# Charting New Frontiers in Children’s Health Policy and Practice Forum Agenda

October 22, 2018 | 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
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| 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. | Opening plenary | Ballroom  
  • Welcome address from Guest of Honor Philadelphia Health Commissioner Thomas Farley  
  • Presentation from PolicyLab Co-founders Kathleen Noonan and David Rubin  
  • Keynote address from Stephanie Barna, Under Secretary of Defense for the U.S. Department of Defense |
| 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Breakout Session #1 | Concourse Level  
  “Aligning Health Insurers and Systems to Improve Population Health” | Dell Theater  
  Panelists  
  Moderator: David Rubin, PolicyLab  
  Tyra Bryant-Stephens, PolicyLab  
  Alexander Fiks, PolicyLab  
  Lily Higgins, Keystone First  
  Kelly Kelleher, Nationwide Children’s Hospital  
  Cindy Mann, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP |
“Achieving Successful Transition to Adulthood for Youth with Special Needs” | Concourse Classroom

**Panelists**
- **Moderator:** Sophia Jan, Cohen Children’s Medical Center
- **Andrew Imparato,** Association of University Centers on Disabilities
- **Chelsea King,** Self Advocate
- **Cynthia Peacock,** Texas Children’s Hospital
- **Kim Smith-Whitley,** Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
- **Sarah Wood,** PolicyLab

12:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m. **Lunch plenary | Ballroom**
- Welcome and introduction from PolicyLab Health Policy Director Ahaviah Glaser
- “Reaching Across the Aisle: A Conversation on the Realities of Federal Children’s Health Policymaking”
  - First Focus President Bruce Lesley
  - Vice President of Health Policy at ML Strategies Rodney Whitlock

1:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m. **Executive Address | Ballroom**
- Special Remarks from Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia President and CEO Madeline Bell

2:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m. **Breakout Session #2 | Concourse Level**
- “Building Better Services for Parents and Families in Pediatric Settings” | Dell Theater

**Panelists**
- **Moderator:** Meredith Matone, PolicyLab
- **Aletha Akers,** PolicyLab
- **Robert Ammerman,** Cincinnati Children’s Hospital
- **Rahil Briggs,** ZERO TO THREE
- **Brian Jenssen,** PolicyLab
- **Vikki Wachino,** Viaduct Consulting

- “Getting to Health Equity for Youth: What is it Going to Take?” | Concourse Classroom

**Panelists**
- **Moderator:** James Guevara, PolicyLab
- **Ana Diez Roux,** Drexel University
- **Marsha Gerdes,** PolicyLab
- **J. Nadine Gracia,** Trust for America’s Health
- **Tiffani Johnson,** PolicyLab
- **Sameer Vohra,** Southern Illinois University
For the past decade, PolicyLab has been steadfast in working towards its mission to achieve optimal child health and well-being by informing program and policy changes through interdisciplinary research. The center’s 10th anniversary allows us to take a significant step towards accomplishing our mission by convening regional and national leaders in children’s health policy to outline the emerging innovative solutions that will move the dial on children, adolescent and family health and well-being in the next decade.

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**About the Charting New Frontiers in Children’s Health Policy and Practice Forum**

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*CHOP is a pre-approved provider of continuing education credits for Pennsylvania Licensed Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors.* Participants licensed in Pennsylvania who attend the full workshop and complete the required evaluation are eligible for 6.5 Continuing Education Credits. Participants licensed in other states should check with local licensing boards to determine continuing education approval.
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Stephanie Barna, JD, ML, U.S. Department of Defense

Session: Opening Plenary

Stephanie Barna is currently performing the duties of the Under Secretary of Defense, as directed by Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis. A career senior executive, Ms. Barna served most recently as the Senior Policy Advisor to the Honorable Robert L. Wilkie throughout his tenure as Under Secretary. In this capacity, she advised Mr. Wilkie on the execution of his responsibilities for Total Force management, National Guard and Reserve Component affairs, health affairs, readiness and training, military and civilian personnel policy and programs, dependents' education, equal opportunity, and warfighter and family quality of life.

Previously, Ms. Barna served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, in which role she was a principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense on all matters relating to civilian and military personnel, reserve integration, military community and family policy, and Total Force manpower and resources. Additionally, she exercised day-to-day supervision of U.S. Department of Defense schools and the Defense Commissary Agency.

From April 2016 to January 2017, Ms. Barna performed the duties of the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, serving as principal assistant to the Honorable Peter Levine, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Ms. Barna served previously as the Deputy General Counsel for Operations and Personnel in the Office of the Army General Counsel. She advised three Army Secretaries while managing a diverse legal portfolio and leading a staff of senior attorneys working in myriad areas of law and policy, including military operations and personnel; civilian personnel and labor law; international law; intelligence oversight, counter-intelligence, and special operations; and the organization and institutional functions of the Department of the Army. Of note, she served as the liaison to the District of Columbia National Guard, for which the Secretary of the Army acts as Commander.

Ms. Barna began her public service career in 1989, as a lieutenant in the Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps. Over the years, she served in leadership positions in commands across the Army, including the U.S. Army Special Forces Command, headquartered at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and the 7th Infantry Division (Light), at Fort Ord, California. She retired from the U.S. Army Reserve in 2011 in the grade of Colonel, having last served with U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, and as an adjunct professor with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

Ms. Barna holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Washington & Jefferson College, a Juris Doctor from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, and a Master of Laws degree from the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s School. She is a member of the bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and has been admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

She is a 2012 Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Award winner, was awarded the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Civilian Service by the Secretary of Defense, and twice received the Secretary of the Army’s Exceptional Civilian Service Award. Her military awards include the Legion of Merit, and she is qualified as an Army Jumpmaster.
PLENARY SPEAKERS

Madeline Bell, MS, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

Session: Executive Address

Madeline Bell is the President and CEO of Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), one of the top-ranked children’s hospitals in the United States. A bold and visionary leader, Ms. Bell champions change with empathy and integrity, inspiring the nearly 16,000 employees in the Hospital’s $2.8-billion-a-year health system and research institute to create breakthroughs that have worldwide impact.

Ms. Bell began her career as a pediatric nurse at CHOP in 1983, later leaving the organization to move into hospital administration. She returned to CHOP in 1995, and has since held a number of leadership positions, advancing from Vice President to Senior Vice President to Executive Vice President to Chief Operating Officer. In 2015, she assumed the title of President and CEO.

Ms. Bell has made numerous contributions to CHOP, including the development of one of the largest pediatric ambulatory care networks in the country, the expansion of the Hospital’s four-million-square-foot campus and the development of many nationally recognized clinical care programs. She has also secured many philanthropic gifts to help further the institution’s mission.

Ms. Bell serves on the Board of Directors for Comcast NBCU, the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, the Children’s Hospital Association, the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee, the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics, and Solutions for Patient Safety. She is also an adviser to numerous international hospitals and frequently lectures on the topics of children’s health care and women in leadership. In 2017, she received The Philadelphia Inquirer’s Industry Icon Award, and she was named one of Modern Healthcare’s “100 Most Influential People in Healthcare” in 2017 and 2018.

Ms. Bell is the author of the blog Heels of Success, which offers guidance to women on how to elevate themselves in the workplace, and the host of Breaking Through with Madeline Bell, a podcast that features interviews with CHOP doctors and scientists, as well as philanthropists, innovators, and business and civic leaders. She is also a contributor to the U.S. News & World Report blog For Better. She holds a bachelor of science in Nursing from Villanova University and a master of science in Organizational Dynamics from the University of Pennsylvania.

