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Presenter Bios

Kofi Ampaabeng, PhD	Kofi Ampaabeng is a research fellow and data scientist at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University. He specializes in curating data and generating policy relevant insights from data. Prior to joining the Mercatus Center, he worked for IMPAQ International, LLC, where he evaluated the efficacy of government programs. Dr. Ampaabeng received his PhD in Economics from Clark University, Massachusetts and his BA in Computer Science and Economics from the University of Ghana.
Joel Ario	With 30 years of experience shaping and implementing public health policy at the state and federal levels, Joel Ario provides strategic consulting and analysis on healthcare policies and institutions, with an emphasis on the evolving role of health insurers in delivering public and commercial coverage under various regulatory frameworks. He represents state governments, health plans, hospitals, foundations and other entities. Joel's experience includes two decades of leading health insurance reform efforts for state and federal governments. As director of the Office of Health Insurance Exchanges at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, he worked closely with states and other stakeholders to develop the regulatory framework for exchanges, including the rights and responsibilities of states and the federal government in expanding coverage. On the state level, Joel served as Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner and Oregon Insurance Commissioner. He also served on the executive committee of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and was an NAIC officer. The author of several articles on healthcare reform, Joel serves as an advisor to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in support of its work with states and has written extensively on 1332 state innovation waivers. Joel is based in Manatt's Albany office.
Jim Auron, MPA	Jim Auron is the Director of Customer Solutions for WHIO. He oversees the alignment of WHIO data users' needs with the development of solutions to meet them. Prior to joining WHIO, Jim was a Director of Enterprise Analytics at UW Health where he managed the implementation, maintenance, and upgrade of Epic's various data analysis capabilities. He also held analytics leadership positions at a health plan for 15 years, and early in his career interned with what is today known as America's Health Insurance Plans to research methods of standardizing the measure of health care quality across managed care plans.
Vinita Bahl DMD, MPP	Vinita Bahl joins CIVHC with decades of experience in analytics. Vinita most recently served as Director of Performance Assessment & Clinical Effectiveness at the University of Michigan Health System. Throughout her career, Vinita has been an expert at design and development of performance measurement systems, development of analytic capabilities to respond to new payment and care delivery models, analysis to drive performance improvement, and design of public reports. She holds Masters of Public Policy and Doctor of Dental Medicine degrees from Harvard University. Vinita is Vice President of Data and Analytics at CIVHC and has decades of experience directing analytical work at a variety of health care organizations. Prior to joining CIVHC in 2019, Vinita served as Director of Performance Assessment & Clinical Effectiveness at the University of Michigan Health System. Vinita has expertise in the design and development of performance measurement systems, development of analytic capabilities to respond to new payment and care delivery models, analysis to drive performance improvement, and design of public reports. She holds Masters of Public Policy and Doctor of Dental Medicine degrees from Harvard University.
William Bailey	William BAILEY has served as the Chief Privacy Officer for the Massachusetts Center for Health Information and Analysis [CHIA] since January of 2016, and previously worked in the Privacy and Compliance areas for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health.
Charles Betley	Charles Betley, a senior policy analyst at The Hilltop Institute, contributes to Hilltop's analysis of costs of policy changes to public and private insurance programs. Prior to joining Hilltop, Mr. Betley had been with the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council, at Ohio Medicaid, the Congressional Budget Office, the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission, the Employee Benefit Research Institute, and the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment. Mr. Betley earned an M.A. in political science from the University of Michigan and a B.A. in public policy studies from Duke University.
Jane Beyer	Jane Beyer has served as Senior Health Policy Advisor to the Washington State Insurance Commissioner since 2017. She began her career as a legal services attorney in Tacoma Washington. She was legal counsel to the Washington State House of Representatives for twenty years, working on a broad range of health and human services issues. She was Washington State's Medicaid Director from 1995 through 1998, and Washington State's Behavioral Health Commissioner from 2012 through 2015. She graduated with honors from the University of North Carolina School of Law and is admitted to the Washington State and District of Columbia bar.
