, Ronald was the Legislative and Policy Director for the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN), and most recently with the Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE). He has over 10 years experience advocating at the local, state, and national level on a wide-range of issues to advance policy interests of low income communities, working families, immigrants, and communities of color. Ronald, who is also a lawyer, has received his Juris Doctorate from Southern University Law Center, and his BA in Political Science from Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans.

**Trisha Cooke, IA, Director of Education, North Coast Clinics Network**

Ms. Cooke has worked over 12 years with federally qualified health centers in various capacities and has more than 10 years of experience as an instructor in higher education. Ms. Cooke is also a graduate of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement’s (IHI) Improvement Advisor program and has worked as a practice coach with numerous provider officers across the community, assisting with systems transformation, change management, and patient centered medical home recognition. Most recently, Ms. Cooke became a certified trainer for the Institute of Healthcare Communication’s Treating Patients with C.A.R.E. curriculum. At the North Coast Clinics Network, she serves as the Director of Education, leading clinical and operational educational opportunities and developing training curriculum on local and state levels. Additionally, Ms. Cooke serves as a local improvement advisor for the local health plan focused on HEDIS improvements, workflow efficiencies, and technology tools aimed at improving patient care and experience. Ms. Cooke is currently working regionally with health center organizations on enhancing empathetic communication and teambuilding support.
Brent Copen, MPA, Chief Financial Officer and EVP Business Development, Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center

Brent Copen is the CFO & EVP of Business Development at Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center. He brings more than 20 years of executive and management experience to the position, including senior leadership roles at Asian Americans for Community Involvement, La Piana Consulting and Nonprofit Finance Fund. Brent is a popular speaker who has presented hundreds of financial workshops and trainings nationally to CEOs, CFOs, board members, funders and future leaders. He currently serves on the faculty at UC Berkeley School of Law, Haas School of Business, Goldman School of Public Policy, and School of Social Welfare. He previously served on faculty of Teachers College at Columbia University. Brent graduated from Randolph-Macon College. He was later awarded an MPA in finance/nonprofit/public organizational management from Columbia University.

Kaleigh Cornelison, MSW, Training Coordinator, Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County

Kaleigh Cornelison is currently the Training Coordinator for the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County. Kaleigh is responsible for the coordination, implementation, and evaluation of training opportunities for 62 Community Health Centers across Los Angeles County. Kaleigh obtained her Master’s degree in Social Work from Washington University in St Louis with a specialization in Nonprofit Management and her Bachelor’s degree in Communication Studies from the University of Michigan. Kaleigh’s background is in youth services and professional development. She has managed a variety of youth-focused programs focusing on teen dating violence prevention, sexual health education and social and emotional learning. She has developed and implemented a variety of Professional Development trainings for non-profit professionals. Her personal mission is to make professional development experiences engaging and practical for all types of learners.

Kristine Croy, Dental Hygienist, Open Door Community Health Centers

I am a registered dental hygienist who attended Oregon Institute of Technology, graduating in 2002. After graduation, my husband and I lived in Portland, OR for worked in private practice. Upon returning to Northern California, I accepted a position as a hygienist with the Open Door Community Health Center in 2006. In that time, I have enjoyed the challenges of providing healthcare in a rural area and seeing our dental services expand. This year our clinic has embarked on a medical dental integration program in our pediatric department. I am encouraged to see preventative dental services and education being offered at medical Well Child visits.
Curt Degenfelder, President, Curt Degenfelder Consulting, Inc.

Curt Degenfelder Consulting, Inc. CDCI is based in Los Angeles and headed by Curt Degenfelder, a National Healthcare business consultant with 28 years of healthcare experience; 21 years focused on developing financial, operational, and strategic solutions for community health centers (CHCs). An industry thought leader, Curt has helped hundreds of CHCs across the country address critical organization issues and improve their bottom lines through creating effective approaches and setting internal benchmarks that increase performance and evolve institutions to their next-level. Curt’s expertise touches all facets of a CHC via his comprehensive organizational analysis that runs from the front office to the management and board. Mr. Degenfelder is currently working on FQHC payment reform and helping CHCs realize the Triple Aim in several states. Curt performs trainings for state primary care associations, the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) as well as foundations and boards.