Thomas Farley, MD, MPH, Philadelphia Department of Public Health

Session: Opening Plenary

Thomas Farley is Commissioner of Health for Philadelphia, where he is working to reduce tobacco and alcohol outlets in low-income neighborhoods, improve child health, and address the opioid crisis. From 2009-2014, Dr. Farley was Commissioner of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. There, he advocated for innovative public health policies, including prohibiting price discounting of cigarettes, raising the legal sales age of tobacco, and restricting burning of air-polluting dirty fuels to heat buildings. Earlier, Dr. Farley was chair of the Department of Community Health Sciences at Tulane University. Dr. Farley is coauthor of over 100 scientific publications on topics such as HIV, gun violence, infant mortality, and obesity. He is coauthor of “Prescription for a Healthy Nation” (Beacon Press) with RAND Senior Scientist Deborah Cohen, and author of “Saving Gotham: A billionaire mayor, activist doctors, and the fight for 8 million lives (W.W. Norton).”
Bruce Lesley, First Focus

Session: “Reaching Across the Aisle: A Conversation on the Realities of Federal Children’s Health Policymaking”

Mr. Lesley has more than 25 years of public policy experience at all levels of government and a demonstrated commitment to making children’s lives better. Lesley directs all aspects of policy development and internal operations at First Focus.

In 12 years on Capitol Hill, Lesley worked on health care, education, human services, and immigration issues in several different capacities. Prior to his work at First Focus, he served as Senior Health Policy Advisor on the Senate Finance and Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committees for U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman. He also worked for U.S. Senator Bob Graham on the Senate Finance Committee, served as minority Chief of Staff for the Senate Special Committee on Aging, and was a legislative aide in the offices of U.S. Representatives Ronald Coleman and Diana DeGette.

In addition to public service at the federal level, Lesley worked at the state and county levels of government on health and human services policy for Texas State Representative Mary Polk, El Paso County Judge Pat F. O’Rourke, and Texas Governor Ann Richards in the Texas Office of State-Federal Relations in Washington, D.C.

Lesley has also worked in the health care sector as the Director of Congressional Relations for the Children’s Hospitals of America (also known as the National Association of Children’s Hospitals) and as Director of Government Relations for University Medical Center, a public hospital in El Paso, Texas. Lesley holds a Bachelor’s of Arts in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland University College, in College Park, Maryland. He also attended the University of Texas at El Paso and University of Texas at Austin.

Kathleen Noonan, JD, PolicyLab and Camden Coalition

Session: Opening plenary

Kathleen Noonan was a founding co-director and Senior Legal Advisor at PolicyLab. She currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Camden Coalition, a coalition committed to elevating the health of patients facing the most complex medical and social challenges.

While at CHOP, Ms. Noonan also served as Associate Vice President of Board Relations at CHOP. She was core faculty in the University of Pennsylvania Masters of Public Health Program, and was adjunct faculty in the Division of Pediatrics at the School of Medicine. At PolicyLab, Kathleen’s legal and policy analyses focused on a broad range of children’s health, public health, and social welfare issues. Kathleen also served as a mediator and neutral advisor in public-impact class action lawsuits concerning pediatric health and human services.

Prior to her tenure at PolicyLab, Kathleen had been a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School, where she taught health law, and started and directed a Government Law Clinic; and a Senior Associate and Engagement Manager with Casey Strategic Consulting, the consulting arm of the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Earlier in her career, she practiced law at the Boston firm of Hill & Barlow; served as a law clerk to United States District Judge Morris E. Lasker; and worked in public policy positions in New York City with the Citizens’ Committee for Children of New York, Inc., and Bank Street College of Education.

Kathleen received her JD from Northeastern University School of Law, and her BA from Barnard College, Columbia University.
David Rubin, MD, MSCE, PolicyLab

Sessions: Opening plenary, “Aligning Health Insurers and Systems to Improve Population Health”

As Director of PolicyLab and a professor of pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Rubin is responsible for a center of emphasis that includes more than 25 faculty and instructors and 55 staff conducting population health and community-partnered research. With a content focus on developing health system and public program innovation to meet the needs of high-risk children, he also serves as Director of Population Health Innovation at CHOP, supervising a team that develops and implements integrated solutions using clinical care and technology to more proactively identify and provide needed services to at-risk patients across primary and subspecialty care settings. His team is also developing novel solutions to better assess psychosocial risk in order to refer patients and their families more effectively to community organizations that can address their needs.

To date, Dr. Rubin has authored more than 80 manuscripts spanning peer-reviewed research, policy analyses, and edited chapters in prominent pediatric texts, including seminal manuscripts in *JAMA*, *Health Affairs* and *Pediatrics* on the diagnosis of abuse-related injuries, trends in psychotropic medication use for Medicaid enrolled children, program design and outcomes for children in foster care, the effectiveness following replication of infant-home visitation services to high-risk families, and emerging issues of access and health care coverage for low-income families. He is particularly drawn to the challenges of meeting the needs of some of our nation’s highest risk children in the national Medicaid and CHIP programs.

At Penn, Dr. Rubin is a senior fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics and a former associate program director of the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program at the University of Pennsylvania. Externally, he is a past member of the American Academy of Pediatrics’ Task Force on Foster Care and their Committee for Early Education, Adoption & Dependent Care. Based on the large body of this work, he was appointed in 2013 by the President to the White House Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse & Neglect Fatalities, which was tasked for recommending a national strategy to prevent child abuse fatalities. More recently, he was appointed by the Pentagon to their Military Family Readiness Council, which is tasked with strengthening programs for families across the armed services.

Rodney Whitlock, PhD, ML Strategies

Session: “Reaching Across the Aisle: A Conversation on the Realities of Federal Children’s Health Policymaking”

Rodney Whitlock is a veteran health care policy professional with more than 20 years of experience working with the U.S. Congress, where he served as health policy advisor and as Acting Health Policy Director for Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley of Iowa and, earlier, on the staff of former U.S. Representative Charlie Norwood of Georgia.

During his years with Representative Norwood, Rodney managed the Patients’ Bill of Rights, which passed the House in 1999 and 2001. In February 2005, Rodney left the office of Congressman Norwood to join the Finance Committee Staff as a health policy advisor to Chairman Grassley. In that capacity, he was lead Senate staffer for the Medicaid provisions of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 and the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006.

In 2007, Rodney worked on the Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, which passed Congress twice and was subsequently vetoed twice by President George W. Bush. Rodney spent 2009 and 2010 deeply engaged in health care reform legislation. Late in 2010, he became the Acting Health Policy Director for Senator Grassley, and shepherded the Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act of 2010 into law. Following his tenure in Senator Grassley’s Congressional office, Rodney served as Health Policy Director in the Senator’s personal office.
Aletha Akers, MD, MPH, FACOG, PolicyLab

Session: “Building Better Services for Parents and Families in Pediatric Settings”

Aletha Akers is a Faculty Member at PolicyLab and an adolescent gynecologist and Medical Director of Adolescent Gynecology Consultative Services in the Craig-Dalsimer Division of Adolescent Medicine at CHOP. Dr. Akers is an expert in pediatric and adolescent gynecology. She provides clinical care to children, adolescents, and young women with complex gynecologic care needs. She has expertise in providing routine, preventive care, and addressing the contraception needs of adolescents with medical problems and those at risk of unplanned pregnancy. At PolicyLab, Dr. Akers also sits on the strategy team and serves as the special project lead for the Diversity and Inclusion Workgroup, which is focused on developing and implementing recommendations to ensure diversity across the center’s team members.