Nrupen Bhavsar, PhD	Nrupen Bhavsar is a quantitative epidemiologist with methodological expertise in the design and analysis of observational studies that leverage data from cohort studies, registries, and the electronic health record (EHR). His background, training, and research is in the measurement and characterization of biomarkers, risk factors and treatment outcomes for chronic disease using real-world datasets. His ongoing work aims to integrate informatics, epidemiology, and biostatistics to reduce the burden of chronic disease. Dr. Bhavsar has a portfolio of research that aims to understand the impact of social determinants of health, including dynamic neighborhood changes, such as gentrification, on the health of adults and children.
Beth Bortz, MPP	Beth Bortz is the President and CEO of the Virginia Center for Health Innovation, a nonprofit established in 2012 to accelerate the adoption of value-driven health care in the Commonwealth.

Janice Bourgault, CPC, CPB	Janice Bourgault oversees Onpoint's product development, data quality control, and training and support for data users on APCD data use, bringing more than 25 years' experience in healthcare data and information technology. Ms. Bourgault's Certified Professional Coder (CPC) and Certified Professional Biller (CPB) certifications coupled with years of practical billing experience provide her with in-depth knowledge of insurance claims data, provider reimbursement policies, and adjudication systems. She has subject matter expertise in APCD design, development, and operation, has extensive knowledge of healthcare data standard transaction sets and provider coding/billing standards and has expertise in healthcare enrollment and claims processing.
Melanie Boyd, MS	Melanie Boyd, Director of Analytics, has been with AFMC for over 12 years. As director of Analytical Services at Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care, Ms. Boyd oversees a team of analysts who provide support which includes program evaluation, quantitative and qualitative data collection, survey design, population sampling, data entry and analysis, data mining of administrative claims data and reporting on various metrics for federal, state and private contracts. Ms. Boyd manages numerous program evaluations including several grants aimed at assessing substance use disorders. She holds a Master of Science in Applied Mathematics degree with an emphasis in statistics.
Rachel Brodie	Rachel Brodie is Senior Director of Measurement & Accountability at PBGH and leads patient-reported outcome measurement pilots in oncology care and depression remission, as well as a statewide patient experience measurement program at the medical group level. Previously she managed a statewide multi-payer claims database that was one of the first CMS Better Quality Information pilots and the California Joint Replacement Registry, an initiative to collect and report patient-reported outcomes for hip and knee replacement surgeries. She currently serves on the National Quality Forum PROMs Committee.
Ray Campbell, JD, MPA	Ray Campbell is the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA), an independent state agency that administers the state's APCD and provides objective analysis of the quality, affordability, utilization, and access to MA's health care system. He is an attorney with extensive, multi-disciplinary experience working in senior positions with public-sector and non-profit organizations on issues at the intersection of law, technology, public policy, and strategy. Prior to joining CHIA, Mr. Campbell served as the Acting Executive Director of the Massachusetts Group Insurance Commission, and the Executive Director and CEO of the Massachusetts Health Data Consortium.
Leanne Candura, MPH	As director of HSRI's Population Health Team, Leanne Candura oversees HSRI's services aimed at improving the quality, availability, and use of population health data for states, providers, policymakers, researchers, and consumers. She directs the organization's consulting and data system architecture activities for states' all-payer claims and hospital encounter databases and design of reporting tools, including health care cost and quality reporting websites. Leanne also has deep experience with vetting and remedying data quality issues and uncovering opportunities for system streamlining and efficiencies.
Suman Challagulla, MS, MBA	Suman Challagulla is a business intelligence and data analytics professional, currently managing Lewin's data warehouse and analytical solutions for state government clients. He has more than 15 years of experience in managing the development of analytical solutions through visualizations and machine learning that help state government agencies bend their health care cost curve, while providing better care for their constituents. Mr. Challagulla has an MBA from the Kelley School of Business, Indiana University, and an MS in Technology and an MS in Industrial Engineering from Arizona State University.
Sam Chick	Sam Chick is part of the process and product development team at Onpoint Health Data, spearheading data and analytic innovation for the organization. Mr. Chick has a strong background in healthcare claims analysis and data science, with specific expertise in the areas of data extraction, manipulation, analysis, and reporting. He is proficient in the development of summary reporting specifications and in the detailed methods for addressing client questions and needs based on technical knowledge and data sources.
