



Joint Informational Hearing

Assembly Health Committee and Budget Subcommittee No. 1

Medi-Cal Managed Care Accreditation, Rate-Setting, and Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) Provisions and County Oversight Components of California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal

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BIOGRAPHIES

Will Lightbourne, *Director, Department of Health Care Services*

Will Lightbourne was appointed Director of the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) by Governor Gavin Newsom effective June 16, 2020. Before his appointment to DHCS, Mr. Lightbourne served on Governor Newsom's Council of Regional Homeless Advisors, and previously as Director of the California Department of Social Services from 2011 through 2018. Before his state service, he was director of the Santa Clara County Social Services Agency, director of the Human Services Agency of the City & County of San Francisco, director of the Santa Cruz County Human Services Agency, and general director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Mr. Lightbourne earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from San Francisco State University.

Jacey Cooper, *Chief Deputy Director for Health Care Programs and State Medicaid Director, Department of Health Care Services*

Governor Gavin Newsom appointed Jacey Cooper as Chief Deputy Director for Health Care Programs and State Medicaid Director at the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) effective January 31, 2020. Ms. Cooper is responsible for the overall leadership of Health Care Benefits and Eligibility, Health Care Delivery Systems, Health Care Financing, Behavioral Health, and Legislative and Governmental Affairs. As State Medicaid Director, Ms. Cooper represents California's Medicaid program (Medi-Cal) with federal partners at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Ms. Cooper served as Senior Advisor for Health Care Programs starting January 2019. Prior to that, she served as the Assistant Deputy Director for Health Care Delivery Systems beginning in April 2016. In these roles, Ms. Cooper led the planning, implementation, evaluation, and management of various programs and policies at the Department. Prior to her work at DHCS, Ms. Cooper was Vice President of Administrative Services at Kern Medical Center and a health care consultant. Through that work, she gained more than 10 years' experience in health care policy, operations, integrated delivery models, managed care, business development, and quality monitoring.

Katherine Barresi, RN, BSN, PHN, CCM *Director Care Coordination, Partnership HealthPlan of California*

Katherine Barresi is the Director of Care Coordination of Partnership HealthPlan of California, a non-profit county organized health system that ensures Medi-Cal recipients have access to high-quality comprehensive cost-effective health care in 14 Northern California counties. Katherine is a Registered Nurse, certified in Public Health, who works on the design and delivery of basic and complex case management and care coordination activities for the most vulnerable of Californians. Katherine has over seven years of leadership experience in evaluating how health policy translates into the healthcare experiences and outcomes that patients receive. Katherine routinely engages with providers, community partners, advocates and stakeholders to offer support and technical assistance in the areas of case management, healthcare delivery needs, and health policy in order to improve the lives and health of the communities that Partnership serves. In particular, she has provided oversight and guidance in serving the Seniors and Persons with Disabilities population as well as children and families connected with California Children's Services and the plan's implementation of the Whole Child Model. Katherine is certified as a Complex Case Manager by the Commission for Case Manager Certification maintaining ongoing awareness of industry trends, events and legislative changes that impact the case management functions. She is highly versed in health care quality standards such as HEDIS and NCQA requirements, and thoughtfully incorporates these facets into the delivery of case management services for low-income Californians. Mrs. Barresi earned her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from Sonoma State University.

Mary June G. Diaz, *Government Relations Advocate, California State Council of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU California)*

Mary June represents over 700,000 public and private sector workers including city, county and state employees, nurses, healthcare workers, janitors, social workers, security officers, in-home caregivers, child care providers, court workers, and school and university employees. She works on all Medi-Cal, private commercial health insurance markets, and health care issues and supports SEIU's administrative, budget, and legislative advocacy efforts. Previously, Mary June worked for Health Access California, where she represented health care consumers on consumer protections and Affordable Care Act policy and legislative issues. She has also worked for Alameda County Board of Supervisor Wilma Chan, where she managed and coordinated the county's Health Committee policy and administrative oversight hearings, as well as monitored the county's public, safety-net hospital system. In addition to her local government experience, Mary June worked in state government as an Assembly Fellow and Legislative Aide in the California State Assembly, primarily staffing the health and human services issue areas. Mary June received her bachelors' and double Master of Public Policy and Master of Public Health (MPP/MPH) degrees from UC Berkeley. Go Bears!

