

# Population Health in Challenging Times: Insights from Key Domains

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## Speaker Biosketches

### Academic public health and population health session

#### **Sandro Galea**

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Sandro Galea, a physician, epidemiologist, and author, is dean and Robert A. Knox Professor at Boston University School of Public Health. He previously held academic and leadership positions at Columbia University, the University of Michigan, and the New York Academy of Medicine. He has published extensively in the peer-reviewed literature, and is a regular contributor to a range of public media, about the social causes of health, mental health, and the consequences of trauma. He has been listed as one of the most widely cited scholars in the social sciences. He is chair of the board of the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health and past president of the Society for Epidemiologic Research and of the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine. Galea has received several lifetime achievement awards. Galea holds a medical degree from the University of Toronto, graduate degrees from Harvard University and Columbia University, and an honorary doctorate from the University of Glasgow.

#### **Marc Gourevitch**

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Marc N. Gourevitch, MD, MPH, is the Muriel G. and George W. Singer Professor and founding Chair of the Department of Population Health at NYU Langone Medical Center. The focus of Dr. Gourevitch's work is on developing approaches that leverage both healthcare delivery and policy- and community-level interventions to advance the health of populations. Dr. Gourevitch leads initiatives in urban health metrics, is co-Director of the Community Engagement and Population Health Research Core of the Clinical and Translational Science Institute that bridges NYU Langone and NYC Health+Hospitals, and leads NYU Langone's participation in the NYC Clinical Data Research Network funded by the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). His research centers on improving health outcomes among drug users and other underserved populations, integrating pharmacologic treatments for opioid and alcohol dependence into primary care, and developing strategies for bridging academic research with applied challenges faced by health care delivery systems and public sector initiatives. Dr. Gourevitch previously served as founding Director of NYU Langone's Division of General Internal Medicine, and led NYU Langone's CDC-funded Fellowship in Medicine and Public Health Research. A graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Medical School, he trained in primary care/internal medicine at NYU and Bellevue Hospital and received his MPH from Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health.

#### **Dora Hughes**

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Dora Hughes, M.D., M.P.H., is Associate Research Professor of Health Policy & Management at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at The George Washington University, where her work focuses on the intersection of clinical and community health, social determinants of health, health equity, healthcare quality and workforce. Previously, Dr. Hughes was a Senior Policy Advisor at Sidley Austin,

where she advised on regulatory and legislative matters in the life science industry. Prior to that, she served for nearly four years in the Obama Administration as Counselor for Science & Public Health to Secretary Kathleen Sebelius at HHS. Her areas of responsibility included implementation of public health and FDA-related provisions of the ACA, as well as signature legislation for tobacco, Alzheimer's and FDA reform. She served in leadership roles for several White House initiatives, including the Childhood Obesity Task Force, President's Food Safety Working Group, Committee on STEM Education and Let's Move. Dr. Hughes began her career in health policy as Senior Program Officer at the Commonwealth Fund, and subsequently as Deputy Director for the HELP Committee under Senator Edward M. Kennedy. She then served as the Health Policy Advisor to former Senator Barack Obama. Dr. Hughes received a B.S. from Washington University, M.D. from Vanderbilt and M.P.H. from Harvard. She completed internal medicine residency at Brigham & Women's Hospital.

### **Sheri Johnson**

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Sheri Johnson is Director of the Population Health Institute; Associate Professor (CHS), Department of Population Health Sciences, and Associate Director of Community Partnerships for the Prevention Research Center at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, School of Medicine and Public Health. Dr. Johnson has dedicated her 25+ year career to partnering with children, families, community organizations and systems to advance health and well-being. Awed by the resilience of individuals and communities, she is motivated to remove unfair obstacles and conditions that create and perpetuate health inequities. Dr. Johnson completed undergraduate studies at Brown University; earned a M.A. and Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Boston University and served as a Clinical Fellow in Psychology at Harvard Medical School. She was previously Director of Behavioral Health at Milwaukee Health Services, Inc., a federally qualified health center and served as the Administrator and State Health Officer for the Wisconsin Division of Public Health. Immediately prior to joining the Population Health Institute, she was Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Medical College of Wisconsin Center for Advancement of Underserved Children where she collaborated with diverse stakeholders to address a broad range of real-world problems.

### **Shreya Kangovi**

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Shreya Kangovi, MD, MSHP is an internist, pediatrician and health policy researcher. She is a leading national expert on the use of community health workers—trusted laypeople from local communities—to improve population health. Her research also sheds light on patient perspectives on health and health care utilization.

Dr. Kangovi is the founding executive director of the Penn Center for Community Health Workers, a national center of excellence dedicated to advancing health in low-income populations through effective community health worker programs. The center is a hub for ongoing research and development of best practices for community health workers. Dr. Kangovi led the team that designed IMPaCT, a standardized, scalable community health worker program which has been proven in three randomized controlled trials to improve chronic disease control, primary care access, mental health and quality of care while reducing hospital admissions.

