

Speaker Bios



Paula Braveman, MD, MPH
Director, Center on Social Disparities in Health
University of California, San Francisco

Paula Braveman is Professor of Family and Community Medicine and Director of the Center on Social Disparities in Health at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). She received her MD degree and completed a residency in Family Medicine at UCSF, and received an MPH in epidemiology from University of California, Berkeley. For more than 25 years, Dr. Braveman has studied and published extensively on health disparities, health equity, and the social determinants of health, and has actively engaged in bringing attention to these issues in the U.S. and internationally. Her research has focused on measuring, documenting, understanding, and addressing socioeconomic and racial/ethnic disparities in health, particularly in maternal and infant health and health care. During the 1990s she worked with World Health Organization staff in Geneva to develop and implement a global initiative on equity in health and health care. She has served as Research Director for a national commission on the social determinants of health in the U.S. supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Throughout her career, she has collaborated with local, state, federal, and international health agencies to see rigorous research translated into practice with the goal of achieving greater equity in health. She was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in 2002.



Maureen P. Corry, MPH
Senior Advisor, Childbirth Connection Programs
National Partnership for Women & Families

Maureen Corry is Senior Advisor for Childbirth Connection Programs at the National Partnership for Women & Families. She joined the organization in January 2014 when Childbirth Connection joined forces with the National Partnership to integrate maternity care policy, shared decision making and quality improvement into the National Partnership's program portfolio. Prior to this, Corry served for 18 years as executive director of Childbirth Connection (founded in 1918 as Maternity Center Association). Her vision and leadership helped position the organization as a powerful and effective advocate for evidence-based maternity care, and maternity care policy and quality improvement. In 2007 Corry led efforts to plan and launch Childbirth Connection's Transforming Maternity Care initiative focusing on improving maternity care quality and value through consumer engagement and health system transformation. This work resulted in the 2010 publication of two direction-setting consensus reports "2020 Vision for a High-Quality, High-Value Maternity Care System" and "Blueprint for Action" and the establishment of the multi-stakeholder

Transforming Maternity Care Partnership to implement Blueprint recommendations. Under her direction Childbirth Connection planned and carried out five national surveys of women's childbearing experiences and perspectives. The surveys have influenced maternity care policy, practice and quality improvement efforts across the country. Corry lives in Marshfield, Massachusetts with her husband Jim. They have two married sons and four grandchildren.



Diana Dooley, JD
Secretary
California Health and Human Services

Diana Dooley, Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency, appointed December 2010 by Governor Jerry Brown, leads 13 state departments within the Agency, chairs Covered California (the Health Benefit Exchange) and serves as chair or member of numerous other boards and commissions. Previously, Dooley was President and CEO of the California Children's Hospital Association. Dooley began her career as an analyst for the State in 1975, she was appointed to the staff of Governor Jerry Brown for whom she served as Legislative Director and Special Assistant until the end of his term in 1983. Before becoming an attorney in 1995, she owned a public relations and advertising agency. Dooley moved into health care in 2000 when she left her private practice to serve as General Counsel and Vice President at Children's Hospital Central California. Dooley is active in civic and community affairs, having served on the Boards and Directors of the UC Merced Foundation, Blood Source of northern California and The Maddy Institute at California State University, Fresno. Diana Dooley is also a past president of Planned Parenthood, the Visalia Chamber of Commerce and the Central California Futures Institute. Dooley is a native of Hanford, California and graduated from Hanford High School in 1969. She received her bachelor's degree in Social Sciences from California State University, Fresno in 1972 and her law degree from San Joaquin College of Law in 1995, She married Dan Dooley and has two adult daughters.



Toby Douglas, MPP, MPH
Director
California Department of Health Care Services

On January 7, 2011, Governor Brown appointed Toby Douglas as director of the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). Home to the state's Medicaid program, called Medi-Cal, DHCS administers programs to support the vital health care needs of nearly 10 million Californians. DHCS employs 3,400 staff members and manages expenditures of more than \$70 billion in public funds. Douglas had been chief deputy director since 2009 and held leadership positions in the department since 2005. From 2001 to 2005, Douglas was a senior manager of activities related to health access, policy, and planning at the San Mateo County Health Department. Before that, Douglas was a research associate at the Urban Institute, a non-partisan, social

policy research organization in Washington, DC, and an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer. Douglas graduated from the University of California, Berkeley (Cal), with a bachelor's degree in economics. He also earned master's degrees in public health and public policy from Cal.