Cary Sanders, Senior Policy Director, California Pan-Ethnic Health Network

Cary Sanders earned a Master of Public Policy from the University of California at Berkeley. Prior to joining CPEHN, Cary worked as a policy analyst for the California Immigrant Policy Center (CIPC) promoting pro-immigrant policies that address and respect the needs and contributions of California's diverse immigrant communities and their families. She has also worked as Assistant Policy Director for SEIU United Health Care Workers-West representing over 150,000 health care workers in California and as Policy Director for Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN) in San Jose. Cary is proficient in Spanish after having lived and worked in Guatemala.

Maya Altman, Chief Executive Officer, Health Plan of San Mateo

Maya Altman has been the CEO of the Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM) since 2005. HPSM is a government sponsored Medicaid managed care health plan serving approximately 140,000 residents of San Mateo County. HPSM has implemented several innovative programs during her tenure: Cal MediConnect, a federal/ state demonstration for individuals eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare; the Community Care Settings Program to help individuals living in nursing homes find housing and move back into the community; and the Whole Child Model, a program that serves children with severe illnesses or disabilities. Before joining HPSM, Maya worked for San Mateo County Health for 11 years in a variety of positions, eventually serving as the Director of Finance and Administration. She also worked for the Santa Clara County Executive's Office and at a Bay Area consulting firm, Berkeley Planning Associates, specializing in social services, health, and disability issues. Maya received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bryn Mawr College and a master's degree in Public Policy from the Goldman School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley.

Larry deGhetaldi, MD, Sutter Palo Alto Medical Foundation Santa Cruz CEO

Dr. deGhetaldi is a Family Physician who has been practicing in Santa Cruz since 1984. He has led the Sutter & Palo Alto Medical Foundations affiliates in that county since 2001. He has served on the DMHC Financial Solvency Board for the past 8 years and has been a physician member of the Central CA Alliance for Health since 2005 (the central coast's managed Medi-Cal plan). A key area of focus for Larry has been on matters related to Medicare and Medicaid payment policies especially as they affect California. He led a coalition that achieved a congressional solution in 2014 to move all physician Medicare payments in CA to geographically become congruent with how CMA pays hospitals in our state. He currently serves on the Integrated Health Care Association's AMP committee that oversees the movement to value for CA's medical groups and health plans and is on the Board of America's Physician's Groups. From Covid to core HEDIS measures and patient experiences, his primary policy goals have been to eliminate disparities within our state across geographies, ethnic groups and payer classes so that all Californians achieve the same high level of outcomes and improvement in health status.

Jack Dailey, Director of Policy and Training, Consumer Center for Health Education and Advocacy, a project of the Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc.

Jack Dailey is the Director of Policy and Training at the Consumer Center for Health Education and Advocacy (Consumer Center), a project of the Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc. (LASSD). Jack is also the Coordinator of the Health Consumer Alliance (HCA), a state-wide partnership of ten health consumer advocacy programs, supported by the National Health Law Program and Western Center on Law and Poverty. HCA provides comprehensive health consumer advocacy services in all of California's 58 counties and translates the lessons learned from individual case work into local and statewide policy and systems advocacy. Since 2014, LASSD and four HCA partner legal services organizations have served as the local and independent Cal MediConnect Ombuds Services Program as contracted by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). In each of the 7 CMC demonstration counties, the Ombuds program supports and assists CMC members and CMC-eligible consumers obtain needed services and care. Since graduation from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2004, Jack has worked as a public benefits attorney at LASSD. During the first two years of his career he received an Equal Justice Works Fellowship for a project he created called the Disabled Homeless Outreach Project.

