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ITUP 23rd Annual Conference Agenda

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. **Registration and Networking Breakfast**

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction**

- *John Arensmeyer – Chair of the Board, Insure the Uninsured Project*
- *Deborah Kelch – Executive Director, Insure the Uninsured Project*

8:45 – 9:15 a.m. **Opening Keynote Session**

The Affordable Care Act Under Legal Attack

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra is leading the legal battle in federal court to protect the ACA. In the wake of the recent federal district court ruling in *Texas v. U.S.*, which called into question the legality of the ACA, Attorney General Becerra spearheaded the effort to defend the law, securing a stay, while leading a coalition of 17 States and D.C. in filing a notice of appeal. Attorney General Becerra will deliver the conference opening keynote and provide attendees with the latest on the fight to protect California coverage gains!

- *Attorney General Xavier Becerra*

9:15 – 9:30 a.m. **Legislative Welcome**

California's successful implementation of the ACA dramatically reduced the number of uninsured, but more than three million Californians remain without coverage. In 2018, California legislators considered but ultimately did not pass multiple budget and policy proposals focusing on specific subgroups of the uninsured, including undocumented adults, and low- and moderate-income individuals who cannot afford the cost of premiums or cost sharing at the point of care. Legislators have again introduced bills to build on the coverage gains of the ACA, reduce health care costs and protect consumers. Assembly Member Jim Wood (D-Santa Rosa), Chair of the Assembly Health Committee, will highlight legislative priorities and opportunities for 2019.

- *State Assemblymember Jim Wood, DDS (D-Santa Rosa) – Chair, Assembly Health Committee*

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Morning Plenary Session

Mapping the Future of Health Reform in California

On his first day in office, Governor Gavin Newsom offered proposals to expand coverage, address affordability challenges and reduce health care costs. Meanwhile, at the federal level, lawmakers are focused on health care, even as the federal Administration rolls out policies that undermine the ACA. Covered California remains one of the most successful state exchanges in the country but experienced a significant drop in new enrollments for 2019. What is next for health reform in California? What policies might the federal Administration pursue? What are key elements of the Governor's recently announced health reform plan? What issues will California face in the next two years?

- **Ana Matosantos** – Cabinet Secretary, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom
- **Lanhee J. Chen, PhD** – David and Diane Steffy Research Fellow, Hoover Institute, and Director of Domestic Policy Studies, Stanford University
- **Peter V. Lee** – Executive Director, Covered California
- **Burt Margolin** – President, The Margolin Group (Moderator)

10:45 – 11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00 – 12:15 p.m.

Morning Workshop Sessions

Health Care Costs and Cost Transparency

Affordability of both premiums and out-of-pocket costs continues to be a primary reason Californians remain uninsured or forego necessary care. State policymakers recently focused on price transparency to inform policy choices for reducing underlying health care costs. SB 17 (2018) requires health plans offering individual and small group coverage to report information about prescription drug pricing to regulators. The 2018 Budget Act includes a one-time appropriation to develop a statewide All-Payer Claims Database. How might these initiatives increase our understanding of health care cost drivers? How have other states used data to inform their approaches to cost containment?

- **Scott Christman** – Deputy Director and Chief Information Officer, Information Services Division, California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
- **Christine Eibner, PhD** – Senior Economist, RAND Corporation
- **Marta Green** – Chief Deputy Director, Department of Managed Health Care
- **Kristof Stremikis, MPP, MPH** – Director, Market Analysis and Insight, California Health Care Foundation (Moderator)

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Improving Medi-Cal for Individuals with Complex Needs

Across California, specialized programs and pilots are focused on addressing Medi-Cal beneficiaries who have complex health care needs. Whole Person Care programs coordinate physical health, behavioral health, and social services for vulnerable Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are high users of multiple systems. Communities are designing services that meet the unique needs of individuals transitioning from correctional facilities to the community. Whole Child Model programs coordinate primary, specialty, and behavioral health services for children with special health care needs. How are these programs working? What are we learning? How do we design systems that truly center around client needs?