Dr. Akers also has experience developing and evaluating public health programs and health services interventions to improve adolescent and young adult health in both academic and community settings. Her research focuses on improving reproductive health outcomes among adolescent women by reducing teen pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) rates by increasing adolescents’ access to high-quality reproductive health services. Her current projects include a clinical trial investigating pain management options during insertion of intrauterine contraceptive devices, a retrospective study of longitudinal datasets to understand sexual risk behaviors among obese adolescents, and the development of online educational modules to improve parental/child communication about sexuality.

Dr. Akers is widely published in the fields of medicine, public health, and the social sciences. In addition, Dr. Akers has worked as a consultant for The Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health and to the World Health Organization Quality of Care and Technologies Office. She has also served on the Data Safety and Monitoring Board for NIH-funded studies and lectures extensively on adolescent sexual decision-making and family communication about sexual health for community organizations and outreach programs.

Prior to coming to CHOP, Dr. Akers was an Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Pediatrics at the University of Pittsburgh and Assistant Investigator at the Magee-Womens Research Institute, Magee-RAND Womens Health Initiative. She received her BA in Chemistry and Biology from Bryn Mawr College, her MD from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and her MPH from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She completed her residency at the University of Michigan. While at Johns Hopkins, Dr. Akers participated in a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program.

Robert Ammerman, PhD, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital

Session: “Building Better Services for Parents and Families in Pediatric Settings”

Robert T. Ammerman, PhD, is Professor of Pediatrics with a CCRF Endowed Chair at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, and Scientific Director, Every Child Succeeds. He received his PhD in 1986 in clinical psychology from the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Ammerman’s interests include maternal mental health, trauma, and social/emotional development in children. He was co-developer of In-Home Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, an adapted CBT approach for depressed mothers receiving home visiting. Dr. Ammerman is the recipient of grants from the National Institute on Mental Health, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, and National Institute on Child Health and Development.
Kevin Bethel, MS, Stoneleigh Foundation & Drexel University

Session: “Transforming Juvenile Justice to Improve Youth Outcomes in Philadelphia”

Kevin Bethel currently serves as a Stoneleigh Fellow and Senior Policy Advisor at the Juvenile Justice Research and Reform Lab at Drexel University. Through his Fellowship, Mr. Bethel is working to expand implementation of the successful Philadelphia Police School Diversion Program locally, statewide, and nationally.

Previously, Mr. Bethel served in the Philadelphia Police Department for 29 years. In his most recent role as Deputy Police Commissioner, he was responsible for Patrol Operations for the entire city. He created several successful programs and was instrumental in the development and implementation of the Police Commissioner’s Crime Strategy for the City. Throughout his career, Mr. Bethel has pursued work in the juvenile justice field, including serving on national, statewide, and local committees and advisory boards; regularly lecturing on school diversion and racial and ethnic disparities at the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University; and serving as a faculty member for the International Association of Chiefs of Police Juvenile Justice Leadership Institute. He is a nationally recognized leader in community and trauma-informed policing.

Mr. Bethel holds a BS in criminal justice from Chestnut Hill College and an MS in public safety management from St. Joseph’s University.

Rahil Briggs, PsyD, ZERO TO THREE

Session: “Building Better Services for Parents and Families in Pediatric Settings”

Dr. Briggs is National Director of HealthySteps. In this role, she is responsible for all aspects of the program’s operations, financial sustainability, evaluation and research, policy, model enhancements, and professional development and training.

She comes to this role after a successful career at Montefiore Health System in New York, where she grew the HealthySteps footprint from one to 21 practices, serving over 30,000 children annually. The Montefiore HealthySteps model informed the roll out of HealthySteps throughout New York State. Additionally, Dr. Briggs is the founder and former director of Pediatric Behavioral Health Services at Montefiore Medical Group, one of the nation’s largest integrated pediatric behavioral health services in the nation.

Dr. Briggs is the editor of Integrated Early Childhood Behavioral Health in Primary Care: A Guide to Implementation and Evaluation, published by Springer (2016) and the recipient of the 2018 Healthcare Delivery Award from the Academic Pediatric Association. She is Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Briggs completed her undergraduate work at Duke University (magna cum laude) and her doctoral work at New York University.

Tyra Bryant-Stephens, MD, PolicyLab

Session: “Aligning Health Insurers and Systems to Improve Population Health”

Tyra Bryant-Stephens is a Faculty Member at PolicyLab and the Medical Director of the Community Asthma Prevention Program (CAPP). Her research focuses on the use of community-based interventions to improve child asthma outcomes for underserved populations.

Dr. Bryant-Stephens founded CAPP in 1997. As Medical Director of the program, she leads a staff of 12 that includes registered nurse clinical and educational coordinators as well as lay home visitors. CAPP was designed to improve the health and well-being of children with asthma by providing free asthma classes in the community for parents and their children with asthma. The project also
supported a new way of providing education in the homes of children with asthma where parents learned about the types of environmental changes that could be made to improve their child’s asthma. In offering home visits and free asthma education, CAPP satisfied a strong need in the West Philadelphia community and received tremendously positive feedback from families and class participants.

In 2000 and 2001, CAPP’s success in providing asthma education in the home and community was expanded when Dr. Bryant-Stephens received grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the National Institutes of Health. Through the NIH-funded “Community Partnerships for Asthma Prevention” CAPP was able to continue to offer free home visits to the West Philadelphia community. Free asthma education classes continued to be offered through a grant from the Pew foundation.

Ana Diez Roux, MD, PhD, MPH, Drexel University

Session: “Getting to Health Equity for Youth: What is it Going to Take?”

Ana V. Diez Roux is Dean and Distinguished University Professor of Epidemiology at the Drexel Dornsife School of Public Health. Originally trained as a pediatrician in Buenos Aires, she completed public health training at the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health. Before Drexel, she served on the faculties of Columbia University and the University of Michigan, where she was Chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Director of the Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health.

Dr. Diez Roux is internationally known for her research on the social determinants of health and the study of how neighborhoods affect health. Her work on neighborhood health effects has been highly influential in the policy debate on population health and its determinants. Her research areas also include environmental and psychosocial health effects, cardiovascular disease epidemiology, and the use of multilevel methods and complex systems approaches in population health. She has led large NIH and foundation-funded research and training programs in the United States and in collaboration with partners in Latin America. She currently directs the Drexel Urban Health Collaborative and is Principal Investigator of the Wellcome Trust–funded SALURBAL (Salud Urbana en America Latina/Urban Health in Latin America) project. Dr. Diez Roux has served on numerous editorial boards, review panels and committees including most recently the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee of the Environmental Protection Agency (as Chair). She was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2009. She has been an active mentor for graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty.

Timene L. Farlow, MSW, Juvenile Justice Services Division, Philadelphia Department of Human Services

Session: “Transforming Juvenile Justice to Improve Youth Outcomes in Philadelphia”

A native North Philadelphian, Timene Farlow started with the Philadelphia Department of Human Services in 1995 as an entry level social worker. She has risen steadily through the ranks, and today, having been appointed in 2009 by former Mayor Michael Nutter, holds the position of Deputy Commissioner for the Department’s Juvenile Justice Services Division. In this capacity she has oversight of the Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Services Center, the city’s only secure juvenile detention center, and the Court and Community Services unit, which has responsibility for contracting with the array of programs and services for pre and post adjudicated youth across the city.

Timene has played a significant leadership role in a number of juvenile justice reform efforts in Philadelphia, most notably, the implementation of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI). She is a staunch advocate for social justice and has special interests in gender responsive services for girls and the issue of disproportionate minority contact. Among other accomplishments,
Timene is a previous Secretary for the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators and a graduate of the Annie E. Casey Foundation’s Applied Leadership Network.