Andrea Clark	Andrea Clark, Senior Analytics Manager at BerryDunn, is a senior economist and data scientist with a primary focus in public sector healthcare systems and finance. During her 20-year career, she has built deep and wide-ranging experience designing, managing, and analyzing large, complex healthcare databases, specializing in APCDs and other state health organization data sources. She is a member of this year's NAHDO Data Summit Program Planning Committee.
Suzanne Condon	Suzanne K. Condon currently serves as a Special Advisor to the Director of the US Centers for Disease Control's National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. She retired from her position of Associate Commissioner and Director of the Bureau of Environmental Health at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in 2015. During her tenure, she has led numerous nationally recognized epidemiological studies and has been a national leader in addressing health disparities and communicating environmental health risks, particularly those related to disease clusters and environmental exposures. Her current work is focused on evaluating the utility of surveillance systems in addressing emerging environmental threats. She holds a BS from Bridgewater State College and an MSM from Emmanuel College. She serves as a Special Advisor for APHA's National Environmental Health Partnership Council and as a member of the CDC's NCEH/ATSDR Board of Scientific Counselors. She holds a faculty appointment of Associate at the John's Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.
Scott Curley	Scott Curley has served in a Privacy/Compliance capacity with an emphasis on data release matters at CHIA since 2015, and previously worked as a private-sector paralegal manager.
Elizabeth Davidson, PhD	Elizabeth Davidson is Professor of Information Technology Management and the W. Ruel Johnson Distinguished Professor at the Shidler School of Business, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She has a PhD in Management from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an MBA from Clark University Graduate School of Management. Her research interests focus on social implications of information technologies in organizational settings, health information technology topics; health data governance, and digital innovation and social media in organizations.
Maria de Jesus Diaz Perez, PhD	Maria de Jesus Diaz Perez is the Director of Public Reporting at CIVHC. She is responsible for advancing CIVHC's capabilities in reporting health care performance measures publicly via civhc.org. She is also responsible for overseeing CIVHC's research partnership with the Network of Regional Healthcare Improvement and the National Bureau of Economics and Research. Prior to joining CIVHC, Maria was responsible for managing data reporting and analysis from Electronic Health Records for a Federally Qualified Health Center System. Maria has a doctoral degree in Health and Behavioral Sciences from the University of Colorado.
Jesse Drummond, MS, PhD	Jesse Drummond holds an MS and a PhD in developmental psychology. With over 10 years' experience using advanced analytics, he has extensive experience working in healthcare systems and accountable care organizations and in utilizing advanced statistical methods, data visualizations, and dynamic reporting techniques. Dr. Drummond is working with claims data from multiple APCDs to deliver analyses and reporting and has led stakeholder groups, authored peer-reviewed publications, and presented results nationally and internationally.

Joanna Duncan, PhD, CPC	Joanna Duncan leads the Data and Analytic Operations team at Onpoint Health Data, overseeing the client deliverables cycle from start to finish for clients across the country. Dr. Duncan has been responsible for the implementation of seven APCDs over the past six years and has been a part of the Washington APCD team since 2016. She brings expertise in healthcare claims data, including content and billing standards, data standardization, transformation, and adjudication processes as they relate to reporting and analysis using APCDs.
Caprice Edwards	Caprice Edwards leads system development activities for NAPHSIS as the Systems Director. Previously of the Association of Public Health Laboratories, her strong public health background, including a Bachelor of Science in Community Health, has merged with technology through a Master of Science in Information Technology, Informatics.
Mary Ann Evans, PhD, MS, MPH	Mary Ann Evans is an analyst for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). All Payers All Claims (APAC) projects include leveraging race and ethnicity data from different data sources across agencies; calculating child medical complexity to identify children for care coordination; and health care cost trend analyses that support adoption of health care cost growth targets. Prior to APAC, she worked in OHA maternal child health and developed the Birth Anomalies Surveillance System and the Medicaid Mom Baby data base; evaluated home visiting programs; and conducted Title V assessments. She started her career as a research psychologist for the US Army.