Theresa Devonshire, RN, MPH, Director of Staff Development, Ravenswood Family Health Center

Theresa has over 20 years’ experience working in various healthcare organizations. As the Director of Staff Development she works closely with all departments to ensure that all staff is prepared to implement the Mission, Vision and Strategic Plan of Ravenswood Family Health Center.

Ian Evans, LMFT, Alcohol and Drug Administrator/Forensic Program Coordinator, Yolo County Health and Human Services

Ian Evans is a licensed marriage and family therapist and has worked in the substance use disorder field for approximately 10 years, working in modalities including outpatient, residential, with adults and adolescents in Placer and Yolo counties. He has worked for Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency since February 2015 in various substance use and forensic treatment capacities. In June 2017 Ian was appointed Alcohol and Drug Administrator of Yolo County while retaining the Forensic Program Coordinator title. With these dual roles his focus continues to be on the development of Yolo County's Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System, moving the entire substance use disorder continuum forward, and forging critical partnerships with substance use disorder treatment providers, criminal justice partners, courts, and clients.
Sara Gavin, LMFT, LPCC, Director of Behavioral Health Services, CommuniCare Health Centers

Sara Gavin serves as the Director of Behavioral Health Services at CommuniCare Health Centers, a Federally Qualified Health Center in Yolo County, California. She is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor. As the Behavioral Health Director, Sara oversees 70 staff members who provide services in multiple clinic sites, including school sites and services provided in the juvenile detention facility, along with services co-located with county services and other community based service providers. Sara received her undergraduate degree from the University of Southern California, a Masters in Mental Health Counseling from Boston College and is an alumna of the Clinic Leadership Institute, Emerging Leaders program sponsored by the Blue Shield of California Foundation. She has provided service in the field of Addiction and Mental Health since 2003 in multiple milieus (detox, intensive outpatient, interdisciplinary pain-management programs, dual diagnosis and perinatal day treatment) and has special training and interest in Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders, Perinatal Substance Use, Motivational Interviewing and Trauma-Informed Care.

Scott Gold, MAcc, Partner, BKD, LLP

Scott brings 21 years of experience to his work with health care clients, and he serves as a member of the Center of Excellence for the firm’s approximately 150 community health center clients. In addition to managing financial statement and 340B RX audits, Scott spends a significant amount of time providing education on health center reimbursement matters including Medicare and Medi-Cal. He also helps Organizations with strategic planning and trainings for Boards’ of directors. Scott often makes presentations to national and state organizations on topics related to community health center financial management.

Brenda Goldstein, MPH, Psychosocial Services Director, LifeLong Medical Care

Brenda Goldstein is the Psychosocial Services Director at LifeLong Medical Care, a community health center serving Berkeley, Oakland, West Contra Costa County and Marin Counties in California. Ms. Goldstein has fostered numerous partnerships between public and community agencies to create medical, mental health and social services systems of care for those experiencing homelessness, mental illness and complex health care needs. Ms. Goldstein has developed LifeLong’s Supportive Housing Program into a nationally recognized model of care serving homeless adults and is recognized as a leader in developing policies and programs to promote integrated primary care and behavioral health services. Ms. Goldstein received her Master’s in Public Health from University of California Berkeley in 1984.
Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher

Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez was elected in May of 2013, promising to fight for our state’s working and middle classes, and she hasn’t stopped yet. In 2015, The Atlantic Magazine labeled her “The California Democrat setting the National Agenda” for her practical, progressive legislation aimed at alleviating real issues in people’s lives.