Timene holds a Bachelor’s degree from LaSalle University and a Master of Social Work degree from Temple University’s School of Social Administration.

Cynthia Figueroa, Philadelphia Department of Human Services

Session: “Engaging All Public Systems to Improve Youth Behavioral Health”

Cynthia F. Figueroa, Commissioner of the Philadelphia Department of Human Services (DHS), has devoted her career to helping improve the lives of vulnerable children and families. The Department is the City agency charged with protecting children from abuse, neglect, and delinquency and is the largest child welfare agency in the Commonwealth.

Prior to her appointment as Commissioner by Mayor Jim Kenney, Ms. Figueroa served as President and CEO of Congreso de Latinos Unidos. There she had fiscal oversight of $25 million dedicated to strengthening Latino communities through social, economic, education, and health services.

From 2008-2011, Ms. Figueroa served as Deputy Commissioner for DHS and was responsible for the oversight of what was then known as the Division of Community Based Prevention Services. She was instrumental in enhancing relationships with key stakeholders including the School District of Philadelphia, other city departments and the provider community.

In addition to her roles at DHS and Congreso, Ms. Figueroa has served as Executive Director of Women Against Abuse. Early in her career, she worked on the front line serving clients in a variety of settings, including programs for female offenders, persons living with HIV/AIDS, and victims of domestic violence. The recipient of a prestigious Eisenhower Fellowship, Ms. Figueroa brings international leadership and recognition to DHS. She has also received the University of Pennsylvania Outstanding Leadership Award, the National Football League/Philadelphia Eagles Hispanic Heritage Leadership Award, the Peter B. Goldberg Aramark Building Community Executive Leadership Award, and the Hispanic Bar Association La Justicia Award.

In 2015, Ms. Figueroa was appointed to the USA Board of Trustees for United Way. She also serves on the Board of Trustees for her alma mater, Spring Hill College. Born in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, she and her family reside in the Northwest section of Philadelphia.

Alexander Fiks, MD, MSCE, PolicyLab

Session: “Aligning Health Insurers and Systems to Improve Population Health”

Alex Fiks is a Faculty Member at PolicyLab, an urban primary care pediatrician at CHOP, and an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He is also the Director of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Pediatric Research in Office Settings (PROS), a national research network, and Medical Director for the Pediatric Research Consortium (PeRC), CHOP’s practice-based research network. Additionally, Dr. Fiks is the Associate Director of CHOP’s Center for Pediatric Clinical Effectiveness (CPCE), and a founding member of the hospital’s Department of Biomedical and Health Informatics.

Board certified in clinical informatics, Dr. Fiks’ research is aimed at improving outcomes for ambulatory pediatric patients through practice-based research with a focus on improving health and health care decision-making through health information technology. To achieve these goals, much of Dr. Fiks’ research is focused on fostering shared decision making between clinicians and families, especially in the setting of behavioral health conditions. He is also especially interested in how electronic health record data may best be used to improve primary care, medication use and child health more broadly. As Director of AAP PROS, Dr. Fiks has been involved in building the Collaborative
Electronic Reporting for Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER2), an electronic health record database designed to support pharmacoepidemiologic and other comparative effectiveness studies that currently includes >1.2 million U.S. children from across multiple health systems.

Dr. Fiks received his medical degree from Harvard University, and received a Master’s of Science in Clinical Epidemiology (MSCE) degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He has received additional training in clinical informatics.

Marsha Gerdes, PhD, PolicyLab

Session: “Getting to Health Equity for Youth: What is it Going to Take?”

Marsha Gerdes is Senior Psychologist at PolicyLab with a specialty in early childhood development. She has worked at CHOP for over 20 years and serves as Associate Director of the Neonatal Follow-up Programs. She is also a Clinical Associate Professor of pediatrics in the associated faculty at the University of Pennsylvania’s Perelman School of Medicine. She currently serves as a member of the Access Committee of Philadelphia’s A Running Start campaign. Previously she served as an advisory board member of the Mayor’s Early Childhood Advisory Committee, as well as co-director of the Early Childhood Mental Health Committee of the Philadelphia Compact.

Dr. Gerdes’ many interests include neurodevelopmental outcome of infants with preterm birth and congenital abnormalities, developmental and behavioral screening, and parenting support for depressed caregivers. Dr. Gerdes is co-investigator on several research projects that study developmental outcomes of babies born with various congenital anomalies, and is part of the Neonatal Research Network of the NIH. She also provides ongoing clinical support for families of young children who are at high risk for developmental disabilities and other perinatal or neonatal illnesses through CHOP’s Neonatal Follow-up Program. Additionally, Dr. Gerdes helps lead efforts at CHOP to use health information technology to enhance early identification and treatment of developmental and mental health concerns in children. Dr. Gerdes also works more broadly on interventions that target children at risk, such as through projects to assess, translate and disseminate developmental and behavioral screening tools for immigrant children from various backgrounds. She is also part of a project to assess a peer-based social media intervention among low-income mothers to promote healthy infant growth.

Dr. Gerdes received her PhD in school psychology at University of Pennsylvania’s Graduate School of Education. Her undergraduate degree was completed at Albion College in Michigan. She has been licensed since 1986.

Ahaviah Glaser, JD, PolicyLab

Session: Reaching Across the Aisle: A Conversation on the Realities of Federal Children’s Health Policymaking

Ahaviah (“Havi”) Glaser is Health Policy Director at PolicyLab and Director of the Office of Government Affairs at CHOP. Ms. Glaser comes to CHOP with more than two decades of health law and policy experience. She is a seasoned public policy advisor, who recently served on Capitol Hill as Senator Rockefeller’s Senior Health Counsel as well as the Staff Director for the Senate Finance Committee’s Subcommittee on Health Care. Ms. Glaser is known for her expertise across public health insurance programs with a particular focus on the intersection of these programs, such as Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or Medicaid and Medicare.

With a background in intellectual property and antitrust litigation, Ms. Glaser has been active on private market insurance reform as well as pharmaceutical pricing issues. On and off the Hill, Ms. Glaser has worked to identify concerns raised by health information technology, including challenges related to interoperability and privacy. She also worked closely with the Senate Commerce Committee to raise concerns regarding e-cigarettes and the ongoing challenge of finding a way to
stop the marketing of tobacco to children. The very first health care issue Ms. Glaser worked on was health disparities, and the issue remains a central one in her work to this day.

As an attorney, Ms. Glaser has represented companies ranging from new startups to industry-defining giants in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and high technology fields both in court and before federal agencies, most commonly Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Food and Drug Administration, National Institutes of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She has also navigated the legislative landscape, not only in her Congressional staff roles but also on behalf of nonprofit groups, big and small, from state-based health care advocacy groups to the nation’s largest consumer groups, unions, and non-profit insurers.

Ms. Glaser believes strongly that there are policy solutions for nearly every problem. It is simply a matter of taking the time to develop a full understanding of the problem at hand and then identifying appropriate opportunities to work with partners and across party lines in a thoughtful way. With this in mind, much of her policy experience, both on and off the Hill, has been in helping to assemble diverse coalitions to tackle nuanced health policy challenges.

Ms. Glaser has been a frequent public speaker, and she served for nearly a decade as an adjunct professor of health law at American University’s Washington College of Law. She earned her JD from the University of Michigan Law School and her BS, with honors, from the University of California at Berkeley. She is admitted to practice in Washington D.C., California, Massachusetts, and numerous federal courts across the country.