Laurie Gregg, MD
Chair, California District
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Dr. Laurie Gregg is a practicing OB/Gyn in Sacramento. She is the current Chair for the California District of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and serves on the national ACOG Executive Board and Genetics Committee. On the state level, she has been involved with implementation of statewide hospital-based quality improvement projects and legislative efforts to improve healthcare delivered to women. At Sutter Medical Center Sacramento, she is the Medical Director for Patient Safety and Quality Improvement for Women's Services and chairs a hospital-wide multidisciplinary peer review body. She is an assistant clinical professor on the volunteer teaching faculty at UC Davis and a past member of the California Medical Board.



Sylvia Guendelman, PhD, MSW
Professor of Community Health and Human Development
UC Berkeley School of Public Health

Sylvia Guendelman is Chair of the Maternal and Child Health Program and Professor of the Division of Community Health and Human Development at the School of Public Health at UC Berkeley. She is a recognized expert with extensive publications and experience in the research of women and children's health including the health of working women, maternal health, birth outcomes and fertility regulation of Latina women and the effects of acculturation on health. Dr. Guendelman has served as Chair of the World Health Organization's Panel on Reproductive Health for the Americas and is currently launching a Maternity Leave Initiative for March of Dimes. She is also a member of the UC Task force of the California Health Benefits Review Program, which responds to requests from the California State Legislature to provide independent analysis of the medical, financial and public health impacts of proposed health insurance benefit mandates and repeals.



Kenneth W. Kizer, MD, MPH
Director, Institute for Population Health Improvement
UC Davis Health System
Distinguished Professor, UC Davis School of Medicine
(Department of Emergency Medicine) and Betty Irene Moore
School of Nursing

Dr. Kizer's professional experience includes positions in academia and the public and private sectors. His previous positions have included: President, CEO and Chairman of Medsphere Systems Corporation, the nation's leading commercial provider of open source healthcare information technology; founding President and CEO, National Quality Forum, a Washington, DC-based quality improvement and consensus standards setting organization; Under Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and chief executive officer of the nation's largest healthcare system; Director, California Department of Health Services; and Director, Emergency Medical Services Authority, State of California. He has served on the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and as Chairman of the Board of The California Wellness Foundation, the nation's largest philanthropy devoted to health promotion and disease prevention, as well as on the governing boards of managed care and health IT companies, several foundations and various professional associations and non-profit organizations. He also has worked in various capacities over the years with numerous foreign countries on health-related matters.

Dr. Kizer is an honors graduate of Stanford University and UCLA, and the recipient of two honorary doctorates. He is board certified in six medical specialties and/or subspecialties, and has authored over 400 original articles, book chapters and other reports. He is a fellow or distinguished fellow of 11 professional societies and a member of Alpha Omega Alpha National Honor Medical Society, Delta Omega National Honorary Public Health Society, the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, and the National Academy of Public Administration. He is also a Fellow National of The Explorers Club, a founding member and past president of the international Wilderness Medical Society, a former U.S. Navy diver, and a nationally recognized expert on diving and aquatic sports medicine and the medical aspects of wilderness activities.

His accomplishments have been recognized with dozens of awards, including the Award of Excellence, American Public Health Association; Distinguished Service Medal, American Legion; Earnest A. Codman Award, The Joint Commission; Gustav O. Lienhard Medal and Award, Institute of Medicine; Justin Ford Kimball Innovator Award, American Hospital Association; Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Public Service, American Medical Association; John D. Chase Award for Physician Executive Excellence, Association of Military Surgeons of the United States; Exceptional Service Award, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; Rodney T. West Literary Achievement Award, American College of Physician Executives; Special Recognition Award, March of Dimes; Rear Admiral William S. Parsens Award for Scientific and Technical Progress, Navy League of the United States; Torch Award, Coalition to Protect All Californians from Tobacco; Founders' Award, American College of Medical Quality; and the Award of Honor, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

He has been selected as one of the '100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare' by Modern Healthcare magazine on several occasions, and his work has been featured in Time, BusinessWeek, Fortune, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times and numerous other magazines, newspapers and national television shows.



Neal D. Kohatsu, MD, MPH
Medical Director
California Department of Health Care Services

Dr. Kohatsu was appointed in March 2011 as the first Medical Director for the California Department of Health Care Services which serves approximately 11 million Medi-Cal members, statewide. He is charged with advancing population health and improving clinical quality and is coordinating the development and implementation of the Department's Quality Strategy. One of the priorities of the Quality Strategy is the elimination of health inequities. Dr. Kohatsu has held leadership positions in the public, private, and academic sectors related to prevention, chronic disease management, quality improvement, and patient safety. Dr. Kohatsu is board-certified in Public Health and General Preventive Medicine. He is a fellow and past president of the American College of Preventive Medicine and is on the Editorial Board of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine. He has published research in areas ranging from evidence-based public health to patient safety and is the Associate Editor of *Public Health and Preventive Medicine*, the leading textbook in the field.