In 2014, Lorena authored historic legislation to allow 6.5 million Californians the ability to earn paid sick leave. When AB 1522 was signed by Governor Brown, California became the first state in the nation to guarantee earned sick days for every single private sector worker regardless of employer size or sector. The next year, Lorena brought the idea of Automatic Voter Registration to life for nearly seven million unregistered citizens by authoring and passing California’s New Motor Voter Act. She has passed critical bills to protect the jobs of grocery workers, fight the misclassification of employees as independent contractors, create the first workplace bullying training requirement in the nation, limit excessive CEO compensation in the utility industry, and protect immigrant communities from legal services fraud. Taking on women’s equity issues large and small, Lorena co-authored the nation’s toughest rules to close the gender pay gap and wrote the legislation that finally forced California to classify high school cheerleading as a sport.

Lorena is the first Latina in California history to Chair the Assembly Appropriations Committee. She is also Chairwoman of the Select Committee on Women in the Workplace.

Lorena’s father immigrated to California from Mexico and initially worked in the strawberry fields in North San Diego County. Her mother was a nurse. Lorena is a graduate of Stanford University, has a Master’s degree from Georgetown University and a Law Degree from UCLA. She remains a member in good standing of the California State Bar.

Prior to being elected to the Assembly, Lorena was a labor leader and organizer, serving as the first woman and first person of color to be elected CEO and Secretary-Treasurer for the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO. Lorena also previously worked as the Senior Advisor to California’s Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante, and she served on the California State Lands Commission and the California Coastal Commission.

Nonetheless, Lorena’s most cherished title is that of mother. Her daughter, Tierra, is studying at New York University and her son, Antonio, is in middle school. Lorena lives in the City Heights neighborhood of San Diego with her husband, Nathan Fletcher, and their children.

Lori Holeman, MBA, Chief Executive Officer, Community Health Systems, Inc.

Mrs. Holeman is the Chief Executive Officer for Community Health Systems, Inc. (CHSI), a 501c 3 not for profit Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) operating 6 community health clinics in the counties of San Diego, Riverside and San Bernardino. Since being employed at CHSI, she held the
positions of Human Resources Director and Chief Operations Officer before becoming the CEO. Mrs. Holeman has held Senior Operational management positions with three for profit Fortune 500 companies for 23 years prior to joining this non-profit organization. Mrs. Holeman is a graduate of the UCLA School of Business Healthcare Executive Program and received her MBA from the University of Michigan, Ross Business School, with her undergraduate degree (BA) from the University of Utah. She is a certified Master Optician, and holds a certification for Senior Professional Human Resources, which she received from Chapman University in Orange, CA. Mrs. Holeman serves on the Executive Board for Health Center Partners (HCP) of Southern California, formally known as the Council of Community Clinics San Diego as well as various healthcare related boards.

Mayra Joachin, JD, Staff Attorney, National Immigration Law Center

Mayra Joachin focuses on improving access to affordable health care coverage for uninsured immigrants. She engages in policy analysis, consumer advocacy, and direct work with affected individuals, and impact litigation to advocate for improved access to health care. Before joining NILC as a Columbia Law Social Justice Fellow in 2015, Ms. Joachin interned at the Public Law Center’s Immigration Unit and was a judicial extern for Judge Denny Chin of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Her passion for immigrants’ rights advocacy stems from her experiences as a Salvadoran immigrant. Ms. Joachin holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a juris doctor from Columbia Law School.

Ray Jorgensen, CPC, Co-Founder, PMG, Inc.

Ray Jorgensen, CPC is Co-Founder of PMG, Inc., the nation’s leader in revenue cycle management, training & consulting services for FQHCs. Early on in his career, Ray worked at Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Massachusetts and United HealthCare in hospital claims, customer service, provider relations and contracting. While still continuing his work at PMG, Ray is also working on several new FQHC focused companies including PMG’s CHC Credentialing and RevenueHealth Systems, which offers automated solutions for denials management. Ray is a nationally recognized healthcare expert and sought after speaker having personally trained thousands from all 50 states on coding, billing, and reimbursement in addition to authoring two books and dozens of articles.