Eve Gelb, MPH, Senior Vice President, Member and Community Health, SCAN Health Plan®

Eve Gelb joined SCAN in 1997. As Senior Vice President, Member and Community Health, Ms. Gelb is responsible for all care management and care coordination for all of SCAN's products including special needs plans, Medicare Advantage and SCAN's community service organization, Independence at Home. These are the areas that deliver the SCAN Model of Care, caring for the whole person. Ms. Gelb has more than 20 years of health care experience, previously working at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston where she built asthma education programs and primary care networks for low income children. Ms. Gelb earned her Master of Public Health degree from Tulane University and has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Cathy Senderling-McDonald, Executive Director Officer, County Welfare Directors Association of California

Cathy Senderling-McDonald was named Executive Director of CWDA, effective January 1, 2021, following the retirement of long-time Executive Director Frank Mecca. In this role, she leads the association staff in working with the CWDA Board of Directors and partner organizations to promote legislative, budget and policy changes that improve human services programs and the delivery of those services. Cathy served as the Deputy Executive Director from 2010 through 2020. She joined CWDA in 2000 as the association's legislative advocate and later became senior legislative advocate until her promotion to deputy executive director. Prior to joining CWDA, she served as the California Senate Budget Committee consultant for social services programs and a fiscal and policy analyst for the California Legislative Analyst's Office. She has a bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri at Columbia, and a master's degree from the Heinz School of Public Policy and Management in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. On the national level, Cathy sits on the Board of the National Association of Counties (NACo), is Immediate Past President of the National Association of County Human Services Agencies, and is Vice Chair of the Subcommittee on Aging of the NACo Human Services and Education Steering Committee, of which she is a longtime member.

Michelle Gibbons, Executive Director, County Health Executives Association of California

Michelle Gibbons is the Executive Director of the County Health Executives Association of California, representing local health departments throughout the state. Local health departments administer various programs on behalf of the state, including the California's Children's Services program. During her time at CHEAC, Ms. Gibbons served on the CCS Advisory Group and other key stakeholder groups. Prior to her role at CHEAC, Ms. Gibbons served as a legislative analyst at the California State Association of Counties and in various capacities at the Department of Health Care Services.

Cathren Cohen, Staff Attorney, National Health Law Program

Cathren Cohen (she/her) is a Staff Attorney in the National Health Law Program's Los Angeles offices. Cathren engages in federal and state level policy and administrative advocacy to advance access to high quality health care for low-income and underserved individuals, with a particular focus on behavioral health care, substance use disorder treatment, the needs of youth in foster care, and barriers to access for LGBTQ individuals and reproductive health care. Before joining the National Health Law Program, Cathren was a Law Fellow with Lambda Legal's Youth in Out-of-Home Care Project, where she advocated for the rights of LGBTQ youth and families involved in child welfare, juvenile justice, and homelessness systems of care. Cathren has a J.D. from New York University School of Law and a B.A. from UCLA.

Skyler Rosellini, *Senior Attorney, National Health Law Program*

Skyler Rosellini (he/him) is a Senior Attorney in the National Health Law Program's Los Angeles office, where he joined in 2020. Skyler's expertise includes eligibility, enrollment and retention of health coverage, LGBTQIA+ health, due process, and medical debt. At the National Health Law Program, Skyler provides technical assistance, advocate training, and policy advocacy on these issue areas. Prior to joining the National Health Law Program, Skyler was a staff attorney for Bay Area Legal Aid where he represented low income clients to fight barriers to health access. Skyler received his J.D. from the University of La Verne College of Law.

Dharia McGrew, *Senior Legislative Advocate, California Dental Association*

Dharia McGrew is the Senior Legislative Advocate at the California Dental Association, where her work focuses primarily on the Medi-Cal Dental program and matters of public health. She has previously served as a consultant to the Assembly Health Committee and a CCST Science & Technology Policy Fellow. Prior to starting a new career in health care policy, she spent 15 years as a laboratory scientist studying inherited retinal degeneration and cancer biology. She earned a PhD from Brandeis University and undergraduate degree from Mount Holyoke College.

Sarah Hesketh, *Senior Vice President of External Affairs, California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems*

Sarah Hesketh is the Senior Vice President of External Affairs at the California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems (CAPH). CAPH is a non-profit trade association that represents California's 21 public health care systems, which serves as the core of the state's health care safety net. Ms. Hesketh leads the organization's advocacy work that includes helping advance the organization's policy work and legislative platform, and building relationships with key stakeholders at the state and federal level. In 2015, she helped lead CAPH's advocacy effort to secure another Medicaid waiver for California, which provides \$7 billion in funding to improve care in the Medi-Cal program. Prior to joining CAPH in 2011, Ms. Hesketh was the Director of Health Care Policy and Community Development at Working Partnerships USA, a non-profit organization in San Jose CA, where she helped develop and implement local health coverage programs for low-income families, passed a living wage ordinance for 5,000 workers at the San Jose Airport, and helped advance multiple local ballot measures to support the county's public hospital system. She has a Masters in Applied Economics and Finance, and Bachelors in Global Economics from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Sherreta Lane, *Senior Vice President, Finance Policy, District Hospital Leadership Forum*

