



TAKING BOLD STEPS IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Taking Bold Steps in Uncertain Times

AGENDA

7:30 – 8:30 AM

REGISTRATION • NETWORKING BREAKFAST

8:30 – 9:00 AM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Richard Chambers – Chair of the Board, Insure the Uninsured Project

Deborah Kelch – Executive Director, Insure the Uninsured Project

9:00 – 9:30 AM

OPENING KEYNOTE

A Bold Vision for the Health of California

Mark Ghaly, MD, MPH – Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency

As Secretary of the California Health and Human Services (CHHS) Agency, Dr. Ghaly oversees key departments integral to implementing the Governor's health reform vision. Dr. Ghaly has extensive experience in county health leadership, including major system overhauls such as Whole Person Care and the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System waiver. Since becoming Secretary, Dr. Ghaly has set in motion a bold agenda for reform of Medi-Cal, an intense focus on improving behavioral health services, a Master Plan process for aging services, and a state Commission to consider systemic reforms to health care financing in California. Dr. Ghaly will share his vision for the future health of California.





9:30 – 10:15 AM

The Newsom Plan to Transform Medi-Cal: Consumer and Provider Perspectives

In the fall of 2019, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) unveiled the Medi-Cal Healthier California for All proposal to transform virtually all aspects of Medi-Cal. The proposal includes, among other things, new Medi-Cal benefits, such as enhanced care management and coverage for support services that are “in-lieu of” other covered benefits, standards for “patient-centered” population management, and integration of health and behavioral health services. DHCS will begin this panel by highlighting elements of the proposal to be initiated in the next 18 months. How will the proposed changes be implemented? Panelists will explore the impacts for Medi-Cal providers and beneficiaries.

SPEAKERS

- **Jacey Cooper** – State Medicaid Director and Chief Deputy Director of Health Care Programs, California Department of Health Care Services
- **Le Ondra Clark Harvey, PhD** – Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies
- **Jen Flory** – Policy Advocate, Western Center on Law and Poverty
- **Maria Lemus** – Executive Director, Visión y Compromiso

MODERATOR

- **Burt Margolin** – President, The Margolin Group

10:15 – 10:30 AM BREAK

10:30 – 11:30 AM

The Newsom Plan to Transform Medi-Cal: Counties and Health Plans

The Medi-Cal Healthier California for All initiative calls for a major shift in the roles and responsibilities of both Medi-Cal managed care plans (MCPs) and counties. DHCS proposes significant programmatic, administrative, and fiscal changes that would dramatically increase the requirements, expectations, and responsibilities of MCPs. While some county responsibilities would remain the same as today (with administrative changes and greater oversight), others would shift to MCPs. How can MCPs and counties work together to achieve the goals in the Medi-Cal reform proposal? What are the impacts of shifting more responsibility to MCPs? Impacts on county programs?



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SPEAKERS

- **Michelle Cabrera** – Executive Director, County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California
- **Elizabeth Gibboney, MA** – Chief Executive Officer, Partnership HealthPlan of California
- **Beau Hennemann** – Director, Special Programs, Anthem Blue Cross
- **Erica Murray, MPA** – President and CEO, California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems

MODERATOR

- **Burt Margolin** – President, The Margolin Group

11:30 – 12:00 PM

California Leading the Way

Bradley P. Gilbert, MD, MPP, – Director, California Department of Health Services

Peter V. Lee – Executive Director, Covered California

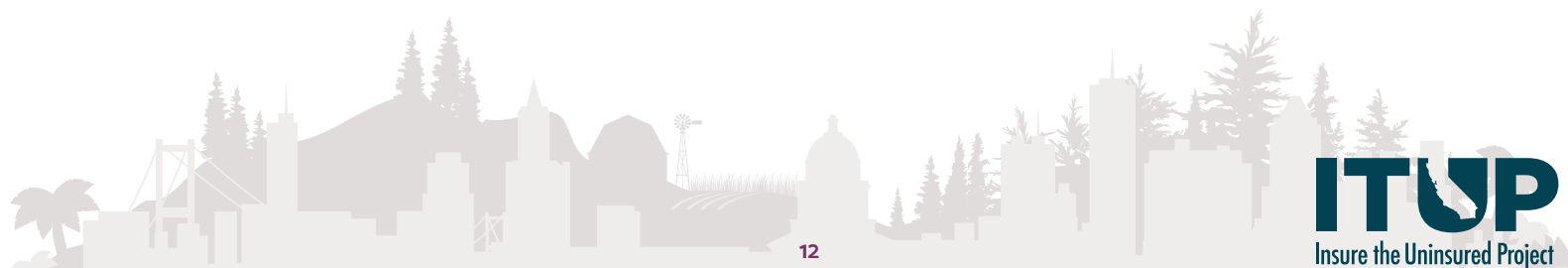
Since passage of the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), California has made dramatic progress in cutting the number of uninsured Californians under age 65 from 16 percent to 8 percent. More than 13 million Californians are enrolled in Medi-Cal, and California has the strongest ACA exchange in the country, Covered California. California has defied the negative federal climate, strengthening the state exchange by enacting a state individual coverage requirement and state-supported subsidies, and expanding Medi-Cal to low-income children and youth, regardless of immigration status. Get the latest from the two leaders of the anchor programs in California's unprecedented progress. How will California continue to lead?