Lyndee Knox, PhD, Chief Executive Officer, LA Net and PatientToc

Lyndee Knox, PhD is founding director of LA Net, a primary care practice based research and resource network in LA County. She worked as a clinical psychologist for 12 years in health care and school environments in Texas; and was an Associate Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Southern California for 10 years. Dr. Knox is a former member of the National PBRN Advisory Group and a member of the Federation of Practice-Based Research Networks Steering Committee and serves as a director for the
National Health Foundation (NHF), a research organization closely affiliated with the Hospital Association of Southern California.

**Alvin Kwong, MPH, Manager, Business Intelligence, Greg Facktor & Associates**

Alvin brings 10+ years of dynamic financial, data analytics, and consulting experience driving innovative solutions that spans the healthcare industry – academia, hospitals, medical groups, insurance companies, and federally qualified health centers. Most recently, Alvin spearheaded the development of a Business Intelligence Division at GFA, where he wrangled client’s financial and operational data to produce meaningful analyses; his notable projects include developing an innovative pay-for-performance program and a web application solution for coordinating outreach efforts. Previously, Alvin honed his business intelligence and data analytics skills with a physician management company, implementing pay-for-performance programs and creating dashboards and reports for over 30 contracted ER and Hospitalist programs. Alvin received his Masters in Public Health in Healthcare Management and Health Policy from University of California, Los Angeles and Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Cell Biology from University of California, San Diego. While not at work, Alvin spends his time outdoors cycling and golfing.

**Sarah Lally, MSc, Project Manager, Medi-Cal Initiatives, Integrated Healthcare Association**

Sarah Lally is Project Manager for IHA initiatives related to Medi-Cal. As a part of the Programs and Policy team, Ms. Lally leads IHA’s Medi-Cal P4P Core Measure Set work, a voluntary effort aimed to “strengthen the signal” from plans to providers regarding high-priority measures, and to reduce measurement burden among providers working with multiple plans. Responsibilities include knowledge dissemination of key findings related to IHA’s work and impact, policy analysis to support organizational strategy, grant development and management, and project work related to California’s safety net. Ms. Lally earned a Master of Science in Public Service Policy and Management from King’s College London and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Villanova University.

**Christina Lasich, MD, Pain and Addiction Medicine Specialist, Western Sierra Medical Clinic/Community Recovery Services**

After residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation, Dr. Christina Lasich, a graduate of the University California at Davis School of Medicine, returned to her hometown of Grass Valley, California. She held a private practice for 15 years and is now employed by Western Sierra Medical Clinic as the director of pain and addiction medicine. She has also worked as the Medical Director for Community Recovery Resources since 2013. In addition to clinical work, Dr. Lasich has years of experience as a professional writer for Remedy Health Media and has a book titled, High Heels to Hormones: A woman’s guide to spine care. In her leisure
time, she enjoys the company of dogs, the sports of fly fishing and upland game hunting, and long drives in the countryside.

**Everett Lebherz, Co-Founder and CEO, PointCare, LLC**

Everett Lebherz is the co-founder and CEO of PointCare, responsible for establishing relationships with hospitals, vendors, and any health care organization in need of helping their patients discover coverage options. Prior to working with PointCare, Everett founded EVCO Insurance Services, Inc., a successful and growing group health insurance brokerage located in Walnut Creek, California. His experience in management and the private health insurance sector brings valuable problem solving solutions to the self-pay enrollment dilemma. Everett graduated with an honors finance degree from Saint Mary's College of California and lives in the Bay Area.

**Brianna Lierman, Esq., Chief Executive Officer, Local Health Plans of California**

Brianna Lierman is CEO of Local Health Plans of California (LHPC), the association representing all 16 of California’s community based, not-for-profit health plans - local initiatives (LI’s) and county organized health systems (COHS) - that cover ~70% of the state’s Medi-Cal managed care population. Prior to joining LHPC, she was a founding executive, lead California counsel, and later the Vice President of Government Affairs for Centene’s California Health & Wellness Plan. Before that, she was a lobbyist and attorney representing plans, hospitals, medical groups and licensed professionals on legal and strategic issues. Ms. Lierman is a member of the State Bar of California.