Naomi Goldstein, PhD, Stoneleigh Foundation & Drexel University

Session: “Transforming Juvenile Justice to Improve Youth Outcomes in Philadelphia”

Naomi Goldstein currently serves as a Stoneleigh Fellow and Director of the Juvenile Justice Research and Reform Lab at Drexel University. She is also a Professor of Psychology and Co-Director of the JD/PhD Program in Law and Psychology at Drexel. Through her Fellowship, Dr. Goldstein is developing and implementing a groundbreaking approach to help court-involved youth successfully complete probation.

An applied researcher, Dr. Goldstein has collaborated with local, state, and national juvenile justice leaders to protect the rights of youth and foster their success. For the past 15 years, her work has focused on adolescents’ capacities to make legal decisions, their abilities to fulfill behavioral requirements of the law, and the development of juvenile justice interventions and procedures to promote young people’s long-term well-being. She is the primary author of the Miranda Rights Comprehension Instruments, and she created and evaluated the National Institute of Mental Health-funded Juvenile Justice Anger Management Treatment for Girls, a group intervention clinically proven to reduce anger and aggression.

In addition to authoring many articles and book chapters, Dr. Goldstein has served on the editorial boards of multiple academic journals, on the Research Advisory Committee of the American Psychology-Law Society, and on numerous local and state juvenile justice work groups and policy committees.

Dr. Goldstein holds a BA in psychology from Wesleyan University and a PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

J. Nadine Gracia, MD, MSCE, Trust for America’s Health

Session: “Getting to Health Equity for Youth: What is it Going to Take?”

J. Nadine Gracia is Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Trust for America’s Health (TFAH), where she works in partnership with the President and CEO to develop and
implement strategic policy priorities, and manages TFAH’s core business functions and internal operations. She has extensive leadership and management experience in federal government, professional associations, academia, and clinical practice.

Prior to joining TFAH, Dr. Gracia served in the Obama Administration as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). In that capacity, she directed departmental policies and programs to end health disparities and advance health equity, and provided executive leadership on administration priorities including health reform and criminal justice reform. She also led the federal Office of Minority Health, where she oversaw a budget of $57 million and pioneered innovative, multi-sectoral partnerships in the public and private sectors. Previously, she served as Chief Medical Officer in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, where her portfolio included adolescent health, emergency and disaster preparedness, environmental health and climate change, and global health. Prior to that role, she was appointed as a White House Fellow at HHS and worked in the Office of the First Lady on the development of the Let’s Move! initiative to solve childhood obesity.

A first-generation Haitian-American, Dr. Gracia received a Bachelor of Arts in French with honors from Stanford University, a medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and a Master of Science in Clinical Epidemiology from the University of Pennsylvania. She completed her training as a pediatrician at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh and later was a clinical instructor and research fellow at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, where she conducted research on community risk factors for violence. Dr. Gracia is active in many civic and professional organizations.

James Guevara, MD, MPH, PolicyLab

Session: “Getting to Health Equity for Youth: What is it Going to Take?”

James Guevara is a founding member of PolicyLab, Professor of Pediatrics and Epidemiology at the Perelman School of Medicine, the University of Pennsylvania, senior fellow at the Center for Public Health Initiatives, and an attending physician at CHOP. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics, a Senior Scholar at the Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, and Lead Diversity Search Advisor at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Guevara is a member of the Epidemiology Committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a member of the Executive Research Committee of the Academic Pediatrics Association. He has interests in the organization, financing, and delivery of health care services to children with developmental and behavioral disabilities. He has previously published on the medical expenditures and health disparities among children with chronic health conditions. Dr. Guevara was the principal investigator on an R18 award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to evaluate the feasibility, acceptability, and effectiveness of the American Academy of Pediatrics policy on developmental screening in urban primary care settings. He is currently the principal investigator on an award from the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute to test the relative effectiveness of care management for children with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder and an award from the William Penn Foundation to investigate early literacy promotion among young impoverished infants. He was the principal investigator on an R40 award from the Maternal Child Health Bureau, the University Research Foundation and the Oscar Mayer Family Foundation to study social media-based parenting interventions for women with postpartum depression. Through these diverse research initiatives, Dr. Guevara has focused on improving the delivery of health care in primary care settings, reducing health disparities, and translating research findings into practice and policy.

Dr. Guevara received his MD from Northwestern University and also holds an MPH from the University of Washington.
Lily Higgins, MD, MBA, MS, Keystone First

Session: “Aligning Health Insurers and Systems to Improve Population Health”

Lily Higgins is the Market Chief Medical Officer for Keystone First. In this position, she is responsible for Keystone First’s quality assurance efforts and the management of its relationships with the local medical community, including primary care providers, specialists, and hospitals.

Dr. Higgins is a board certified pediatrician with 30 years of clinical experience. Her education includes a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Cornell University, a Master’s Degree in Nutrition from Columbia University of Physician and Surgeons, a Medical Degree from Drexel University School of Medicine, and a Master of Business Administration in Medical Services Management from John Hopkins University.

Most of her clinical career, she has served the multicultural pediatric populations in Philadelphia. She emigrated with her family from China as a young child, which has given Dr. Higgins a unique understanding of the diverse health care challenges and needs of the Medicaid members, as well as an understanding of the challenges for providers who serve this population.

Dr. Higgins is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. She has been married for over 30 years to a neonatologist with four children.

William Hite, PhD, School District of Philadelphia

Session: “Engaging All Public Systems to Improve Youth Behavioral Health”

With a focus on equity, innovation, and quality, William R. Hite serves as Superintendent of The School District of Philadelphia, the largest public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Since joining the School District in June 2012, Dr. Hite has worked to create a system of great schools in every neighborhood. Under his leadership, the School District has opened new innovative high schools, expanded successful school models, launched in-district turnarounds, and redesigned schools in partnership with communities. His overall focus remains on strengthening all elementary and secondary school offerings.

Dr. Hite’s professional experience includes serving at every level—teacher, principal, central office administrator, and Superintendent. He was previously Superintendent of Prince George’s County Public Schools in Maryland where his central work focused on enhanced access and rigor to ensure college- and career-readiness. Prince George’s County schools, one of the 25 largest systems in the United States, received national recognition for expanding access to Advanced Placement courses during his tenure.

Dr. Hite also served as an Assistant Superintendent in Georgia’s Cobb County School District. In addition, as an administrator in Henrico County, Virginia, he led Highland Springs High School to “Best Practices” honors from the state’s General Assembly.

Dr. Hite has been an adjunct faculty member at the University of Richmond School of Continuous Learning and taught school leadership courses at Virginia State University, Bowie State University and the University of Maryland. A member of numerous national, state, and local boards, he has participated with national agencies and associations to reform K-12 education.

Dr. Hite holds a bachelor’s degree in education from Virginia Tech, master’s degree in educational leadership from the University of Virginia and a doctorate in education specializing in educational leadership from Virginia Tech. His interests include music, travel, sports, and reading. He and his wife Deirdre have two daughters and a grandson.
Andrew Imparato, JD, Association of University Centers on Disabilities

Session: “Achieving Successful Transition to Adulthood for Youth with Special Needs”

Andrew Imparato has served as Executive Director of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) since 2013. As a disability rights lawyer and policy professional with more than 25 years of experience in government and advocacy roles, Imparato has worked with bipartisan policymakers to advance disability policy at the national level in the areas of civil rights, workforce development, and disability benefits. Prior to coming to AUCD, he was senior counsel and disability policy director for Chairman Tom Harkin on the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. Before that, he spent 11 years as President and CEO of the American Association of People with Disabilities, a national organization working to grow the political and economic power of the disability community. Imparato’s perspective is informed by his personal experience with bipolar disorder.