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

LUNCHEON KEYNOTE: Envisioning Health Through Storytelling

Emily Silverman, MD – Creator and Host, *The Nocturnists*

Dr. Silverman is an internal medicine physician at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, as well as creator and host of the *Nocturnists*, a live show and podcast where doctors share stories from the world of medicine. Through storytelling, the *Nocturnists* reveal the human side of medicine, as well as many structural and system challenges providers face every day trying to meet the diverse needs of patients. The podcasts and live shows are animated by a deep-seated curiosity about health, illness, and human connection. Dr. Silverman asks the hard questions about the state of health care in this time, what is missing, and how current systems might better focus on "health."





1:15 – 1:45 PM NETWORKING BREAK

1:45 – 2:45 PM

AFTERNOON WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Transforming Systems to Advance Health Equity (Gardenia Room)

California, the most racially and ethnically diverse state in the nation, faces well-documented disparities in health status and health outcomes along lines that include race, ethnicity, language, income status, education level, sexual orientation, gender identity, and region/zip code. Inequitable access and delivery of health care services intersect with the social determinants of health to yield adverse health outcomes for underserved communities. What are the inequities affecting California communities? What models and strategies adequately address inequities for communities of color? What bold steps and systemic changes in Medi-Cal and other state and local programs can most effectively address health inequities to reduce and eliminate health disparities?

SPEAKERS

- **Robbin Gaines, MBA** – Senior Program Officer, Market Analysis and Insight, California Health Care Foundation
- **Virginia Hedrick, MPH** – Director of Policy and Planning, California Consortium for Urban Indian Health
- **Doretha Williams-Flournoy, MS** – President and CEO, California Black Health Network
- **Catha Worthman** – Partner, Feinberg, Jackson, Worthman and Wascow

MODERATOR

- **Mayra Alvarez, MHA** – President, The Children's Partnership

The Workforce Needs of a Transformed Health Care System

(Magnolia Room)

California faces a continuing health care workforce crisis as coverage and benefit expansions increase demand and strain existing health care providers and delivery systems. Unmet workforce needs are particularly acute in rural and remote regions of the state and in underserved, ethnically and economically impoverished communities. To meet these challenges, the state needs both increased quality and quantity in the workforce, as well as practitioners across a wide range of disciplines from primary care to peer support. What will be the state's changing workforce needs as California works to transform systems? What best practices are local communities implementing to meet the growing and changing demands?



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SPEAKERS

- **Geoffrey Leung, MD, EdM** – Chair, Family Medicine Department, Riverside University Health System
- **Joanne Spetz, PhD** – Professor, Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies, UC San Francisco
- **Khatera Tamplen** – Consumer Empowerment Manager, Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services

MODERATOR

- **Gary Tsai, MD** – Interim Director, Medicaid Director and Science Officer, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health

Fulfilling the Promise of Value-Based Care (Camelia Room)

Value-based health care, in its essence, is a model of health care delivery in which health plans and providers are paid based on patient health outcomes. Under value-based care agreements, providers are rewarded for using evidence-based strategies to help patients improve their health, reduce the effects and incidence of chronic disease, and live healthier lives. California is implementing and exploring value-based arrangements in both the public and private sectors. What are current national and state trends in how value-based care is evolving in the public and private sector? What are unique challenges and opportunities for the health care safety net? For private payers and providers?

SPEAKERS

- **Suzanne F. Delbanco, PhD, MPH** – Executive Director, Catalyst for Payment Reform
- **Tammy Fisher, MPH** – Senior Director, Center for Care Innovations
- **Rachel Tobey** – Director, JSI/San Francisco

MODERATOR

- **Richard Chambers** – Chair of the Board, Insure the Uninsured Project

2:45 – 3:00 PM BREAK



3:00 – 4:00 PM

Envisioning Health System Transformation

In 1918, California Governor Hiram Johnson sponsored a ballot initiative to create a state, public universal health insurance program. Since then, numerous State proposals have captured California aspirations of universality, affordability, simplicity, and equity. Although California has recently made unprecedented progress in expanding coverage, more than three million individuals remain uninsured. Health care is complicated, with uneven access and quality, and both purchasers and consumers experiencing soaring costs. The new Healthy California for All Commission will consider the path to a unified health care financing system, which could include a single-payer financing system. What is the current landscape for large-scale state health reform? Opportunities? Challenges? How can California envision and achieve health system transformation?

SPEAKERS

- **Assembly Member Jim Wood, DDS** – Chair, Assembly Health Committee
- **Sara Flocks, MPA** – Policy Coordinator, California Labor Federation
- **Andy Schneider** – Research Professor of the Practice, Center for Children and Families
- **Anthony Wright** – Executive Director, Health Access California

MODERATOR

- **Burt Margolin** – President, The Margolin Group
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4:00 – 4:30 PM

CLOSING KEYNOTE: A Dream Within our Reach—A Health Care System for the Whole Person

Sandra R. Hernández, MD – President and CEO, California Health Care Foundation

Dr. Hernández is president and CEO of the California Health Care Foundation (CHCF). CHCF works to improve the health care system so that it works for all Californians. It is especially focused on ensuring that all Californians have health coverage, strengthening Medi-Cal, and better integrating care for people experiencing mental illness, drug or alcohol addiction, and other complex health conditions. Dr. Hernández will consider the state's progress, and emerging new strategies, to ask how the health care system can be more than the sum of its parts. How can California transform systems to truly address the needs of the whole person?



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WRAP-UP

5:00 – 6:30 PM

CLOSING RECEPTION

Meet the new ITUP Executive Director



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