**Viola Lujan, Director of Business and Community Relations, La Clinica de La Raza**

Viola Lujan has been with at La Clinica de La Raza, Inc. for more than 44 years. She has served in a variety of capacities within the organization, starting with Office Management of the Mental Health Department, leading to Finance Director of La Clinica and currently serves as the Director of Business and Community Relations for La Clinica. As Business and Community Relations Director, she works with various community, county and funder stakeholders and partners in Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano Counties focusing on system integration and new opportunities for coordinating and improving systems and services for patients and community that La Clinica serves. She also oversees the Community Health Education Department which provides services and programs targeting youth, LGBTQ, HIV and adults. CHE programs and services provide a wide variety of programs such as ACA
implementation, patient navigation from Hospital ER and Inpatient stays and implementing PRAPARE and extensive work with Promotoras.

Beth Malinowski, MPH, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, California Primary Care Association

Beth Malinowski joined the California Primary Care Association (CPCA) in summer 2013 as the Associate Director of Health Care Reform. In this capacity, her policy areas included Medi-Cal Expansion; Covered California; and Outreach, Enrollment, and Retention policy. In this role, Beth also led CPCA’s remaining uninsured policy work. In 2015, as Ms. Malinowski moved into the Deputy Director of Government Affairs position, her role expanded to oversee CPCA’s legislative program and staff. Under her direction, CPCA played a leadership role in over a dozen bills, including sponsored bills to transform and improve care in California.

Rhonda Marion, SPHR, Director of Human Resources, Community Health Center Network

Rhonda Marion is the Director of Human Resources for Community Health Center Network and the Alameda Health Consortium. Prior to her current role, Rhonda was the COO and Director of Human Resources for Catholic Charities of the East Bay. Rhonda holds Senior HR certifications from both HRCI and SHRM and a Bachelor’s degree in Business (Corporate Management & HR) from Cal State East Bay. Her career has spanned both business leadership and human resources where she has helped organizations realize their potential. Rhonda’s HR passion is in talent management and organizational design; conducting analysis of opportunities; implementing organization development interventions, providing on-going coaching, counseling, career development and performance management.

Karen L. McGlinn, Chief Executive Officer, Share Our Selves (SOS)

Karen McGlinn is Chief Executive Officer of Share Our Selves (SOS). She has been the organization’s leader since 1993 and was on the founding board in 1970. A tireless human rights advocate for those marginalized by poverty, Karen has been the driving force in leading SOS from a small grassroots group to one of the largest and most innovative integrative centers providing direct access to healthcare and social services in Orange County. Karen's current focus is on community healthcare and ensuring health centers are transformative, innovative, and facilities of the future. She leads SOS with a belief in personalized care that emphasizes a seamless system of care for the whole person-body, mind, and spirit.
Ana Melgoza, Vice-President of External Relations, San Ysidro Health Center
Ms. Melgoza created the San Ysidro Health Center (SYHC) External Affairs department in response to the continual funding threats at the state and federal levels. In her 12th year, she oversees government relations/advocacy, community partnerships, private fund development, media relations and corp. communications. SYHC provides compassionate and innovative care to nearly 95,000 patients in San Diego County. Prior to SYHC, Ms. Melgoza was Sr. Health Program Officer at the Medtronic Foundation directing the Eliminating Health Disparities portfolio. She is a graduate of the National Urban Fellows Program, earning her MPA from the Baruch School of Public Affairs. Born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri, she was mentored by the Mamie Hughes Rodgers, the first African American female Jackson County Legislator and widow of Dr. Samuel U. Rodgers who established the first federally-recognized community health center in MO; and where Ms. Melgoza received care. Ms. Melgoza is an alumna of the Hispanics Organized for Political Equality Leadership Institute and recognized by Senator Ben Hueso and Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher as Woman of the Year.