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Karl Fernstrom, MPH	Karl Fernstrom, Manager of the Health Care Data Service Center in the Health Economics Program at the Minnesota Department of Health: Karl Fernstrom leads the operational efforts for the acquisition and maintenance of health care administrative data for the Minnesota Department of Health which includes the MN APCD, MN HDD, and CMS data streams. In this role he also oversees the creation and release of MN APCD Public Use Files, collaborates with the Health Services Research unit on emerging research questions and policy issues relevant to health care research and health reform within the state. His background is in chronic disease epidemiology with areas of focus on conducting research using electronic health record and administrative data.
Karl Finison, MA	Karl Finison has been an integral member of Onpoint Health Data's research team since 1992, earning widespread recognition for his expansive knowledge and incisive analyses. His areas of expertise include statistical analysis, study design, and development of methods and measures. Mr. Finison leads Onpoint's analytic development, including supervising analytic data enhancements, measurement calculations, public-facing health data reporting, SAS-based analysis, and report design for multiple APCDs. Mr. Finison has helped much of Onpoint's research and serves as the lead analyst on several of the organization's largest reporting initiatives.
John Freedman, MD, MBA	John Freedman: President and CEO of Freedman HealthCare (FHC), a national leader in All Payer Claims Databases (APCDs). Dr. Freedman has 30 years' experience in care delivery, healthcare reform, performance measurement and improvement, and health data. He is a strategic leader with a breadth of expertise consulting to state governments, provider organizations, and non-profits on quality improvement, market analyses, and healthcare cost drivers. Prior to founding FHC, he held leadership roles at innovative provider, payer, and nonprofit healthcare organizations.
Anja Fries	Anja Fries is the Associate Director of Reporting and Analytics at CRISP. In this role, she manages the development of reports to support quality measurement, financial performance, and care coordination. She also assists users with training and interpretation of the reports. Prior to joining CRISP, Anja was the special Assistant to the Department of Population Health and Disease Prevention at the Baltimore City Health Department. At the health department, Anja worked on many population health initiatives including CMMI's Accountable Health Communities Grant, the renovation of a new clinical building, and a city-wide zika taskforce. She received a MPH from Johns Hopkins University and a BA from Davidson College.
Bianca K. Frogner, PhD	Bianca Frogner is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine in the School of Medicine at University of Washington (UW). She is the Director of the UW Center for Health Workforce Studies and Deputy Director of the Primary Care Innovation Lab, which are housed in the Department of Family Medicine. Dr. Frogner is a health economist with expertise in health services delivery, health workforce, labor economics, health spending, health insurance coverage and reimbursement, and international health systems. Dr. Frogner's has published nearly 100 peer-reviewed articles and reports. Her research has been shared in over 200 scholarly presentations and has appeared in popular media outlets including CNN, NPR, Wall Street Journal, Vox, and Politico. She serves on the editorial boards of Medical Care Research and Review and Health Systems.
Robin Gelburd, JD	Robin Gelburd is the President of FAIR Health, a national, independent nonprofit dedicated to transparency in healthcare costs and insurance information. FAIR Health possesses the nation's largest collection of private healthcare claims, including over 30 billion claim records contributed by payors and administrators who insure or process claims for plans covering over 150 million individuals. Certified by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services as a Qualified Entity, FAIR Health receives data representing the experience of all individuals in traditional Medicare Parts A, B and D. Ms. Gelburd is a nationally recognized expert on healthcare policy, data and transparency.
Şule Gerovich, PhD, MPP	Şule Gerovich is a director of state health policy and a senior researcher at Mathematica. She is an expert in health care payment policy, alternative payment models, global budgets, all-payer models, and quality and performance measurement. She has extensive experience with state health policy working with several states such as Maryland, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Massachusetts. Before joining Mathematica, Dr. Gerovich worked at the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission, where she led research and methodology projects for the all-payer hospital payment system; and led the implementation policies for the Maryland Total Cost Model Phase I. She was a member of the Milbank Foundation's Emerging State Leaders inaugural cohort. Dr. Gerovich also has a clinical background, having worked as a clinical nurse for six years in hospital inpatient settings. She has a Ph.D. in public health from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health and an M.P.P. from the same university.