### **Ziad Obermeyer**

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Ziad Obermeyer is an Acting Associate Professor of Health Policy and Management at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health, where he does research at the intersection of machine learning, medicine, and health policy. He previously was an Assistant Professor at Harvard Medical School, where he received the Early Independence Award, the National Institutes of Health's most prestigious award for exceptional junior scientists. He continues to practice emergency medicine in underserved parts of the

US. Prior to his career in medicine, he worked as a consultant to pharmaceutical and global health clients at McKinsey & Co. in New Jersey, Geneva, and Tokyo.

**Josh Sharfstein**

**@DrJoshS**

Joshua M. Sharfstein, M.D., is Vice Dean for Public Health Practice and Community Engagement and Professor of the Practice in Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He is also the Director of the Bloomberg American Health Initiative. Previously, Dr. Sharfstein served as Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, as Principal Deputy Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and as Health Commissioner of Baltimore City. In these positions, he pursued creative solutions to longstanding challenges, including drug overdose deaths, infant mortality, unsafe consumer products, and school failure. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and the National Academy of Public Administration.

**Social sector session**

**Cathy Baase**

**@MiHIAInc**

Dr. Baase serves as the Board Chairperson of the Michigan Health Improvement Alliance (MIHIA), a multi-stakeholder collaborative dedicated to improving the health of people in 14 counties of central Michigan. In a related role, she is the Senior Fellow serving MIHIA and the transformational initiative THRIVE (Transforming Health Regionally in a Vibrant Economy). She is a member of the Roundtable on Population Health Improvement of the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine and served as the initial chair of the Business Collaborative. Dr. Baase is a member of the Stewardship Council of Raising the Bar an initiative funded by RWJF to set bold new principles for the role that health care systems and institutions should play in achieving optimal health and well-being, and practical Guidance for applying them. Additionally, she is a member of the National Alliance to impact Social Determinants of Health, NASDOH and serves as a senior advisor to HealthBegins focused on upstream efforts in healthcare. Dr. Baase is a member of the Advisory Council for the RWJF Culture of Health for Business Project with the Global Reporting Index, GRI. She is also on the Susan and Henry Samuelli College of Health Sciences Advisory Board at UC Irvine.

**Susan N. Dreyfus**

**@SusanDreyfus**

Susan N. Dreyfus is president and CEO of the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities, a strategic action network of social sector organizations that has a national reach in thousands of communities across America. Prior to joining the Alliance in 2012, Dreyfus was secretary for the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services. She was appointed by Gov. Chris Gregoire in May 2009 and approved by the senate. She served as a member of the Governor's Executive Cabinet. She had responsibility for Medicaid, aging and long-term care, child welfare, behavioral health care, juvenile justice, economic assistance, and other human services. Before her work in Washington state, Dreyfus served as senior vice president and chief operating officer for the Alliance.

In 1996 she was appointed by the Gov. Tommy G. Thompson Administration in Wisconsin to be the first administrator of the Division of Children and Family Services. Her responsibilities included child welfare, child care quality and licensing, youth development, and an array of emergency assistance and other community programs. Dreyfus is a member of Leadership 18, a coalition of CEOs from the largest and most respected nonprofit organizations in America, and was previously the chair. She serves on the governing boards of the American Public Human Services Association and Generations United. Dreyfus is also on the advisory committees of the Social Intervention Research & Evaluation Network (SIREN) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Systems for Action (S4A). She was appointed through the

Speaker's office in the U.S. House of Representatives to serve on the National Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities from 2013-2015.

**Gary Gunderson**

**@garygunderson**

Gary Gunderson, M.Div., D.Min., D.Div., is the Vice President for Faith and Health, Professor of Public Health Sciences and, (at the Divinity School) Professor of Religion and the Health of the Public, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Centre and Wake Forest University School of Divinity. His degrees, which hide as much as they illuminate, are an undergraduate degree from Wake Forest University in History, a Masters of Divinity at Emory University (with an honours thesis on economics, faith and the hungry) and a Doctor of Ministry from the Interdenominational Theology Centre in Atlanta (with a thesis on Boundary Leadership). However, his real qualifications are some 40 years of life in incredibly rich webs of relationships with people working seriously in the areas of hunger/poverty and community development, public health and more recently health care, all of which in the boundary zone between people moving out of their exclusive faith identities. Gary is interested in organizational and community change and how people influence complex human systems to morph in the direction of greater vitality, decency and maybe even justice. He has always been interested in what faith has to do with any of this. It has been a curious life path, but has lead through about 8 years at the Carter Centre where many of these ideas were developed, and the school of public health at Emory, then 7 years as a senior executive at Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare (a \$1.5 billion faith based hospital system in Memphis, one of the poorest cities in the United States). His current work focuses on helping this large system align its full institutional and human assets with its professed goal of advancing the health of the region.