David Morgan, Director of Process Improvement, AltaMed

Suma Nair, PhD, MS, RD, Director, Office of Quality Improvement, HRSA
Suma Nair, PhD, MS, RD is the Director of the Office of Quality Improvement in the Health Resources and Services Administration’s Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC). The BPHC administers the Health Center Program that supports nearly 1,400 health centers operating more than 10,000 service delivery sites, including community health centers, migrant health centers, health care for the homeless centers, and public housing primary care centers. Located in communities nationwide, this network of health centers has created one of the largest safety net systems of primary and preventive care in the country providing comprehensive, culturally competent, quality health care to more than 24 million people, or one in every 13 people living in the United States. Prior to joining BPHC, Dr. Nair worked on program evaluation and performance improvement programs impacting more than 80 different grant programs across HRSA. Suma earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Nutrition and a Master of Science degree in Public Health Nutrition from Case Western Reserve University, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Health Services Administration from the University of Maryland, College Park.
Christine Park, MD, MPH, CLE, FAAP, Chief Medical Officer, Northeast Valley Health Corporation

Dr. Park is the Chief Medical Officer of Northeast Valley Health Corporation, a Federally-Qualified Health Center serving the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys in Southern California. She graduated from UCLA School of Medicine and completed a Combined Pediatrics and Public Health Residency at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and UCLA School of Public Health. She served as the Pediatric Medical Director at Northeast Valley Health Corporation before becoming Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Park has trained through the Center for Care Innovations as an Innovation Catalyst, and also has particular interests in breastfeeding promotion and developmental screening in young children.

Andie Patterson, MPP, Director of Government Affairs, California Primary Care Association

Andie Martinez Patterson is the Director of Government Affairs at the California Primary Care Association and California Health+ Advocates, the advocacy affiliate with CPCA. She has been with the organization since January 2008. CPCA represents over 1100 community clinics and health centers that serve 6 million predominantly low-income Californians. She is responsible for overseeing the policy, advocacy and legislative agenda for the Association and Advocates. Andie has a Masters in Public Policy from the University of Minnesota Hubert Humphrey School of Public Affairs, and a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Jane Powers, MSW, LICSW, Director of Behavioral Health, Fenway Health

Jane Powers, MSW, LICSW, is the Director of Behavioral Health at Fenway Health. She oversees a staff of more than 70 therapists, social workers, addictions specialists, and LGBT violence prevention experts. Jane has a clinical background in child, adolescent, and family therapy; she now works with clients of all age groups. In 2016-17, Jane was part of a 5 person faculty in a year-long national ECHO online learning community, Transforming LGBT Health in Primary Care. Prior to joining Fenway Health in 2013, Jane was clinical director of a therapeutic school program for 20 years. Jane earned a Master of Social Work from Simmons College and her B.A. from Colby College. Jane has served on the Board of Trustees at Colby College since 2005 and is an avid cyclist, having participated in the one day, 126-mile Harbor to the Bay Ride since 2007, raising funds to benefit Fenway and other AIDS/HIV organizations.
Meghan L. Powers, Director of Quality Improvement, Venice Family Clinic

Meghan Powers is the Director of Quality Improvement at Venice Family Clinic where she oversees a comprehensive and integrated quality improvement program. She facilitates the design, data collection, reporting and display of data for quality activities and initiatives. Her work intersects the clinical, operational, and IT areas of Venice Family Clinic. Meghan is trained in Lean Sigma methodology, the Model for Improvement, and design innovation. Prior to joining the team at Venice Family Clinic, Meghan spent several years working in programs and operations for Squirrel Hill Health Center located in Pittsburgh, PA.