Since joining AUCD, a national network of over 100 university-based programs that conduct research, training, and advocacy to improve the quality of life of children and adults with disabilities, Imparato has helped the organization nearly triple its budget, broaden the scope of its advocacy, and expand its leadership capacity. In recent years, AUCD has connected in a deeper way with the broader civil rights community and with private sector partners like the Council on Foundations and the U.S. Business Leadership Network, helping the network share its expertise with a broader group of stakeholders.

Imparato’s work has been recognized by the Secretaries of Health and Human Services and Transportation, the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, the National Council on Independent Living, the National Association of the Deaf, and the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation. He has testified nine times before Committees of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and has been interviewed on a wide range of disability issues by national television, radio, and print media. He cultivates grassroots activism on social media and is known for seeking out and mentoring emerging leaders with disabilities.

Imparato co-authored articles that have been published in the Stanford Law and Policy Review and the Milbank Quarterly, and wrote a chapter on the Supreme Court’s disability rulings in The Rehnquist Court: Judicial Activism on the Right (Hill & Wang 2003). He has been an adviser on accessibility, recruiting, and corporate social responsibility to Centene, Verizon, AT&T, Time Warner, Walmart, Anthem, and other leading businesses. He currently serves on the National Advisory Committee for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Health Policy Research Scholars program, the Centene National Disability Advisory Council, and the Ruderman Family Foundation’s International Advisory Council. Imparato graduated summa cum laude from Yale College and with distinction from Stanford Law School. He lives in Baltimore with his wife, historian Elizabeth Nix, PhD. They have two sons. Gareth is a writer in Los Angeles and Nicholas is an undergraduate at Pomona College in Claremont, California.

Sophia Jan, MD, MSHP, Northwell Health

Session: “Achieving Successful Transition to Adulthood for Youth with Special Needs”

Sophia Jan, MD, MSHP, is the Chief of Pediatrics at Cohen Children’s Medical Center, Medical Director of Northwell Health’s Health Homes Serving Children, and a health services researcher. Dr. Jan is an instrumental part of ensuring that the hospital delivers state-of-the-art pediatric care, provides a family-centric atmosphere and continues to maintain the medical center’s status as one of the nation’s top children’s hospitals.

Prior to joining Northwell Health, Dr. Jan spent eight years at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), where she founded and became Medical Director of a multidisciplinary intervention team helping pediatric patients navigate and transition to adult care. She was also a Faculty Member at
PolicyLab and Associate Program Director of the combined internal medicine and pediatrics residency program at CHOP and the University of Pennsylvania (UPenn), and a general internist at UPenn.

Dr. Jan earned her bachelor’s degree from the City University of New York at Brooklyn College and her medical degree from the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center. She continued her fellowship training as a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar at the Perelman School of Medicine at UPenn, earning a Master’s in Health Policy Research.

Brian Jenssen, MD, MSHP, PolicyLab

Session: “Building Better Services for Parents and Families in Pediatric Settings”

Brian Jenssen is a Faculty Member at PolicyLab, an Instructor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania, a practicing primary care pediatrician at CHOP and a Fellow in CHOP’s Entrepreneurial Science Scholars Program. Dr. Jenssen’s research involves the use of clinical decision support systems and population health management techniques to protect children from secondhand smoke exposure and tobacco use. More broadly, he focuses on leveraging health information technology to engineer and implement novel approaches and products to improve care for children and their parents.

Previously, Dr. Jenssen was a Clinical and Translational Science Institute Student Fellow through the National Institutes of Health, conducting research in tobacco policy, smoking cessation, and adolescent use of social media. Furthermore, he has worked extensively with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Julius B. Richmond Center of Excellence on a variety of tobacco policy efforts, and currently serves as an executive member of the newly formed AAP Section on Tobacco Control.

He holds a bachelor’s degree from Davidson College and received his medical degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and is board certified in pediatrics. He both completed a residency in pediatrics and recently served as chief resident at CHOP. From 2014 to 2016, Dr. Jenssen was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania where he also earned his Masters in Health Policy Research.

Tiffani Johnson, MD, MSc, PolicyLab

Session: “Getting to Health Equity for Youth: What is it Going to Take?”

Tiffani Johnson is a Faculty Member at PolicyLab at CHOP and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Emergency Medicine at CHOP and the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. She is also a member of CHOP’s Center for Perinatal and Pediatric Health Disparities Research.

Dr. Johnson is an expert in pediatric emergency care and ethnic health care disparities. Her research portfolio reflects her commitment to improving the quality of care for underserved children. She has investigated disparities in the emergency department and pre-hospital setting, and is studying provider subconscious racial bias. Dr. Johnson’s long-term research goal is to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in pediatric emergency care through sequential phases of research that involve identifying and exploring the root causes of disparities, and developing and implementing interventions to reduce disparities. Her current interdisciplinary research program is focused on disparities in the care and outcomes of injured children and is supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program. In addition to her research, Dr. Johnson is also involved in supporting the recruitment, retention, and professional development of minority faculty and staff as Faculty Advisor for the Penn-CHOP Alliance for Minority Physicians.

Dr. Johnson earned her medical degree from Rutgers University’s Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and completed her Pediatric Residency in 2009 in the Community Health Track at Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Upon completion of residency, she spent one year
working as a fellow for the Emergency Medical Services for Children’s National Medical Center. Dr. Johnson completed her fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine at the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh in 2013. During this time, she was also a scholar in the Research and Development-University of Pittsburgh Health Institute’s (RUPHI) T32 research training program, and earned her Master’s Degree in Clinical Research with a specialization in Health Services Research. The RUPHI program is a unique two-year post-doctoral fellowship opportunity open to individuals seeking to pursue careers in health services research and/or health policy. The program is sponsored by the RAND-University of Pittsburgh Health Institute (RUPHI), supported by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and housed jointly within the University of Pittsburgh Center for Research on Health Care and RAND Health in Pittsburgh.

David T. Jones, MS, Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services

Session: “Engaging All Public Systems to Improve Youth Behavioral Health”

David T. Jones was named Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services (DBHIDS) in July 2017. He is responsible for overseeing the $1 billion health care agency with nearly 800 employees.

From 2013 to 2017, Jones served as Deputy Commissioner of DBHIDS. In that role, he provided oversight to the department’s fiscal and administrative operations. Prior to his time in Philadelphia, Jones was Chief of Behavioral Health and Crisis Services for the Montgomery County (MD) Department of Health and Human Services. There, he administered a wide-range of diverse programs addressing child and adult mental health, substance misuse, crisis center, victims assistance, and consumer services.

As a behavioral health administrator with more than 25 years of progressive management experience, Jones has produced measurable results to improve the lives of children, adults and families with behavioral health needs. He possesses in-depth knowledge of state and federal regulations inclusive of Medicaid managed care and mental health rehabilitation standards and has excelled in managing both urban and suburban public behavioral health systems that achieved outcomes inclusive of increasing access to care and expanding the range of services available to residents with behavioral health care needs. Additionally, he has national experience developing multi-disciplinary coalitions to affect sustainable community-level change.

Such experience will be helpful as DBHIDS is at the forefront of key initiatives for the City of Philadelphia, including the Mayor’s Task Force to Combat the Opioid Crisis. Under Jones’ leadership, DBHIDS will be carrying out work to implement recommendations brought forth from the task force to serve those impacted by opioid misuse. The department will continue to be involved in the cross-sector response to other issues, including homelessness and multi-dimensional supports for youth in the city.