**Milton Little**

**@MiltonJLittle**

Milton J. Little, Jr. became the first African-American president of United Way of Greater Atlanta, the second-largest in the national system, in July 2007. Altogether, Little has helped raise more than half a billion dollars for local community needs and priorities. Before joining United Way, he served as chief operating officer and interim president and CEO of the National Urban League. He graduated magna cum laude from Morehouse College with a B.A. in sociology and earned an M.A. in urban sociology and social policy from Columbia University.

He is a member of many boards and advisory committees. Notable among them are the Center for Assessment and Policy Development, past chair of the Southern Education Foundation, and past vice chair of the board of directors for Ways to Work. He is a member of the Atlanta Mayoral Board of Service, the Commerce Club Operating Board, 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Leadership Atlanta Class of 2010 and the Rotary Club of Atlanta. He also serves on the Junior League of Atlanta Community Advisory Board, University of Georgia Advisory Board for the J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development, Atlanta Speech School Board of Advisors, Woodruff Arts Center Board of Trustees, Central Atlanta Progress, Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students, Georgia's Older Adults Cabinet, Georgia's Children's Cabinet, Hope Atlanta Advisory Council, Get Georgia Ready Reading Cabinet and Susan G. Komen of Greater Atlanta. In January 2018, he was selected to serve on Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms' Transition Team.

**Jason Purnell**

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Jason Purnell, PhD, MPH, is vice president of community health improvement, BJC Healthcare.

Purnell previously led Health Equity Works, a community-facing research group at the Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis. Simultaneously, he has also served in a consulting capacity with BJC's Center for Clinical Excellence for the past two years. Purnell holds a faculty position at the Brown School and will support the soon-to-be-announced leadership of Health Equity Works. He also will provide

support for the Brown School's strategic planning efforts to advance community-science and align initiatives between the school and BJC.

Purnell is trained in both applied psychology and public health. He is a faculty affiliate with the Prevention Research Center and the Center for Public Health Systems Science at the Brown School, a faculty scholar in the Institute for Public Health, and faculty director for Thriving Communities in the Center for Social Development. Purnell is very active in the community, including serving as a founding board member of the Show-Me School-Based Health Alliance of Missouri and on the boards of St. Louis University High School and the American Youth Foundation. He is also a former director of community engagement with the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

### Health care session

#### **Dawn Alley**

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Dawn Alley, Ph.D., is Chief Strategy Officer at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation. She previously served as Deputy Senior Advisor for Value-based Transformation in the Office of the Secretary of HHS, and as Director of the Prevention and Population Health Group at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, which is responsible for innovative payment and service delivery models including the Accountable Health Communities model, the Million Hearts Cardiovascular Risk Reduction model, and the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program. Prior to joining CMMI, Dawn served as Senior Advisor in the Office of the Surgeon General, where she oversaw implementation of the National Prevention Strategy. She has extensive expertise in population health and aging, with more than 50 publications in journals including the New England Journal of Medicine and JAMA. Dawn holds a Ph.D. in Gerontology from the University of Southern California and received post-doctoral training in population health through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholars program at the University of Pennsylvania.

#### **Philip Alberti**

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As the Association of American Medical Colleges' (AAMC) Senior Director for Health Equity Research and Policy, Philip M. Alberti, Ph.D., supports the efforts of academic medical centers to build an evidence-base for effective programs, protocols, and partnerships aimed at ameliorating inequalities in health and healthcare through research. Alberti is responsible for working with AAMC's constituents to elevate the status of community-partnered and health equity-related research efforts, identifying emerging funding sources and policy implications for such projects, and disseminating findings to achieve the broadest possible impact. Prior to joining the AAMC in 2012, Alberti led research, evaluation, and planning efforts for a Bureau within the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH) that works to promote health equity between disadvantaged and advantaged neighborhoods. Alberti holds a PhD degree in Sociomedical Sciences from Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health and was a National Institute of Mental Health Fellow in the Psychiatric Epidemiology Training program.

#### **Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo**

**@KBibbinsDomingo**

Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, PhD, MD, MAS is the Professor and Chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, and the Lee Goldman, MD Endowed Chair and Professor of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco. She is the inaugural Vice Dean for Population Health and Health Equity in the UCSF School of Medicine. She co-founded the UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital that focuses on actionable research to increase health equity and reduce health disparities in at-risk communities. She is one of the Principal Investigators for the UCSF Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, and she leads the newly launched UCSF COVID Community Public Health Initiative.



Dr. Bibbins-Domingo is a general internist and cardiovascular epidemiologist whose scholarship includes observational epidemiology, pragmatic trials, and simulation modeling to examine clinical and public health approaches to prevention in the US and globally. She previously served on and led the US Preventive Services Task Force from 2010-2017. She is an inducted member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the Association of American Physicians, and the National Academy of Medicine.