Christian B. Ramers, MD, MPH, Assistant Medical Director, Research/Special Populations Director, Graduate Medical Education, Family Health Centers of San Diego

Dr. Ramers is specialist in infectious diseases and oversees clinical programs in HIV, Hepatitis B and C in an urban, underserved, FQHC network. He trained at UCLA, UCSD, Duke University, and the University of Washington and now sits on the clinical faculty of UCSD School of Medicine. He is board-certified in Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and Infectious Diseases and completed an MPH degree in Global Health. He is currently the Assistant Medical Director for Research and Special Populations, and the Director of Graduate Medical Education for the Family Health Centers of San Diego. He sits on several speaker’s bureaus, providing HIV and HCV education throughout the Western US, and has consulted for the CA Dept of Public Health, WebMD, Medscape, and the CDC in Atlanta. He chairs the California Chapter of the American Academy of HIV Medicine, and has advocated for HIV/HCV care at the state legislative level. In 2016 he became licensed buprenorphine prescriber and has integrated Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) into HIV and HCV-focused programs. Dr. Ramers maintains an active bilingual clinical practice providing HIV/HBV/HCV and MAT care to underserved and homeless individuals.

Mary-Michal Rawling, Director of Governmental Affairs, Golden Valley Health Centers

Mary-Michal Rawling is the Director of Government Affairs at Golden Valley Health Centers, where she works on organizational policy and advocacy efforts as well as building relationships with elected officials and community partners. As GVHC’s Community Health Program Manager, she started the Healthy South Merced project in 2008 that created the Neighbors United for a Better South Merced community group. These local residents continue to engage in advocacy work to improve the social determinants of health in their neighborhood. In 2009, she was elected to the Merced City Council for a four-year term. Mary-Michal is currently the Vice-President of Soroptimist International of Merced, board member of the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the League of Women Voters and the Merced County Association of Governments’ Regional Transportation Advisory Committee. Mary-Michal has also served as the assistant coach for the Merced College Blue Devil
Volleyball program since 2004. She earned her bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and Policy from Clark University in Worcester, MA and is working towards her Masters degree in Public Administration at CSU Stanislaus.

Tracy Ream, MPH, Chief Executive Officer, Neighborhood Healthcare

Tracy Ream has been CEO of Neighborhood Healthcare for almost 31 years, leading the organization from a single health center to its current 11 facilities in San Diego and Riverside counties. Past experience includes community health centers in Washington state and maternal and child health clinics on four Indian reservations. She has enjoyed leadership positions on several boards, including as past chair of CPCA.

Sarah Ross, Southern Region Administrator, Open Door Community Health Centers

Sarah Ross serves as the Southern Regional Administrator of Open Door Community Health Centers. Open Door is an FQHC that provides primary care, behavioral health, dental, and case management services to over 55,000 patients annually in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. Sarah oversees six health center sites and two mobile care units. She manages both dental and pediatric services for her region, and recently led an effort to integrate dental care into her pediatric departments. Sarah has eight years of policy, operations, and programmatic health care experience in the Bay Area and on the North Coast.

Rodney Samaan, MD, MPH, Clinical Informatics and Innovation Director, Clinica Romero

Clinical Informatics and Innovation Director, MD Dr. Samaan is a board certified Cardiologist who specializes in the prevention of coronary artery disease and venous disease. Dr. Samaan received his fellowship at St. Vincent’s Hospital in New York City, and has performed his duties as a resident in both University Hospitals (Case Western Medical Center) and Rainbow Babies Children’s Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.
**Ralph Silber, MPH, Executive Director, Alameda Health Consortium**

Ralph Silber has a Masters degree from UC Berkeley in Public Health, with a concentration in health policy and planning. He has more than thirty-five years experience in community health, primary care, and health policy. For more than 30 years, he has served as the Executive Director of the Alameda Health Consortium, the association of eight non-profit community health centers in Alameda County, California. He is also the Chief Executive Officer of the Community Health Center Network, a managed care and practice management organization with more than 139,000 managed care members. Mr. Silber is a founding member of the Board of Directors of the California Primary Care Association. He has served on numerous government advisory committees at the federal, state, and county levels and has delivered presentations at numerous national conferences. He has held research and teaching positions at both UC Berkeley and Stanford. He has authored articles in the American Journal of Public Health and Medical Care.