Leslie Kowalewski
Associate State Director
California State Chapter
March of Dimes

Leslie Kowalewski is currently the Associate State Director for the March of Dimes California Chapter. In this role, her leadership responsibilities include programs, advocacy, communications, IT, operations, and fundraising. In addition to chapter responsibilities, Kowalewski leads the March of Dimes Big 5 State Prematurity Initiatives. Five states in the United States represent nearly 40 percent of the births in the country, and together these states (Calif., Fla., Ill., N.Y. and Texas) are working within and across state lines on population-based, data-driven quality improvement initiatives. Most recently their efforts have focused on the elimination of non-medically indicated deliveries <39 weeks.



Elizabeth Lawton, MHS
Epidemiologist
Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health
California Department of Public Health

Elizabeth Lawton, MHS is an Epidemiologist and Health Services Researcher for the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division (MCAH). Her work at CDPH MCAH has focused on Maternal and Infant Health, with an emphasis on sudden infant death syndrome and maternal morbidity and mortality. She is the lead on the California Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review, a statewide collaborative investigation of the rise in maternal mortality in California.



Julia Logan, MD, MPH
Quality Officer
Department of Health Care Services

Dr. Logan is the Quality Officer at the California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS), where she works to support the DHCS Quality Strategy. She is currently working on several department-wide quality improvement projects in the areas of maternal health and diabetes, and working in the areas of patient safety, patient centeredness, and health care quality improvement. She has particular interest in healthy beginnings in life and in end of life care. Prior to working at DHCS, she worked as a Family Medicine physician with Sutter Medical Group in Sacramento for several years. She is board certified in Public Health and General Preventive Medicine as well as Family Medicine. She received an MD degree from Drexel University College of Medicine, her MPH from UC Davis, and her BA in American History from Northwestern University. She continues to volunteer her time as a family physician at Davis Community Clinic, a Federally Qualified Health Center, in Davis, CA.



Elliott Main, MD
Medical Director
California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative

Doctor Elliott Main is the Medical Director of the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC) and has chaired the California Pregnancy-associated Mortality Review Committee since its inception in 2005. For 14 years, he has been the chair of a very large OB department at California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco and is currently clinical professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at both UCSF and Stanford University. Dr. Main has been actively involved or chaired multiple national committees on Maternal Quality measurement including National Quality Forum, ACOG, AMA, The Joint Commission, Leapfrog and CMS. In 2013, Dr. Main received the ACOG Distinguished Service Award for his work in quality improvement.

Terri Mack, MPA
Research Manager
Health Information and Research Section
Center for Health Statistics and Informatics
California Department of Public Health

Terri Mack is currently a Research Manager for the California Department of Public Health's Center for Health Statistics and Informatics where she manages the Health Information and Research Section. This section is responsible for the stewardship and distribution of California's vital statistics data (births, deaths, fetal deaths, marriage). Ms. Mack holds a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration and a Master of Public Administration (Health Services Administration concentration) from the University of Southern California and the University of San Francisco, respectively.



Anne McLeod, MPH
Senior Vice President of Health Policy
California Hospital Association

As Senior Vice President for Health Policy, Ms. McLeod serves as California Hospital Association's (CHA) health care reform resource for member hospitals. Anne joined CHA in 2007 and immediately began working on health policy and financing issues with then Governor Schwarzenegger's health care reform team. Anne provides the leadership for the design and development of the hospital fee program that has resulted in billions of dollars of new Medi-Cal funding for hospitals. She also managed the efforts of the Transforming for Tomorrow Task Force that developed strategies and actions for California hospitals to consider as they plan for the future. Before joining CHA, Mrs. McLeod served as a financial executive at several of California's hospitals and health systems, and in California's banking industry. Anne earned an undergraduate degree in finance, a post-graduate degree from the prestigious Pacific Coast Banking School held at the University of Washington's Graduate School of Business and a Master's degree in Public Health Policy and Management from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Robert Moore, MD
Chief Medical Officer
Partnership Health Plan of California

Dr. Moore became the Chief Medical Officer of Partnership Health Plan of California in July, 2011, after serving as Medical Director of Community Health Clinic Ole in Napa for 13 years. Partnership is a well-respected MediCal and Medicare managed care organization serving 420,000 members in 14 Northern California counties: Napa, Solano, Yolo, Sonoma, Marin, Mendocino, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou and Trinity. His major professional interests are quality improvement, operational effectiveness, and

delivery system transformation. He is a graduate of UCSF Medical School and the Columbia University School of Public Health. He has completed post-graduate courses and fellowships in Health Center Management, Health Care Leadership, and Quality Improvement. His clinical interests include palliative care, intensive outpatient care management, hospital medicine, diabetes care, prenatal care and pediatrics. He still sees patients one evening a week at Clinic Ole and cares for hospitalized Clinic Ole patients one weekend per month.