### **Sanne Magnan**

Sanne Magnan, M.D., Ph.D., is the co-chair of the Roundtable on Population Health Improvement of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine. She is the former President and CEO of the Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI) (2006-2007; 2011-2016). In 2007, she was appointed Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Health by Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty. She served from 2007 to 2010 and had significant responsibility for implementation of Minnesota's 2008 health reform legislation, including the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP), standardized quality reporting, development of provider peer grouping, certification process for health care homes, and baskets of care.

Dr. Magnan was a staff physician at the Tuberculosis Clinic at St. Paul - Ramsey County Department of Public Health (2002-2015). She was a member of the Population-based Payment Model Workgroup of the Healthcare Payment Learning and Action Network (2015-2016) and a member of the CMS Multi-sector Collaboration Measure Development Technical Expert Panel (2016). She is on Epic's Population Health Steering Board and on Healthy People 2030 Engagement Subcommittee.

She served on the board of MN Community Measurement and the board of NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center, a federally qualified health center and part of Hennepin Health. Her previous experience also includes vice president and medical director of Consumer Health at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota. Currently, she is a Senior Fellow with HealthPartners Institute, and adjunct assistant professor of medicine at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Magnan holds a M.D. and a Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry from the University of Minnesota, and is a board-certified internist.

### **Von Nguyen**

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Von D. Nguyen, MD, MPH, is Vice President, Clinical Operations and Innovations, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina. Previously, Dr. Nguyen served as the Acting Associate Director for Policy at the Centers for Disease Control for Prevention (CDC). In that capacity, he supported the policy agenda across CDC and manages the CDC's efforts to promote collaboration between the public health and health care delivery systems. Prior to joining CDC, Dr. Nguyen worked at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation on the State Innovation Models, Prevention and Population Health projects, and the larger Health Care Delivery System Reform agenda. He is a primary care provider who practiced at a federally qualified health center prior to entering federal service. In addition to his experience in public health and health care delivery, Dr. Nguyen has worked as a management consultant for Fortune 500 companies, medical underwriter for health insurance companies, and medical director for Doctors Without Borders.

### **Stella Whitney-West**

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In December 2007, Stella Whitney-West was appointed CEO of NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center, a federally qualified health center that serves over 25,000 residents in North Minneapolis and Hennepin County with comprehensive medical, dental, and behavioral health care. Prior to her appointment, she served as the COO for NorthPoint's Human Services. Her background includes over two decades of experience working with governance and policy boards of nonprofit organizations as well as extensive senior management experience in the Twin Cities nonprofit community.

She has an M.B.A. from the University of St. Thomas and a B.S. in biology from the University of Minnesota. Ms. Whitney-West serves on the Twin Cities LISC Advisory Board and as a member of the board of directors for Stratis Health and Urban Home Works. She is currently Board President for the Minnesota Association of Community Health Centers (MNACHC).

### Public health session

#### John Auerbach

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John Auerbach, MBA, is the President and CEO of the Trust for America's Health (TFAH), a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to saving lives by protecting the health of every community and working to make disease prevention a national priority. TFAH conducts science-based research, issues policy-oriented reports addressing key health issues, shares best practices from communities large and small across the nation, and brings diverse groups together to effectively respond to current and emerging health threats of all kinds.

He was formerly the Associate Director for Policy and the Acting Director of the Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support (OSTLTS) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). As such he managed the CDC's Policy Office, which focused on strengthening the collaboration between the public health and health care sectors, and he oversaw key activities and technical assistance that supported the nation's health departments and the public health system. Prior to his appointment at CDC, he was a Distinguished Professor of Practice in Health Sciences and the Director of the Institute on Urban Health Research and Practice at Northeastern University from 2012 to 2014.

He was the Commissioner of Public Health for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from 2007 to 2012. He participated in the implementation of the state's innovative health care reform law and developed public health programs that promoted health equity, emergency preparedness and chronic and infectious disease prevention. Prior to his appointment as Commissioner, Auerbach had been the Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission for 9 years. In this position he oversaw a wide range of city services including those addressing substance abuse, homelessness and emergency medical services. He had previously worked at the State Health Department for a decade, first as the Chief of Staff and later as an Assistant Commissioner overseeing the HIV/AIDS Bureau during the early years of the epidemic.

#### Oxiris Barbot

@DrOBarbot

With more than 25 years' experience in public health and health care delivery, Dr. Oxiris Barbot has dedicated her career to achieving health equity. When she was commissioner of health for New York City, she led the nation's premier health department in centering an equity agenda on communities, bridging public health and health care delivery, and leveraging data for action and policy. She successfully navigated the city's responses to the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic and to New York City's largest measles outbreak in 30 years.

As an innovative public health leader, Dr. Barbot has championed addressing health inequities in major cities along the East Coast. In 2010, Dr. Barbot was appointed commissioner of health for Baltimore City. During her tenure in Baltimore, she led the development of Healthy Baltimore 2015, a robust health agenda dedicated to ensuring that all Baltimore residents realize their full health potential. Under her leadership, the City of Baltimore achieved a record reduction in the rate of infant death, among many achievements in health.