Jones holds a Master of Science in Community School/Clinical Child Psychology from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Kelly Kelleher, MD, MPH, Nationwide Children’s Hospital

Session: “Aligning Health Insurers and Systems to Improve Population Health”

Kelly Kelleher is Distinguished Professor of Pediatrics and Public Health and ADS/Chlapaty Endowed Chair for Innovation in Pediatric Practice in the Colleges of Medicine and Public Health at The Ohio State University. He is also Vice President of Community Health and Services Research at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Vice President for Health Services Research at The Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital and Center Director in the Center for Innovation in Pediatric Practice at The Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Kelleher is a pediatrician and health services researcher focused on improving and measuring the quality of pediatric care for high-risk children affected by social determinants of health, violence,
neglect, alcohol, drug use, or mental disorders. He has been continuously funded by NIH since shortly after completing his training in 1990 and is now the PI on projects from NIMH, AHRQ, and CMS/CMMI. He is involved in strategy development for the Nationwide Children’s Healthy Neighborhood, Healthy Family zone focusing on neighborhood leaders, community agencies and related partnerships to improve housing, employment, schools, and safety on the Near South Side of Columbus.

Chelsea King, Self Advocate

Session: Achieving Successful Transition to Adulthood for Youth with Special Needs

Ms. King, 25, was diagnosed with SMA Type 1 at nine months of age after being brought in to the ER in respiratory distress. She is ventilator dependent with oxygen and requires full nursing care. Ms. King is a recipient of the 2010/2011 National Yes I Can Award for Technology presented by the Committee for Exceptional Children and is a graduate of the Henry Viscardi School. She has a heart for people and it is her desire to do something in the medical field to assist children and families like hers.

Robert Listenbee, Esq., Philadelphia Office of the District Attorney

Session: “Transforming Juvenile Justice to Improve Youth Outcomes in Philadelphia”

Robert (Bob) Listenbee currently serves as First Assistant District Attorney at the Philadelphia Office of the District Attorney, where he brings deep experience and expertise working at the local, state, and national levels on juvenile and criminal justice issues.

Previously, Bob was a Stoneleigh Visiting Fellow and Director of Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Initiatives at Drexel University’s Juvenile Justice Research and Reform Lab. In this role, he worked with the city and state’s juvenile justice, criminal justice, and child welfare agencies and organizations to advance shared policy priorities.

In 2013, Bob was appointed by President Barack Obama as Administrator of the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, serving in this position until January 2017. During his tenure as Administrator, Bob focused on three priorities: addressing the core protections outlined in the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Act; reducing out-of-home-placements; and reforming the nation’s juvenile justice system so that it utilizes a developmental, trauma-informed approach with a focus on evidence-based practices and programs.

Prior to his appointment to OJJDP, Bob was Chief of the Juvenile Unit of the Defender Association of Philadelphia for 16 years and a trial lawyer with the Association for more than two decades. In this capacity, he was instrumental in developing several specialty court programs designed to divert youth out of the juvenile justice system and reduce their risk of residential placement. Bob has contributed his expertise on policy committees of the National Legal Aid & Defender Association, the National Juvenile Defender Center, the National Center for Juvenile Justice, and several other local, state, and national organizations. He played a central role in the Attorney General’s Defending Childhood Initiative and served as co-chair of the National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence. The MacArthur Foundation honored him as a Champion for Change in juvenile justice reform in 2011.

Bob holds a BA from Harvard University and a JD from the University of California, Berkeley.

Cindy Mann, JD, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips

Session: “Aligning Health Insurers and Systems to Improve Population Health”

Cindy Mann is a partner at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, guiding states, providers, plans, consumer organizations, and foundations on creating and implementing effective strategies around federal
and state health reform, Medicaid, Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and delivery and payment system transformation. She formerly served as the Deputy Administrator at the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and Director of the Center for Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program Services at CMS, where she led the administration of Medicaid, CHIP, and the Basic Health Program for more than five years during the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Ms. Mann’s prior positions include research professor at the Georgetown University Health Policy Institute, where she was founder and director of the Center for Children and Families, senior advisor at the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, and director of the Family and Children’s Health Program Group at the Healthcare Financing Administration (HCFA), now CMS. Ms. Mann earned a bachelor’s degree from Cornell University and a JD degree from the New York University School of Law.

Meredith Matone, DrPH, MHS, PolicyLab

Session: “Building Better Services for Parents and Families in Pediatric Settings”

Meredith Matone is the Deputy Director of PolicyLab. In this role, Dr. Matone is responsible for overseeing center-wide strategy on research, communications, and operations. Her research interests include child maltreatment prevention and maternal health. She is experienced in large-scale program evaluation and use of administrative data for observational study designs in areas of child and family health. Recent work includes a statewide evaluation of federally funded home visitation programs for families of young children in Pennsylvania and an assessment of the health service needs of adolescent mothers with involvement in the child welfare system in Philadelphia.

Meredith received her Doctor of Public Health, specializing in child and adolescent health and development, from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. While a doctoral student, Meredith held a Doris Duke Fellowship for the Promotion of Child Well-being. Currently, Meredith is a Stoneleigh Fellow pursuing research and policy efforts to reduce intergenerational involvement in the child welfare system.

Cynthia Peacock, MD, FACP, Texas Children’s Hospital

Session: “Achieving Successful Transition to Adulthood for Youth with Special Needs”

In 2005, Cynthia Peacock started the TCH-Baylor Transition Medicine Clinic in Houston, Texas serving adolescents/young adults with neurodevelopmental disabilities such as spina bifida, Down syndrome, autism, and cerebral palsy. The clinic is one of a very few clinics in the U.S. that specifically offers a medical home for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Dr. Peacock’s experience with the Transition Medicine Clinic has helped her to identified and define the numerous barriers that adolescents/young adults with significant chronic childhood conditions encounter. She has worked with The Arc of Texas, Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities, Disability Rights, and with Texas Department of State Health Services on several initiatives to address numerous health care issues that these individuals face on a daily basis. Because of the advocacy work she has done, she was awarded the 2010 Houston Mayor’s Disability Advocate of the Year Award.

Kim Smith-Whitley, MD, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

Session: “Achieving Successful Transition to Adulthood for Youth with Special Needs”

Kim Smith-Whitley is the Director of the Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center, Clinical Director of the Division of Hematology, and an Associate Professor of Pediatrics. She holds the Elias Schwartz, MD, Endowed Chair in Hematology.

Her clinical and research focus is on sickle cell survivorship: predicting and preventing long-term, chronic and life-threatening complications of the disease. She initiated two innovative programs at CHOP: a short-stay Hematology Acute Care Unit and the Blue Tie Tag program to recruit blood
donors for pediatric transfusions. She also received the 2010 Blockley-Osler Award for excellence in teaching clinical medicine at the bedside.

Dr. Smith-Whitley received her medical degree from the George Washington University School of Medicine.

Antonio Valdés, MBA, Children’s Crisis Treatment Center

**Session: “Engaging All Public Systems to Improve Youth Behavioral Health”**

With over 20 years of experience in behavioral healthcare management Antonio (Tony) Valdés is one of the most visible leaders in children’s behavioral health services in the greater Philadelphia community.

Tony began his career in behavioral healthcare in 1987 as a Social Worker for Connections CSP, a behavioral health care provider, which at that time specialized in delivering community-based services in Delaware. In 1994, after completing his MBA in Health & Medical Services Administration, Tony assumed the position of Director of Operations for Connections CSP. In this role, Tony applied his practical experiences as a service provider to successfully manage over 100 employees and five different programs.