**Ellen Silver, RNP, MSN, Chief Executive Officer, ParkTree Community Health Center**

Ms. Ellen R. Silver is a dedicated healthcare professional with more than 30 years of experience ensuring the delivery of high quality services for families in California. With academic roots steeped in the nursing principles, Ms. Silver is a strong advocate for the unserved and underserved populations of our community. Her health care interests include: ensuring equal access to health care services regardless of ability to pay, mentorship of tomorrow’s generation of health care professionals with an emphasis on the nursing shortage, and payment reform focusing on quality indicators. Ms. Silver’s path to serving as the CEO of ParkTree Community Health Center (PCHC) includes working as a Nurse Practitioner in community health centers, serving as the director of a perinatal healthcare organization, teaching advanced practice nursing, directing a cancer support organization and working as the Director of Nursing Services of a FQHC in Los Angeles.

**Sheree Storm, MBA, Development Director, Dientes Community Dental Care**

A marketing professional with over 25 years of experience in strategy, branding, project management and business development, Sheree Storm brings a business perspective to the non-profit world in her position as Development Director with Dientes Community Dental Care. Through both capital and annual campaigns, she has helped Dientes increase the number of patients by a third and the number of visits by two-thirds in her nearly 5 years with the organization. In addition, she has established a robust communications and public relations program for the organization and supported a county-wide steering committee to improve access to oral healthcare. Prior to joining Dientes, she worked at ReSurge International, Second Harvest Food Bank
Santa Cruz County, Oracle, Marine Terminals Corporation and Global Business Access. She also worked in Japan promoting U.S. agricultural products to the Japanese market. She holds a MBA in International Business, Finance from The George Washington University and a BS in Marketing from California State University, Fresno.

**Patricia Talbot, RN, CNM, BHSA, PCMH CCE, Principal and Senior Executive, P.M. Talbot Enterprises**

Patricia Talbot, RN, CNM, BHSA, PCMH CCE, Principal and Senior Executive of P. M. Talbot Enterprises, has over 25 years of progressive positions in health care which includes health center (community, rural health, FQHC Look-A-Like & FQHC 330 Grantee), hospital, private practice and community collaborative settings. She has successfully planned, developed, implemented and evaluated vast array of programs and projects in her tenure. As a previous CEO of a RHC/FQHC for 18 years, she is personally familiar with the complexity of operating a community health center and has first-hand knowledge of patient flow, clinical teams, care management and outreach support. She is proficient in integrating regulations into practices and developing useful, valuable policies and procedures. Patricia Talbot has the expertise in leading, directing and managing operations and programs that are patient centric, family oriented and culturally appropriate. As a Nationally recognized NCQA PCMH Certified Content Expert coach, she guides organizations through the Patient-Centered Health Home transformation and the NCQA survey submission.

**Rachel Wick, MPH, Senior Program Officer, Blue Shield of California Foundation**

Rachel Wick is a senior program officer at Blue Shield of California Foundation. In this role, she advances grantmaking and programmatic strategies designed to support care integration and value-based care in the California safety net, including behavioral health integration, electronic consultation between primary care and specialty care systems, and accountable communities for health. Prior to joining Blue Shield of California Foundation, Ms. Wick spent eight years at the Consumer Health Foundation in Washington, D.C., implementing and evaluating a health equity and advocacy strategy, first as a program officer and then as director of policy, planning and special projects. Ms. Wick was selected as a 2010 Terrence Keenan Emerging Leader in Health Philanthropy Fellow by Grantmakers in Health. She holds a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from the College of St. Benedict and an MPH in health management and policy from the University of Michigan.