

Regional Health Policy Forum

Presenters



Natalie Burke is President and CEO of CommonHealth ACTION, a national public health organization based in Washington, DC. She serves as co-director for the Robert Wood Johnson funded Culture of Health Leaders National Program Center and she directs the Baltimore-based, Kaiser Permanente Institute for Equitable Leadership. In addition, she serves on the Equity Advisory Group for the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. Since the mid-90s, she has held leadership positions focused on creating opportunities for health through community, organizational, and systemic change. A graduate of the University of Maryland with a degree in Government and Politics, Natalie has participated in the Emerging Leaders in Public Health Fellowship (hosted by the University of North Carolina's Schools of Business and Public Health) and New York University's Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service Lead the Way Fellowship for entrepreneurial leaders in the nonprofit sector.



Sabrina Corlette is a Research Professor at the Center on Health Insurance Reforms (CHIR) at Georgetown University's Health Policy Institute. At CHIR she directs research on private health insurance and insurance markets. She provides expertise and strategic advice to individuals and organizations on federal and state health insurance laws and programs and provides technical support through the publication of resource guides, white papers, issue briefs, blogs and fact sheets. She has published numerous papers relating to the regulation of private health insurance and the development of health insurance marketplaces. A full list of her publications is available at <http://chir.georgetown.edu/publications.html>. She also serves on the Standards Committee for the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and on the Public Health-Health Care Collaboration Work Group to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Prior to joining the Georgetown faculty, Ms. Corlette was Director of Health Policy Programs at the National Partnership for Women & Families, health legislative assistant to Senator Tom Harkin, and an attorney at the law firm Hogan Lovells (formerly Hogan & Hartson LLP). Ms. Corlette is a member of the D.C. Bar and received her J.D. with high honors from the University of Texas at Austin and her undergraduate degree with honors from Harvard University.



Alexandra Harris is the Deputy Director for National Advocacy in the Grassroots Advocacy Department at the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC). In this role, she helps oversee a network of over 130,000 community health center advocates and contributes to advocacy capacity building at health centers and state primary care associations through on-the-ground trainings and resource development in both English and Spanish. In 2013, she graduated from UNC with a Master of Science in Public Health. While in North Carolina she worked at the North Carolina Community Health Center Association, focusing on policy issues related to outreach and enrollment and school-based health centers.



Len M. Nichols is the Director of the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics (CHPRE) and a Professor of Health Policy at George Mason University. He has been involved in health reform debates for 20+ years, after serving as Senior Advisor for Health Policy at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in the Clinton Administration. After OMB, Len was a Principle Research Associate at the Urban Institute, Vice President of the Center for Studying Health System Change, and Director of the Health Policy Program at the New America Foundation. Before OMB, Len was Economics Department Chair at Wellesley College and a Visiting Public Health Fellow at HHS. Len is on the Board of Directors of the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), and serves on the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC), created by MACRA to advise the Secretary of HHS. His Economics Ph.D. is from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.



Robin Rudowitz is an Associate Director for the Program on Medicaid and the Uninsured, where she focuses on state and federal Medicaid financing issues and Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act. Prior to joining KFF in 2004, Rudowitz was a Senior Manager at The Lewin Group, a health policy and management consulting firm. Rudowitz has worked on budget and health policy issues in different government agencies including the Office of Legislation at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer for the District of Columbia, the Congressional Budget Office and the Ways and Means Committee for the New York State Assembly.



Linda Wilkinson has over 20 years of experience in health care ranging from serving as Insurance Administrator for the former Richmond Memorial Hospital to representing state and national health care clients when she was the Director of Government Affairs for the law firm of Mezzullo and McCandlish. Ms. Wilkinson worked on regulatory and legislative matters, Certificate of Public Need applications for the firm's health care clients, and lobbied on their behalf. More recently, she has served as a program and fundraising consultant for national health organizations in the Mid-Atlantic. Because of her interest in public affairs, she has worked with and for four former governors, an attorney general, a member of the Virginia General Assembly, and countless political campaigns in Virginia. Her undergraduate degree is in Political Science from Randolph-Macon College; she received her MPA with a Concentration in Nonprofit Management from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Moderators

Stephanie Quinn is the Vice President of Federal Government Affairs in CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield's Public Policy and Community Affairs division. Prior to joining CareFirst, Quinn was the Assistant Director of Congressional Relations for The American Society for Radiation Oncology, where she led the organization's efforts to educate federal agency officials on a wide variety of health-related issues.

Tamara Smith is the President and CEO of the District of Columbia Primary Care Association (DCPCA). Ms. Smith has over 30 years of leadership experience serving low-income individuals and families who live in the metro Washington region. She has held executive positions in the nonprofit, managed care, and health care services delivery sectors.

Patricia Mathews is the first President and CEO of the Northern Virginia Health Foundation. In addition to her grantmaking responsibilities, Ms. Mathews has been instrumental in creating and supporting multi-jurisdictional health and oral health coalitions in Northern Virginia. Prior to joining the Foundation, Ms. Mathew served as the Executive Director of Community Relations at Kaiser Permanente-Mid-Atlantic States. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Grantmakers in Health and is the Immediate Past Chair of the Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers, having served on its Board for more than six years.