Subharati Ghosh	Subharati Ghosh is a social work researcher, with more than 10 years of experience conducting health research globally, and using research insights to design innovative health interventions. Dr. Ghosh's experience spans, using of census data, as well as collecting primary data for various research purposes. She has widely published in high impact peer-reviewed journals and received several grants to conduct research globally. Dr. Ghosh currently serves as a senior program manager at SEIU775 Benefits Group, with the research insights and innovations team.

Sara Hallvik, MPH	Sara Hallvik is the senior director of analytic services, providing primary oversight to a dynamic and growing portfolio of analytic-based service offerings including research, quality, cost analytic services. She has over a decade of experience as a senior health data analyst, supporting quality improvement, quality assurance, and research projects. Previously, Sara led community health assessment projects in rural public health jurisdictions and implemented and analyzed quality improvement strategies across large behavioral health systems. Outside of work she volunteers with Girls on the Run and enjoys trail running, exploring the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest.
Valerie Hamilton	Valerie Hamilton is a senior health policy manager who conducts policy analysis, including legislative and regulatory reviews. Valerie has a unique perspective of how policy translates into practice, as she began her career as a hands-on clinician and later served as a hospital quality improvement director, attorney, and risk manager. Currently, Valerie's efforts are concentrated on policy as it relates to mental health and substance use disorders, with a special interest in mental health parity analyses.
Brad Hammill	Brad Hammill is an Associate Professor in the Department of Population Health Sciences within the Duke University School of Medicine. He is a biostatistician by training and he currently oversees the Population Health DataShare team at Duke that uses national Medicare data and North Carolina Medicaid data for clinical and policy research.
Amy Hawn Nelson, PhD	Amy Hawn Nelson is Research Faculty and the Director of Training and Technical Assistance for Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy (AISP), an initiative of the University of Pennsylvania that focuses on the development, use, and innovation of integrated data systems (IDS) for policy analysis and program improvement. Prior to joining AISP in 2017, Dr. Hawn Nelson was the Director of Social Research for the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute and Director of the Institute for Social Capital, an IDS charged with supporting university research and data-informed decision-making in the Charlotte region.
Charles W Hawley	Charles William Hawley is a research consultant and healthcare analyst with experience in the public and private sectors. Charles has worked extensively with all-payer claims databases (APCD) and hospital discharge data. His work with the administrative healthcare data focuses on data governance, infrastructure development, analyzing the cost and quality of care and promoting transparency. Charles currently serves as the Director of Projects at the National Association of Health Data Organizations (NAHDO).
Melissa Hillmyer	Melissa Hillmyer: Project Manager at Health Services Research Institute (HSRI) and lead of the 'Price is Your Right' challenge professional grand prize-winning team. HSRI is a non-profit institute that provides research, support, and guidance to governmental and non-governmental organizations seeking to develop more efficient and responsive health and human services systems. Past and current HSRI projects include collaborations with the Maine Health Data Organization and the New Hampshire Insurance Department to develop CompareMaine.org and NH HealthCost, two user-friendly, public healthcare cost and quality transparency websites.
Kathy Hines	Kathy is the Senior Director of Partner Operations and Data Compliance at the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) in Massachusetts. In her role at CHIA she governs the data intake and validation of the hospital and MA APCD data sources using a unique Key Account Customer Service approach to ensure collaboration and promote quality, timely data submissions. She oversees the Data Quality team at CHIA which is heavily involved in quality assurance of all of CHIA's Data Releases as well as development of a new E-MA APCD data analytics and reporting tool. She is also serving as a NAHDO Board member.
Sylvia Hobbs, MPH	Sylvia Hobbs is a Manager for the Massachusetts Center for Health Information and Analysis which collects, analyzes and disseminates health care information to assist the State in the formulation of health care policy and cost transparency. For 12 years, she was Director of Research and Evaluation for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's EMS. She has served as the liaison to GAO to assist in Federal review of State traffic data quality. She has a Bachelor's Degree from Oberlin College and a Master's Degree in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from Boston University School of Public Health.