From 2003 to 2010, Dr. Barbot served as medical director of New York City's public schools. In this capacity, she spearheaded development and implementation of an electronic health record system that improved delivery of health services for more than 1 million children. Prior to her work in New York City,

Dr. Barbot served as chief of pediatrics and community medicine at Unity Health Care, Inc., a federally qualified health center in Washington, DC.

Dr. Barbot holds a bachelor's degree from Yale University and a medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. She completed her pediatric residency at George Washington University's Children's National Medical Center.

### **Joneigh Khaldun**

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Dr. Joneigh S. Khaldun is the Chief Medical Executive and Chief Deputy Director for Health for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. In these roles, she provides medical guidance for the State of Michigan and oversees the Public Health, Medical Services, Aging and Adult Services, and Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities administrations.

Prior to her roles at MDHHS, she was the director and health officer for the Detroit Health Department, where she oversaw a robust community-driven community health assessment, established a comprehensive reproductive health network and led Detroit's response to the Hepatitis A outbreak. In 2018, Dr. Khaldun was selected for the 40 Under 40 Leaders in Minority Health Award by the National Minority Quality Forum; she also is a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians (FACEP).

Previously, Dr. Khaldun was the Baltimore City Health Department's chief medical officer, where she oversaw seven clinics and a laboratory and led efforts to address the opioid epidemic. She has held several local and national leadership positions, including director of the Center for Injury Prevention and Control at George Washington University, founder and director of the Fellowship in Health Policy in the University of Maryland Department of Emergency Medicine, and as a Fellow in President Obama administration's Office of Health Reform.

Dr. Khaldun has served on several national and local boards and committees that include: Commission on Health in Montgomery County, Maryland; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit; the Detroit Urban Research Collaborative; the governor-appointed Michigan Public Health Advisory Council; and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Health Disparities Advisory Committee. She obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan, medical degree from the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and a master's in public health in health policy from George Washington University. She completed her residency in emergency medicine at Kings County Hospital Center in Brooklyn, New York, where she served as chief resident. She practices emergency medicine part-time at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

### **Jose Montero**

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José Montero, M.D., M.P.H., M.S. serves as the deputy director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) responsible for overseeing support to the US health departments, tribal nations, and insular areas, and as the director of CDC's Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support. He oversees key activities and technical assistance designed to improve the public health system's capacity and performance in an era of health reform. Previously, Dr. Montero served as vice president of population health and health system integration at Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene. In that capacity, he helped the healthcare system advance its Healthy Monadnock population health strategy. Key components of this process were improved partnerships with all organizations engaged in addressing social determinants of health for the population served and development of a sustainability pathway for the region's population health strategy. For seven years, Dr. Montero served as director of the Division of Public Health Services at the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). In that role, he led the delivery of high-quality, evidence-based services and prompt response to public health threats and emerging issues in the state.



Dr. Montero holds a medical degree from the Universidad Nacional de Colombia. He specialized in family medicine and completed his residency at the Universidad del Valle in Cali, Colombia. He also holds an epidemiology degree from Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá, Colombia, and a master's degree in healthcare delivery science from Dartmouth College.

**Umair Shah**

**@ushahmd**

In 2013, Dr. Umair A. Shah was appointed Executive Director and Local Health Authority for Harris County Public Health (HCPH) – a \$100 million agency comprised of 700 public health professionals serving the nation's third largest county with 4.7 million people.

Dr. Shah has enjoyed a distinguished career as an emergency department physician at Houston's Michael DeBakey VA Medical Center. His career in public health began as Chief Medical Officer of Galveston County Health District before joining HCPH to oversee its clinical health system and infectious disease portfolio. Under his leadership, HCPH has won numerous awards including recognition as Local Health Department of the Year by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) in 2016 for its work in innovation, engagement, and health equity.

Dr. Shah is the current president of NACCHO representing the nearly 3,000 local health departments across the U.S. and recently served as president of its Texas affiliate. He remains active in clinical and academic activities through various Texas Medical Center institutions. He has responded to numerous large-scale emergencies such as Tropical Storm Allison; Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Ike; novel H1N1 influenza; the devastating earthquakes in Kashmir and Haiti; and responses to Ebola and Zika, respectively. Dr. Shah served as medical branch co-director for the 27,000 Katrina evacuees sheltered at the Houston Astrodome in 2005 and led Harris County's public health efforts in response to Hurricane Harvey in 2017.

Dr. Shah sits on the board of Trust for America's Health and numerous other national boards and advisory groups including the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Network for Public Health Law, Texas Department of State Health Services, and Texas Medical Association. Dr. Shah earned his BA in Philosophy from Vanderbilt University and MD from the University of Toledo Health Science Center. He completed Internal Medicine residency, General Medicine/Primary Care fellowship, and an MPH in Management & Policy Sciences at The University of Texas Health Science Center. During his training, he also completed an international health policy internship at World Health Organization headquarters in Switzerland.