Sherreta Lane joined the District Hospital Leadership Forum (DHLF) in November 2011 and her primary role is to develop federal and state financial/reimbursement policy on behalf of California's district and municipal hospitals. She works closely with each of the Forum members to better understand their challenges and identify opportunities related to various state and federal initiatives (such as the implementation of health care reform, state budget challenges, supplemental payment programs, including waiver and state plan amendment programs). She also works with members and regulators to ensure a smooth transition operationally as changes (primarily related to finance and reimbursement) are implemented that impact California's hospitals. Prior to joining the firm, Sherreta spent more than 25 years representing hospitals. Most recently she was the Vice President, Finance Policy and Economic Analysis for the California Children's Hospital Association where she represented the eight private not-for-profit children's

hospitals serving the health care needs of California's seriously ill and injured children. From 1987 until 2007, Ms. Lane was the Vice President of Reimbursement for the California Hospital Association (CHA), the statewide trade association representing hospitals. In this capacity, she was a member of the association's representation and advocacy team and represented hospitals before the Legislature and Administration on issues such as charity care implementation, financial data transparency, government and commercial payer reimbursement issues, operational challenges facing hospitals and safety-net funding mechanisms.

Katie Andrew, *Senior Health Policy and Outreach Associate Children Now*

Katie Andrew brings over a decade of project management, technical assistance, program evaluation, research, and training experience. In her previous position she served as a technical assistance lead for a large federal comprehensive content center, where she was responsible for training development, as well as synthesizing promising practices and policy trends. She also led the development and implementation of the center's two online communities of practice, which brought together state education agency staff and researchers in policy discussions and problem-solving activities around a variety of topics pertaining to education leadership. Ms. Andrew has also conducted an environmental scan of health activities targeting girls for the purpose of developing a national health and wellness initiative. Her work at Children Now focuses on supporting policy education, advocacy, and outreach efforts to improve oral health care quality and access for Children in California. Outside of her work at Children Now, she works on issues related to adolescent empowerment, healthy relationship building, and commercially sexually exploited youth. Ms. Andrew earned her Ed.M. in Sociology and Education with a focus on Health Promotion and Policy from Columbia University's Teachers College, and holds a BA in Sociology with a minor in Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley.

David Kane, *Staff Attorney, Western Center on Law & Poverty*

David Kane is a Staff Attorney with Western Center's Health Team, with a focus on administrative advocacy, litigation, and support for California's health care advocacy community. Previously, he was an attorney at Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County's Health Consumer Center. David received his J.D. from the UCLA School of Law and his B.S. from Northwestern University.

Ned Resnikoff, *Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Legislative Analyst's Office*

Ned Resnikoff is a Fiscal and Policy Analyst at the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO)—the California Legislature's designated nonpartisan fiscal and policy advisor. At the LAO, he specializes in health care issues, with a particular focus on Medi-Cal (California's state Medicaid program), with emphasis in enrollment and eligibility issues, long-term care, and county administration. Ned also covers children's medical services and Covered California for LAO. He completed his undergraduate studies at New York University and holds a Master of Public Policy Degree from the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley.

Ben Johnson, *Principal Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Legislative Analyst's Office*

Ben Johnson is a Principal Fiscal and Policy Analyst at the Legislative Analyst's Office of the California Legislature, where he covers health care issues. Ben's work generally focuses on Medi-Cal. In particular, Ben specializes on fiscal and policy issues related to managed care financing and oversight, hospital financing, and pharmaceuticals. Ben holds a Master of Public Policy from the University of Michigan.

Dave Putnam, *Assistant Sheriff*, Kings County

David Putnam has been employed by the Kings County Sheriff's Office for nearly 31 years with the last 10 years as the Second in Command of the agency. Assistant Sheriff Putnam has held every rank within the department, including patrol deputy, detective, Sergeant, Commander, and currently Assistant Sheriff. Dave earned his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.