Richard Pan, MD, MPH
Chair
California Assembly Committee on Health

Dr. Richard Pan is a pediatrician and educator who has dedicated his career to the health and well-being of his young patients and to teaching young doctors the importance of extending the medical profession outside of the doctor's office and into our communities. He is a recognized leader in the effort to increase access to quality health care, improve education and strengthen the economy.

While director of UC Davis' Pediatric Residency Program, Dr. Pan helped create Communities and Physicians Together, a grassroots program placing pediatricians in disadvantaged communities. He also co-founded Healthy Kids Healthy Future, which secured health, dental and vision coverage for over 65,000 children in Sacramento, Colusa, El Dorado, Placer and Yuba counties. In partnership with the Sacramento City Unified School District, he worked with school nurses and teachers to help diagnose and assist children with special needs in the local schools.

Dr. Pan is leading the fight to improve health care and make college affordable in the Assembly. He has authored and helped enact several laws to keep our families and children safe and healthy such as: ensuring parents get the health immunization information they need to help protect their families and communities from infectious diseases; securing more than \$90 million in federal funding for local firefighters; expanding disease screening for newborns and prohibiting the sale of expired infant formula; and co-authoring the Middle Class Scholarship Act, which reduces UC and CSU tuition by two-thirds for middle-class families.

Dr. Pan serves as chair of the Assembly Health Committee and is focused on ensuring an effective and efficient implementation of the federal Affordable Care Act here in California. He also started I CARE (Increasing Coverage and Access to Reduce Expenditures), a movement to help empower people to help their family, friends and neighbors gain access to affordable quality health care.

Dr. Pan is the child of Taiwanese immigrants and attending public schools. He received his undergraduate degree from Johns Hopkins University, his Medical Doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh and a Masters of Public Health from Harvard University. He is married with two young sons.



Chris Perrone, MPP
Director, Health Reform and Public Programs Initiative
California HealthCare Foundation

Chris Perrone is director of the Foundation's Health Reform and Public Programs Initiative, which is working to support implementation of health reform and advance the effectiveness of California's public coverage programs. Perrone is leading CHCF's efforts to improve the policies and practices that shape Medi-Cal and other publicly funded health care programs, and to promote greater transparency of and accountability for the performance of these programs. Perrone was previously director of CHCF's Medi-Cal Policy Institute. Prior to joining CHCF in 1999, Perrone served as director of planning for the Massachusetts Division of Medical Assistance. In that capacity, he led efforts by state and federal officials to develop the financing and payment systems for Senior Care Options, Massachusetts' program to integrate the delivery and financing of acute and long-term care services for dual-eligible seniors. For his leadership on behalf of low-income seniors, he was the first external recipient of the Globe Award, given by the Office of Strategic Planning at HCFA (now CMS). Perrone has also held positions with The Lewin Group, the American Psychological Association, and the Center for Health Policy Studies at Georgetown University. Perrone received a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley and a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University.



Brian Paciotti, PhD, MS
Quality Scientist
Institute for Population Health Improvement
UC Davis Health System

Brian Paciotti received an interdisciplinary PhD in Human Ecology from the University of California, Davis. His dissertation used ethnographic methods and experimental economic "games" to understand cooperative behavior among ethnic groups in Tanzania, East Africa. After being accused of being a CIA spy, he left Tanzania and performed quantitative analyses of reported US homicides. With experience conducting homicide research, Brian became a fellow for the National Consortium on Violence Research and published papers related to the impact of culture on interpersonal violence. More recently, Brian earned a Health Informatics master's degree from UC Davis. His thesis focused on how data mining techniques can be used to improve the quality of administrative hospital data.

