Informational Hearing
Assembly Health Committee
Cost Containment: Considerations for California
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BIOGRAPHIES

Larry Levitt, MPP, Executive Vice President for Health Policy, Kaiser Family Foundation
Larry Levitt is Executive Vice President for health policy at the Kaiser Family Foundation, where he directs all of KFF’s work in health insurance, the Affordable Care Act, Medicare, Medicaid, women’s health, and global health. He previously was Editor-in-Chief of kaisernetwork.org, the Foundation’s online health policy news and information service, and directed the Foundation’s communications and online activities and its Changing Health Care Marketplace Project. Prior to joining the Foundation, he served as a Senior Health Policy Advisor to the White House and Department of Health and Human Services, working on the development of President Clinton’s Health Security Act and other health policy initiatives. He was previously the Special Assistant for Health Policy with California Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi, a medical economist with Kaiser Permanente, and served in a number of positions in Massachusetts state government. He holds a bachelor of science in economics from UC Berkeley, and a master of public policy from Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government.

Jaime S. King, J.D., PhD, Bion M. Gregory Chair of Business Law; Professor of Law, University of California Hastings College of the Law
Jaime S. King is the Associate Dean and Co-Director of the UCSF/UC Hastings Consortium on Science, Law and Health Policy, the Co-Founder and Co-Director of the UCSF/UC Hastings Master’s Program in Health Law and Policy, and the Director of the J.D. Concentration on Law and Health Sciences. She is the Co-Founder and Executive Editor of The Source on Healthcare Price and Competition, a multi-disciplinary web-based resource about healthcare price and competition. Professor King received the Hastings Foundation Faculty Award for Outstanding Scholarship in 2015 and the Best Antitrust and Mergers Article of 2017 at the American Antitrust Institute Annual Meeting with her co-author Erin Fuse Brown. Professor King has testified before Congressional committees on health insurance mergers and price transparency and is currently the President of the Board of the American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics. She holds a Ph.D. in Health Policy from Harvard University, a J.D. from Emory University, and a B.A. from Dartmouth College.
Glenn Melnick, PhD, Senior Fellow, USC Schaeffer Center, Blue Cross of California Chair in Health Care Finance, USC Price School of Public Policy; Professor

Glenn Melnick is an expert in health economics and finance. He joined the USC Price School of Public Policy faculty in 1996 and currently holds the Blue Cross of California Chair in Health Care Finance. Previously, he served as a faculty member of the UCLA School of Public Health, a consultant at RAND and an expert witness to the Federal Trade Commission. He has been published in the *American Journal of Public Health, Health Affairs, Medical Care*, the *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law, Health Policy Reform: Competition and Controls*, and the *Journal of Ambulatory Care Management*.

David M. Seltz, Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Commission, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

David Seltz is the first Executive Director of the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission. Prior to this role, Mr. Seltz was the chief health care advisor for then-Senate President Therese Murray and served as the Special Advisor on health care for former Governor Deval Patrick (MA). Through these positions, Mr. Seltz advised the passage of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2006 and Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012. Mr. Seltz is a 2003 graduate of Boston College and originally from Minnesota. He was a recipient of Modern Healthcare’s 2015 Up and Comer Award, which recognizes young executives that have made significant contributions in the areas of healthcare administration, management, or policy.

Jeremy Vandehey, J.D., Director, Health Policy and Analytics Division, Oregon Health Authority

Jeremy Vandehey is responsible for developing and implementing the state’s vision for health reform. His teams’ work includes policy analysis, health care cost and quality reporting, advancing evidence-based care and best practices, spreading the use of electronic health records, advancing payment reform, and purchasing health care for nearly 300,000 public employees. Before joining OHA, Jeremy served as Health Policy Advisor to Governor Kate Brown. Jeremy previously led government relations for Kaiser Permanente’s Northwest Region and served as the legislative director for OHA during the design and implementation of Oregon’s coordinated care organizations. Jeremy received his Juris Doctor from the University of North Dakota School of Law and his undergraduate degree in public policy and administration from Western Oregon University.

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

Dr. Ghaly oversees California’s largest Agency which includes many key departments that are integral to supporting the implementation of the Governor’s vision to expand health coverage and access to all Californians. Before joining Governor Newsom’s team, Dr. Ghaly worked for 15 years in County health leadership roles in San Francisco and Los Angeles. In San Francisco, he was Medical Director of the Southeast Health Center, a public health clinic located in the Bayview Hunters Point community. In addition to having a large primary care pediatrics practice, Dr. Ghaly led the clinic’s transition to the patient-centered medical home model of care, expanded specialty care and diagnostics services, and addressed issues such as teen health, youth violence, food security, and environmental health issues. In 2011, Dr. Ghaly became the Deputy Director for Community Health and Integrated Programs for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Dr. Ghaly was the architect of the Los Angeles County Whole Person Care Pilot program, oversaw the launch of the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System in Los Angeles County, and established the County’s Office of Diversion and Reentry which has diverted over 3,000 individuals out of County jail and into community-based treatment and permanent supportive housing.
**Cheryl Damberg, PhD**, Chair in Health Care Payment Policy and Principal Senior Researcher, RAND Corporation

Cheryl Damberg’s body of research explores the impact of various strategies being deployed to drive cost and quality improvements in the U.S. health system and how providers are working to redesign of health care delivery in response to new payment models and increased accountability for performance. Dr. Damberg testified twice before Congress regarding how to include pay for performance into revisions to Medicare physician payments and has advised Congress, federal agencies, the UK National Health Service, Germany, and South Korea on embedding P4P into provider payments. Dr. Damberg is the Director of RAND’s Center of Excellence on Health System Performance, which is characterizing and studying health systems and identifying the attributes of health systems associated with high performance. Dr. Damberg is vice-chair of the OSHPD Healthcare Payments Data Program Review Committee, which is helping develop a plan for California’s all-payer claims database.

**Christine Eibner, PhD**, Senior Economist, Director the Payment, Cost, and Coverage Program, RAND’s Health Care Division; Paul O’Neill Alcoa Chair in Policy Analysis, RAND

Christine Eibner’s research focuses on health insurance reforms, including modifications to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), changes to health insurance benefit design, and ACA replacement proposals. She currently leads an evaluation of the Medicare Advantage Value-Based Insurance Design Model Test for CMMI and oversees a large technical assistance contract for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) within the Department of Health and Human Services. She has led or contributed to analyses of state health reforms in California, Iowa, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Vermont, considering topics such as 1332 waivers, cost containment strategies, and state single payer plans. In 2016, she was awarded the Academy Health HSR (Health Services Research) Impact Award for her work on the impact of modifications to the Affordable Care Act.