- **Mark Ghaly, MD, MPH** – Director, Office of Health and Social Impact, Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
- **Jodi Nerell** – Director of Behavioral Health Integration, Sacramento Covered
- **Stephanie Sonnenshine** – Chief Executive Officer, Central California Alliance for Health
- **Mayra Alvarez** – President, The Children's Partnership (Moderator)

Public Charge, Immigration Enforcement and the Impacts on Health

In late 2017, the Trump administration issued a proposed rule change to make accessing specific public benefit programs a negative factor for immigrants seeking legal status. The proposal affecting “public charge” determinations has had a chilling effect on immigrant access to essential services. Increased federal immigration enforcement reinforces fear in communities and challenges providers to protect patients in their care. Daily news reports highlight the difficult environment for immigrants in California with very real effects on health and health care access. Learn more about the public charge rule, potential impacts on health coverage and strategies for providers to navigate the legal issues affecting immigrant patients.

- **Gabrielle Lessard, JD** – Senior Policy Attorney, National Immigration Law Center
- **Laurel Lucia, MPP** – Director, Health Care Program, UC Berkeley Labor Center
- **Ninez A. Ponce, PhD, MPP** – Director, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research
- **Altaf Saadi, MD, MS** – Clinical Instructor of Medicine, National Clinician Scholars Program, University of California, Los Angeles
- **Hector Rodriguez** – Professor of Health Policy and Management, University of California, Berkeley (Moderator)

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Shifting Federal Role: The Impact of Federal Policies on Coverage and Care

Recent federal regulatory actions challenge California to respond with state policy adjustments when possible and necessary. Federal guidance dramatically changes the rules for Medicaid and ACA state waivers. Federal changes make it easier to offer short-term coverage and association health plans, necessitating state action to limit such coverage. Gridlock at the federal level presses state policymakers to design state solutions on coverage and affordability. Get updates on recent federal policy changes, Covered California's new analysis of affordability options, and what the 2020 Presidential primary could mean for Medicaid and other health care programs.

- **Mari Cantwell** – California State Medicaid Director and Chief Deputy Director, Health Care Programs, California Department of Health Care Services
- **Jen Flory** – Policy Advocate, Western Center on Law and Poverty
- **Katie Ravel** – Director, Policy Evaluation and Research Division, Covered California
- **Billy Wynne** – Chief Executive Officer, Wynne Health Group
- **Burt Margolin** – President, The Margolin Group (Moderator)

12:15 – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch

Managing Stress and Change: Finding Your Happy

There is a saying, "If you've been at your job for any length of time—say a day or two—you've experienced CHANGE in the workplace." So true. Change is stressful, no question. But it is as unavoidable as death and taxes, so we might as well embrace it. In this keynote, participants are led through common responses to change, what change can mean, and the various effects it can have in our homes, at work, and in our relationships. Jean Steel is well prepared for this topic, having led a life with more change in it than most. She asks us to take care of ourselves, to reframe our thinking, to make strong commitments, and to see opportunity in all the changes of our lives. Find out how the one-minute vacation and the "tombstone technique" can, well, change the way you think about change.

- **Jean Steel** – Happy People Win

1:45 – 2:00 p.m.

Break

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2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Afternoon Workshop Sessions

Medi-Cal and the Evolving Health Care Safety Net

California has historically maintained a health care “safety net” of providers and programs serving the health care needs of low-income and uninsured residents. Under the ACA, the character of the health care safety net changed due to fewer uninsured and more than 13 million Californians enrolled in Medi-Cal. What kind of health safety net does California need going forward? How will the safety net be tested if another recession hits? How do we continue to improve the performance and strength of safety-net providers, including community health centers and public health systems? What is the role of Medi-Cal health plans working with safety-net providers?

- **Alice Chen, MD, MPH** – Deputy Director and Chief Medical Officer, San Francisco Health Network, San Francisco Department of Public Health
- **Jane Garcia** – Chief Executive Officer, La Clinica de La Raza
- **Brad Gilbert, MD, MPP** – Chief Executive Officer, Inland Empire Health Plan
- **Jonathan Freedman** – Vice President, Health Management Associates (Moderator)

Meeting the Future Health Workforce Needs of California

California’s successful coverage expansions, and benefit expansions in mental health and substance use disorder treatment, increased demand for services across the spectrum, challenging the state’s already inadequate health care workforce. All regions of the state face health care workforce shortages, especially rural and underserved communities, undermining timely and appropriate access to care. What can California do to address the shortages? What is the role for community navigators in relieving the pressure on health care providers? What initiatives are under way and what are the options going forward? What is the California Future Health Workforce Commission recommending?