In 1995, following his nine-year tenure at Connections, Tony served as the Executive Director of the Child Psychiatry Center (CPC) in Philadelphia. Under Tony’s guidance CPC successfully expanded program services, diversified its staff, and was the catalyst for the organization’s greater involvement in the community of North Philadelphia. While expanding CPC’s community presence Tony began to establish himself as a sought out speaker and advocate for the needs of Philadelphia’s behavioral health services provider community, thus setting the ground for his community involvement in years to come.

In 1997, Tony assumed his current position as the Executive Director of Children’s Crisis Treatment Center (CCTC)—a nonprofit agency specializing in providing behavioral health services to Philadelphia’s children and their families. Since assuming this position, Tony has successfully expanded CCTC seven-fold—with an over-all staff increase from 45 employees to over 400, an increase in its annual budget from $1.8 million to $20 million and a service expansion of 4 programs to 16. When Tony first joined CCTC, the Center served approximately 250 children and families per-year; today CCTC annually serves over 2400 children and families across the greater Philadelphia community.

In 2009, 2010, and 2013, Tony was named one of Impacto Latin Newspaper’s “Most Influential Latinos” for his influential work at CCTC and in the greater mental health community.

Sameer Vohra, MD, JD, MA, FAAP, Southern Illinois University

**Session: “Getting to Health Equity for Youth: What is it Going to Take?”**

Sameer Vohra, MD, JD, MA, FAAP, is the Founding Chair of Southern Illinois University School of Medicine’s (SIU SOM) Department of Population Science and Policy, a research and policy academic department aiming to improve health outcomes in central and southern Illinois. A general pediatrician, Dr. Vohra is also an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Medical Humanities, and Law. Dr. Vohra completed a residency in pediatrics at the University of Chicago. He earned a Master of Arts in public policy at the University of Chicago, a medical doctorate at SIU SOM, a juris doctorate, graduating first in his class, at SIU School of Law, and a Bachelor of Arts with honors at Northwestern University. Dr. Vohra has received several honors including a United States Fulbright Scholarship in 2009, a 2014 American Medical Association Foundation’s Excellence in Medicine Leadership Award, named a 2016 Edgar Fellow, one of 40 emerging political and policy leaders in Illinois, and was most recently awarded the 2018 Illinois Education Association Friend of Education.
Vikki Wachino, Viaduct Consulting

Session: “Building Better Services for Parents and Families in Pediatric Settings”

Vikki Wachino is principal of Viaduct Consulting, LLC, a boutique consulting firm that advises organizations on health care policy, strategy, and operations for people with complex health and social needs. She was Deputy Administrator and Director of the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services at the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services from 2015 to 2017. There she ran the Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Programs, which cover some 74 million Americans, and led groundbreaking work to improve quality, innovate delivery systems, simplify the eligibility and enrollment process, strengthen managed care, and advance community integration for seniors and people with disabilities.

Vikki has also served in leadership roles at the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, NORC at the University of Chicago, and the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. She is a graduate of Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government and Mount Holyoke College. She has testified before the U.S. Congress, is frequent speaker, and the author of numerous publications on Medicaid, CHIP, and coverage for the uninsured.

Marie Williams, Esq., Stoneleigh Foundation

Session: “Transforming Juvenile Justice to Improve Youth Outcomes in Philadelphia”

Marie N. Williams is a Senior Program Officer at the Stoneleigh Foundation, which awards fellowships to exceptional individuals who work within and alongside youth-serving systems to catalyze change. Throughout her career, Ms. Williams has worked on a variety of public and social policy issues, including immigration, economic justice, women’s reproductive rights, and the reform of the juvenile and criminal justice systems.

Before coming to Stoneleigh, Ms. Williams worked with the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ), where she most recently served as Executive Director. During her tenure at CJJ, she executed the organization’s strategy to support robust appropriations for the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and educated policymakers about optimal juvenile justice and delinquency prevention systems and practices. She also has more than 15 years’ experience as a public policy advocate, including acting as a senior lobbyist for NARAL Pro-Choice America, a strategist and Director of Policy at a boutique Washington D.C. consulting firm, and a Senior Policy Associate at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. She remains active in a number of civil rights and volunteer organizations related to the promotion of gender equality, racial justice, and the rights of children.

Ms. Williams holds a BA in urban studies and sociology from Vassar College and a JD from George Washington University’s National Law Center.

Sarah Wood, MD, MSHP, PolicyLab

Session: “Achieving Successful Transition to Adulthood for Youth with Special Needs”

Sarah Wood is a Faculty Member at PolicyLab, an Instructor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, and an Attending Physician in the Craig Dalsimer Division of Adolescent Medicine at CHOP. She began her career in health care as a teen health educator and street outreach worker, and built upon these experiences to develop a life-long career committed to improving sexual and reproductive health outcomes in adolescents and young adults. Dr. Wood provides medical care to youth living with HIV at the CHOP Adolescent Initiative Clinic, and sexual and reproductive health care, including long-acting reversible contraception, through CHOP’s Adolescent Gynecology Clinic. Her research focuses primarily on biomedical prevention of HIV in adolescents, with an emphasis on improving access and adherence to HIV pre-exposure
prophylaxis. Dr. Wood is also the project leader for a CHOP quality improvement initiative aiming to improve chlamydia screening rates among young women seeking primary care.

Dr. Wood received her MD at the Drexel University College of Medicine and Masters of Science in Health Policy Research from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Wood is the recipient of a Young Investigator Award from the Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections, and has received pilot funding awards from the Penn Center for AIDS Research and the Penn Mental Health AIDS Research Center to support her research examining the roles of social support and mental health across HIV prevention care continuum.

Jami Young, PhD, PolicyLab

Session: “Engaging All Public Systems to Improve Youth Behavioral Health”

Jami Young is a Faculty Member at PolicyLab and the Director of Psychosocial Research in CHOP’s Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Dr. Young is a clinical psychologist with expertise in psychosocial interventions for preventing and treating adolescent depression.

Dr. Young has received funding from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) for her research on IPT-AST, a group preventive intervention for adolescent depression which targets interpersonal vulnerabilities for depression. She has conducted three randomized controlled trials of IPT-AST delivered in schools and has examined the effects of this program on a variety of mental health, interpersonal, and school-related outcomes. Currently, Dr. Young has a collaborative R01 to conduct a personalized prevention study to examine whether the effects of depression prevention programs can be maximized by matching youth to programs based on their vulnerabilities for depression.

Dr. Young’s research has also included the study of risk factors for later psychopathology. She was the Principal Investigator of a collaborative R01 longitudinal study of genetic, cognitive, and interpersonal risk factors for youth depression. Most recently, Dr. Young has begun to examine the identification and management of adolescent depression in primary care settings.

In addition to her research, Dr. Young has been involved in national and international efforts to train community clinicians in evidence-based prevention and treatment interventions for adolescent depression. She also serves as an NIH Grant Reviewer for the Psychosocial Development, Risk and Prevention study section. Taken together, Dr. Young’s work aims to decrease the incidence of adolescent depression and increase children’s access to evidence-based assessment, prevention, and treatment of depression and other behavioral health conditions.

Dr. Young received her PhD in clinical psychology from Fordham University. She completed an NIMH-funded post-doctoral fellowship in the Department of Child Psychiatry at Columbia University. Prior to coming to CHOP, Dr. Young was at Rutgers University where she was an Assistant and Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology.

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