**Monica Valdes Lupi**

**@mvlupi**

Monica Valdes Lupi, JD, MPH, joined the Kresge Foundation as the Managing Director for Health Programs in September 2020. With more than 20 years of experience in public health, in her role as Managing Director, Monica leads the Health Team in building equity-focused systems of health that create opportunities for all people to achieve well-being. Prior to joining Kresge, she was the Senior Fellow for the de Beaumont Foundation where she served as an advisor to amplify and accelerate policy initiatives aimed at developing and advancing a health agenda on critical public health issues, such as tobacco control, racial justice, and health equity. Monica also worked as a Senior Advisor to the CDC Foundation in its COVID-19 efforts. In this role, she helped guide activities aimed at quickly identifying and supporting gaps and needs among state and local health departments in their response and recovery activities. Working alongside the CDC's leadership team, Monica was particularly focused on building out support for vulnerable populations such as the homeless, older adults, and Black and Latinx communities. She has extensive governmental public health experience as the Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission, the local health department for the City of Boston, and also as the Deputy Commissioner for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. She's also led national efforts

through her role as Chief Program Officer for Health Systems Transformation at the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials.

### Cross-sector session

#### **Alison Omens**

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Alison Omens is the Chief Strategy Officer at JUST Capital. She is responsible for setting and implementing strategy to achieve mission impact for the organization. Her work includes overseeing programs, revenue, partnerships, development, and strategic engagement with companies, investors, foundations, and nonprofits. She has orchestrated program collaborations with BlackRock, the Aspen Institute, Harvard Business School, and others.

Alison was most recently Advisor for Private Sector Engagement to U.S. Secretary of Labor Tom Perez, where she managed the inclusive capitalism strategy for the Secretary and with the White House. She was also responsible for engagement on the Department's future-of-work efforts and its ESG investing guidance. Previously, she was Vice President at Outreach Strategies, an environmental strategic communications firm, and the Director of Media Outreach for the AFL-CIO.

Alison is on the Board of Directors of JobsFirstNYC, which expands opportunities for out-of-work and out-of-school youth and on the Advisory Councils of NextGen Chamber, a business organization for millennial business owners, and LitWorld, which promotes youth literacy through storytelling. She is also the co-founder of Smash Squad, a network for women focused on doing well by doing good. Alison received her masters of public administration from Harvard Kennedy School and B.A. from Scripps College.

#### **Christopher Parker**

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Chris Parker, MPH, BSc, MBBS, is a research assistant professor in the Dean's Office of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies and the director of global and population health at the Georgia Health Policy Center. He holds a leadership role in many of the center's projects related to public health and program evaluation. His areas of expertise include strategic planning and evaluation, with a particular interest in projects that link population health and health care.

Parker is a skilled facilitator who has guided a significant number of multisectoral, state, and local organizational strategic and evaluation plans. He is the co-principal investigator for Bridging for Health: Improving Community Health through Innovations in Financing, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. He also leads the center's growing health care workforce portfolio with a focus on Georgia's primary care assets to address gaps in light of the Affordable Care Act, as well as the center's work on community health needs assessments.

As a trained family physician, who has worked with underserved populations and faith-based organizations, Parker brings his clinical and community linked experiences to addressing current and long-standing public health issues.

#### **Mary Pittman**

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Mary A. Pittman, DrPH, is chief executive officer and president of the Public Health Institute (PHI), a US and global non-profit public health organization dedicated to improving health & equity through economic, social, and healthcare innovation. PHI has 700 employees around the globe working on critical public health issues. Pittman is a national leader in community health, addressing health inequities and promoting prevention and quality of care. Her experience in public health and health care settings made her an expert adviser in the field of population health and building healthier and more equitable communities and health systems.

During her tenure, PHI has been recognized three times as one of the 50 best nonprofit places to work in the nation. Pittman served for 6 years on the Institute of Medicine’s Roundtable on Population Health Improvement, and the Healthy People 2030 advisory committee to the Secretary of HHS. Finally, she served as an expert advisor to the Let’s Get Healthy California Task Force, and numerous other advisory boards.

**Soma Saha**

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Somava Saha, MD, MS, is Founder and Executive Lead, Well-being and Equity (WE) in the World. Soma has dedicated her career to improving health, wellbeing and equity through the development of thriving people, organizations and communities. She has worked as a primary care internist and pediatrician in the safety net and a global public health practitioner for over 20 years. She has witnessed and demonstrated sustainable transformation in human and community flourishing around the world. Soma is also Executive Lead of the Well Being In the Nation (WIN) Network, which work together to advance inter-generational well-being and equity. She continues to serve as faculty at Harvard Medical School and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement.