- **Lupe Alonzo-Diaz** – President and Chief Executive Officer, Physicians for a Healthy California
- **John Baackes** – Chief Executive Officer, L.A. Care Health Plan
- **Elba Gonzalez-Mares** – Executive Director, Community Health Initiative, Napa County
- **Jeffrey Oxendine, MBA, MPH** – Co-Director, California Future Health Workforce Commission, and Associate Dean, Public Health Practice, University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health (Moderator)

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The Road to Health Equity: Confronting Health and Access Disparities

Research consistently reveals disparities on key health status and access measures, with stark differences in health outcomes by region, neighborhood, income, gender, race, language and ethnicity. Policymakers increasingly recognize that individuals who have experienced socioeconomic disadvantage, including communities that are culturally, linguistically, and geographically isolated, are those most likely to experience poor health outcomes and uneven access to the health care they need. What are the health disparities and access challenges facing underserved communities? What are emerging strategies and opportunities to engage the health care system in actively confronting health disparities?

- **Greg Buchert, MD, MPH** – President and Chief Executive Officer, Blue Shield of California / Promise Health Plan
- **Melinda Cordero-Barzaga** – Associate Director, Visión y Compromiso
- **Tracy Delaney, PhD** – Executive Director, Public Health Alliance of Southern California
- **Doretha Williams-Flournoy** – Chief Executive Officer, California Black Health Network
- **Jeffrey Reynoso, DrPH, MPH** – Executive Director, Latino Coalition for a Healthy California (Moderator)

Health Plan Oversight and Improvement

Prior to passage of the ACA, states assumed the primary role in setting health insurance market rules and regulating health plan performance. Under the ACA, states continue to have the lead in oversight, but they now also enforce ACA federal standards affecting virtually all aspects of health insurance— including benefits, premium rates, market conduct, quality, and transparency. California has the highest penetration of managed care in the country, as well as some of the most complex financial and network arrangements between health plans and providers. What are the latest challenges and emerging issues in health plan oversight? What initiatives are underway to improve health plan performance?

- **Mary June Diaz (Flores) MPP, MPH** – Senior Policy and Legislative Advocate, Health Access California
- **Eyal Gurion, MBA** – Senior Vice President, Strategic Initiatives, Integrated Healthcare Association
- **Barsam Kasravi, MD, MPH** – Interim Plan President, Anthem CA Medicaid
- **Shelley Rouillard** – Director, Department of Managed Health Care
- **Richard Chambers** – Chair-elect, Insure the Uninsured Project (Moderator)

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3:15 – 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

Mapping the Future: Universal Coverage in California

Following implementation of the ACA, universal coverage for all Californians appears to be in reach. Policymakers are considering proposals to extend coverage to all undocumented adults and to make coverage more affordable for those who cannot pay the costs. As a candidate, Governor Newsom committed to moving toward a state-based single payer plan that would fundamentally reshape health care and coverage. He began his term by immediately asking federal officials for the approvals California will need. Despite general agreement about the goal, there are different views on the best strategies and timing for reaching universal coverage. How can California get to universal coverage? What's Next?

- **Charles Bacchi** – President and Chief Executive Officer, California Association of Health Plans
- **Sara Flocks** – Policy Coordinator, California Labor Federation
- **John F. Grgurina, Jr.** – Chief Executive Officer, San Francisco Health Plan
- **Angelica C. Ramirez, MPH** – Executive Director, California Physicians Alliance
- **Anthony E. Wright** – Executive Director, Health Access California
- **Burt Margolin** – President, The Margolin Group (Moderator)
- **Deborah Kelch** – Executive Director, Insure the Uninsured Project (Moderator)

4:45 – 5:00 p.m.

Closing Session

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- **Deborah Kelch** – Executive Director, Insure the Uninsured Project

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Networking Reception