In 2004, Brian focused his career in the area of health services research and informatics. He spent over five years working for the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development where he used administrative data and vital statistics to create hospital-level outcomes reports. In 2010, he began working for UC Davis to provide informatics and statistical services to research projects related to autism and clinical outcomes. Brian joined the UC Davis Institute for Population Health Improvement in 2012, where he currently works as a consultant to the Directors Office at the California Department of

Health Care Services (Medi-Cal). Brian is creating analytical reports related to health disparities and Medi-Cal's highest cost members. Brian is passionate to improve health services using data and science—he believes that that data, information, and knowledge from a variety of sources will offer opportunities to improve quality and lower costs. Outside of work, Brian enjoys skiing, fly-fishing, and foreign travel to places such as Japan and Iceland.

Patricia E. Powers, Director, State Innovation Model

Patricia E. Powers is a nationally known leader in both the private and public health sectors. She is an independent consultant focused on strategic visioning, public policy, and business development. Currently Ms. Powers is serving as the Innovation Director of the California State Innovation Model initiative, and previously directed the state-led Let's Get Healthy California Task Force; both are efforts designed to advance the Triple Aim in California. Ms. Powers has held a variety of positions, including CEO of three nonprofit organizations focused on health and health care. Ms. Powers has served on various boards and committees including the National Committee on Quality Assurance, the National Forum for Health Care Quality Measurement and Reporting (now the National Quality Forum), the National Business Coalition on Health, and the Physician Payment Review Commission. Ms. Powers received a MPA degree from Columbia University in New York.



Linette Scott, MD, MPH Chief Medical Information Officer Deputy Director of the Information Management Division California Department of Health Care Services

Linette Scott, MD, MPH, is the Chief Medical Information Officer and the Deputy Director of the Information Management Division in the California Department of Health Care Services. In this role she works across the Department and with stakeholders to ensure that reliable data and information are available, and used to drive improvements in population health and clinical outcomes through the Department's programs and policies. Dr. Scott is a Board Certified Physician in Public Health and General Preventive Medicine. She has an MD from Eastern Virginia Medical School, an MPH from University of California, Davis, and a BA in Physics from University of California, Santa Cruz. Highlights from her career include serving as a General Medical Officer with the United States Navy, first as squadron physician with the Regional Support Group and later as the military physician for an Active Duty clinic; as a Public Health Medical Officer with the California Department of Health Services; as the California State Registrar and Deputy Director of Health Information and Strategic Planning in the California Department of Public Health, and as the Interim Deputy Secretary for Health Information Technology at the California Health and Human Services Agency.



Ron Spingarn, MS
Deputy Director
Healthcare Information Division
California Office of Statewide Health Planning & Development

Ronald Spingarn, MS, has served as Deputy Director, Healthcare Information Division, California's Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development since November 2008. He has worked for the State of California since 2000 in various health policy and management positions, including the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board Legislative & External Affairs Deputy Director, legislative aide to the Senate Insurance Committee Chair, and Department of Managed Health Care acting Legislative Coordinator. He previously provided or researched HIV/AIDS, health and social service programs for local government, community-based and international non-profit organizations and universities. He has a MS from Columbia University, Graduate School of Journalism, a BS from Boston University, College of Communication and in 2013 earned a Public Health Informatics certificate from Johns Hopkins, Bloomberg School of Public Health.



Helen Wu, PhD
Policy and Research Analyst
Institute for Population Health Improvement
UC Davis Health System

Helen W. Wu, PhD is a Policy and Research Analyst for IPHI, where she provides high-level policy, scientific, and statistical expertise for multi-faceted, complex population health programs that include food policy & obesity, public health systems evaluation, and health care quality improvement. She serves as IPHI's lead analytical, policy, and methodological scientist, and she has published research utilizing both qualitative and quantitative methods. Dr. Wu was one of four national recipients of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Mentored Research Scientist Award in 2014, under its Public Health Services and Systems Research Program. Previously, she has served as Assistant Policy Analyst for the RAND Corporation, Performance Improvement Specialist for New York-Presbyterian Hospital's Ambulatory Care Network, and Program Director for the National Quality Forum. Her research has earned Article of the Year honors from the AcademyHealth Public Health Systems and Services Research Section and the Student Abstract Award from the American Public Health Association's Food and Nutrition Section. Dr. Wu has served on numerous expert committees addressing healthy living, chronic disease, quality improvement, and health disparities. She holds a PhD in Policy Analysis from the Pardee RAND Graduate School, with dual analytical concentrations in Quantitative Methods and Political & Social Sciences, a MS in Health Evaluation Sciences from the University of Virginia, with a specialization in Health Services Research and Outcomes Evaluation, and a BA in Philosophy from the University of Virginia, with a minor in Bioethics.