Over the last five years, as Vice President at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, Dr. Saha founded and led the [100 Million Healthier Lives](#) (100MLives) initiative, which brought together 1850+ partners in 30+ countries reaching more than 500 million people to improve health, wellbeing and equity. She and her team at WE in the World continue to advance and scale the frameworks, tools, and outcomes from this initiative as a core implementation partner in 100MLives.

Previously, Dr. Saha served as Vice President of Patient Centered Medical Home Development at [Cambridge Health Alliance](#), where she co-led a transformation that improved health outcomes for a safety net population above the national 90th percentile, improved joy and meaning of work for the workforce, and reduced medical expense by 10%. She served as President of the Medical Staff of Cambridge Health Alliance, as well as founding Medical Director of the CHA Revere Family Health Center and the Whidden Hospitalist Service, leading to substantial improvements in access, experience, quality and cost for safety net patients.

In 2012, Dr. Saha was recognized as one of ten inaugural Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Young Leaders for her contributions to improving the health of the nation. She has consulted with leaders from across the world, including Guyana, Sweden, the United Kingdom, Singapore, Australia, Tunisia, Denmark and Brazil. She has appeared on a panel with the Dalai Lama, keynoted conferences around the world, and had her work featured on Sanjay Gupta, the Katie Couric Show, PBS and CNN. In 2016 she was elected as a Leading Causes of Life Global Fellow.

**Philanthropy session**

**William Buster**

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William Buster is Executive Vice President of Community Investments at the St. David’s Foundation. He leads and oversees the Foundation’s grantmaking and community programs, including the St. David’s Dental Program.

Prior to joining the Foundation in 2016, William was the Owner and Lead Consultant for Common-Unity Philanthropic and Nonprofit Advisors. He also worked with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, where he served as the Director of Mississippi and New Orleans Programs as well as Advisor to the President on Men and Boys of Color, and as a Program Officer with the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, with a focus on AR, LA, TN, MS and parts of Appalachia. Earlier in his career, he was the Program Director for Community Development for the Greensboro Education and Development Council.

William has a Master of Arts in Policy and Practice of Development from the University of New Hampshire, and a Bachelor of Arts from North Carolina Agricultural & Technical University.

**Nupur Chaudhury****@CautionChaud**

As Program Officer, Nupur Chaudhury focuses on NYSHealth's priority area on building healthy communities, which leads neighborhood-level and policy interventions to increase residents' access to healthy, affordable food options, improve the built environment, and link communities with healthy lifestyle programming. Ms. Chaudhury brings a background in community-based health, urban planning, and community organizing. Prior to joining NYSHealth, Ms. Chaudhury was the director of neighborhood health development at the Center for Health Equity, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. In her role there, she led the expansion of the Shop Healthy program, aimed at changing the food retail environment in the City's poorest neighborhoods, and was also part of the planning team developing the City's Neighborhood Health Action Centers. She has also worked with Rebuild by Design as a resiliency planner post-Hurricane Sandy by building and strengthening neighborhood coalitions in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. Prior to that, Ms. Chaudhury was the first health coordinator for the Brownsville Partnership, developing its agenda linking the built environment, health, and violence to its work on active living and healthy eating. Ms. Chaudhury holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bryn Mawr College, a Master of Urban Planning degree from New York University, and a Master of Public Health degree from Columbia University. She is a member of the American Public Health Association and American Planning Association, as well as serves on the boards of Made in Brownsville and University of Orange.

**Rose Green****@RIGreen7**

Rose Green, MNP is a Program Officer at the Colorado Health Foundation who works to bring health in reach for communities across northeastern Colorado. She is currently focused locally on Morgan County and the East Colfax Corridor. Rose is fueled by a lifelong passion for equity and nonprofit work, grounded in a desire to make nonprofits more effective and impactful. She is also the co-chair of Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy - Colorado. Before starting at the Colorado Health Foundation, Rose was a Training Specialist with the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. She attended Pomona College as an undergrad in Nonprofit Organizational and Economic Development, and received her Masters of Nonprofit Management from Regis University. In her spare time, Rose loves to hike, spend time with family (including a forever-busy 17 month old), cross stitch, and read contemporary nonfiction.

**Michelle Larkin****@mchl\_larkin**

Michelle A. Larkin, associate executive vice president, joined the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) in 1999. With more than 27 years as a leader in health policy and practice, and as an attorney committed to using law and policy to improve health, she provides leadership to the executive vice president, senior management team, and staff on strategy and all program, policy, communications, research, evaluation, and learning activities. In this role, she helps shape the Foundation's vision to build a Culture of Health in America, where everyone has a fair and just opportunity for health and well-being. Before joining the Foundation, Larkin worked as an oncology nurse at the University of Maryland Medical System in Baltimore, Md., where she experienced the opportunities, challenges, and rewards of bedside nursing. She left bedside nursing to focus on population health improvement through systems and policy change at the federal level. As a Presidential Management Fellow, she worked at the Office on Smoking and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and as a legislative fellow for the U.S. Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee. Upon completion of her fellowship, she served as a health policy analyst at the Office on Smoking and Health, CDC, in Washington, D.C. Larkin is a member of the American Public Health Association, the American Bar Association, and the New Jersey Bar. She also serves on the National Board of Public Health Examiners and the Institute of Medicine

Population Health Roundtable. Larkin received a J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law, an M.S. in nursing/health policy from the University of Maryland, and a B.S.N. from the University of Pennsylvania.

**Jacqueline Martinez Garcel**

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Jacqueline Martinez Garcel is the CEO of the Latino Community Foundation (LCF). The mission of LCF is to unleash the power of Latinos in California. Jacqueline has led LCF through a critical stage of growth and expansion. Today, LCF leads one of the largest networks of Latino philanthropists in the country and it is the only statewide foundation solely focused on investing in Latino leaders. Jacqueline is driven by a sense of urgency, justice, and determination to create opportunities for Latinos to thrive economically and engage politically.

Previously, Jacqueline served as Vice President of the New York State Health Foundation (NYSHealth). As a founding staff member, she was a key advisor to the President and helped establish the foundation as a resource for policymakers and community leaders across the state. She also played a central role in developing the foundation's program areas and developing partnerships with national and local foundations. Prior to joining NYSHealth, Jacqueline served as the Executive Director of Community Voices in New York City. During her tenure, she developed, evaluated, and expanded programs to improve the health and quality of care for vulnerable populations.

Jacqueline has also served as a NIH fellow for the Merida Department of Public Health in Yucatan, Mexico, a faculty member for the Social Science Department of the Borough of Manhattan Community College, and an adjunct professor at the New York University Global Institute of Public Health.

Jacqueline has been appointed to several Boards, including the Institute for Civic Leadership, NAMI-NYC Metro, and Grantmakers in Health. She currently serves on the KQED Community Advisory Panel and co-chairs the National Latino Funds Alliance (NLFA).

Jacqueline has published extensively on issues related to health equity, vulnerable populations, and community health workers. She holds a Masters in Public Health from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Science from Cornell University.

**Phyllis Meadows**

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As a Senior Fellow in the Health Program, Phyllis D. Meadows, Ph.D., R.N., M.S.N., engages in all levels of grantmaking activity. Since joining The Kresge Foundation in 2009, she has advised the Health team on the development of its overall strategic direction and provided leadership in the design and implementation of grantmaking initiatives and projects. Dr. Meadows also has coached team members and created linkages to national organizations and experts in the health field. In addition, she regularly reviews grant proposals, aids prospective grantees in preparing funding requests, and provides health-related expertise.

Dr. Meadows' 30-year career spans the nursing, public health, academic, and philanthropic sectors. She is associate dean for practice at the University of Michigan's School of Public Health and has lectured at Wayne State University's School of Nursing, Oakland University's School of Nursing, and Marygrove College. From 2004 to 2009, Dr. Meadows served as deputy director, director, and public health officer at the Detroit Department of Health and Wellness Promotion. In the early 1990s, she traveled abroad as a Kellogg International Leadership Fellow and subsequently joined the W.K. Kellogg Foundation as a program director. She also served as director of nursing for The Medical Team – Michigan.

Marion Standish, MA, JD, is Senior Vice President, Enterprise Programs at The California Endowment. Marion Standish joined The California Endowment with an extensive legal and philanthropic background. As Vice President, Enterprise Programs, she is responsible for managing resources that will support collaboration and alignment across all TCE Departments to achieve TCE's mission and Building Health Communities goals and outcomes. Standish leads multiple philanthropic partnerships, provides strategic guidance to Impact Investing activities, and works closely with TCE's Chief Learning Officer to achieve organizational goals. Standish serves as lead officer for the Endowment with the Partnership For A Healthier America, The First Lady's Let's Move Initiative, California's Let's Get Healthy effort and the National Convergence Partnership. Previously, Standish was Senior Advisor to the President of The California Endowment and the Director of Community Health where she oversaw multiple grant-making initiatives focused on transforming communities to reduce inequities and improving health. She played a key role in developing and implementing for many TCE signature initiatives, including the Partnership For the Public's Health, Community Action To Fight Asthma and Healthy Eating Active Communities. Before joining The Endowment, Standish was founder and director of California Food Policy Advocates (CFPA), a statewide nutrition and health research and advocacy organization focusing on access to nutritious food for low-income families. Before launching CFPA, she served as director of the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, a statewide advocacy organization focusing on health, education and labor issues facing farmworkers and the rural poor. She began her career as a staff attorney with California Rural Legal Assistance, a federally funded legal services program. Standish received her J.D. from the University of San Francisco School of Law, and both her M.A. and undergraduate degrees from New York University.