Emma Hoo	Emma Hoo, Director, focuses on care redesign, measurement and payment reform initiatives, including assessment of Accountable Care Organizations, adoption of common ACO quality and efficiency measures, and expanding use of patient-reported outcomes measures. Current activities include a collaboration with the Integrated Healthcare Association to expand use and reporting of depression screening at the primary care level. She has also evaluated and implemented data warehouse and analytic solutions on behalf of large purchasers. She currently serves on the National Quality Forum MAP Coordinating Committee and the California Healthcare Payments Data Review Committee that is guiding development of a new statewide APCD.
Katie Howard, MPH	Katie Howard is a healthcare data scientist whose work is driven by a passion for health equity and prevention. She leads the Analytics and Quality Team for the Oregon All Payers All Claims and Colorado All Payers Claims Database contracts. Katie is particularly skilled at working with clients to understand their business and population health requirements, envision how healthcare data can be used to answer questions, and generate interactive tools and reports for diverse stakeholders. To help clients meet their healthcare reporting needs, Katie has experience pricing medical cost and procedures across multiple payers and facilities using Truven's Medical Episode Grouper (MEG) and the John Hopkins ACG system and using Tableau, HP Vertica, MS SQL Server and other data management and analytic tools.
Melanie Jetter	Melanie Jetter is an Environmental Analyst in the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) Bureau of Environmental Health's Environmental Epidemiology Program, where she collects, analyzes, interprets and summarizes health and environmental data for small area community environment health investigations related to Environmental Public Health Tracking (EPHT) or other program activities. Melanie has an M.S. from the University of Massachusetts Boston School for the Environment. Melanie came to DPH after working in the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the Brownfields & Environmental Justice programs. Her previous work experience was with the U.S. Census Bureau as a Survey Statistician.
Steve Johnson, PhD	Steven Johnson is a risk adjustment expert with over 37 years of experience working with health care data, primarily focusing on the analysis of Medicaid data. Dr. Johnson's work has included the development of methodologies to conduct validation and reasonableness checks for data sets received from outside vendors, and he has led efforts to develop programming logic to process claims data through risk adjustment algorithms in order to determine plan factors for risk adjusted payment projects. Dr. Johnson received his PhD in economics from the State University of New York, Albany.

Melissa Jordan	Melissa Jordan has worked at the Florida Department of Health, primarily in the field of applied epidemiology, since 2003. Since November of 2019, Melissa has served as the Interim Division Director of Community Health Promotion, managing an office of approximately 300 public health professionals and an annual budget of approximately \$1 billion in state and federal funding. In this role, she is responsible for a wide range of health promotion activities including tobacco and chronic disease prevention, family health services, and WIC. She is leading Florida's public health efforts to improve drug overdose surveillance and implement innovative prevention strategies.
David Keller, MD	David M. Keller is Professor and Vice Chair for Clinical Strategy and Transformation in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and Children's Hospital Colorado, where he practices and teaches general pediatrics while working to develop innovative clinical programs and payment models that promote child health. He has held leadership positions in national pediatric organizations and chairs the Legislative/Policy Committee of the Colorado Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, where he helped to pass Colorado HB 19-1233, "Promoting Investments in Primary Care to Reduce Health Costs". He is currently co-chair of the Colorado Primary Care Payment Reform Collaborative.
Daniel Kurowski	Daniel Kurowski is a senior researcher at the Health Care Cost Institute (HCCI) where he focuses on Medicare cost and utilization. Prior to joining HCCI, he worked at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services where he managed fee-for-service claims data and the post-acute care quality assessment data, leading several spending transparency programs in the areas of post-acute care, hospice, and the Affordable Care Act's health insurance exchanges. Mr. Kurowski holds an MPH in health policy from the Boston University School of Public Health and is a graduate of the University of California, San Diego.
Karla Lopez de Nava, PhD	Karla López de Nava has over 15 years of experience conducting quantitative analysis and policy research with a focus on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) payments, policy, and program evaluation. As part of the SIG Multi-Payer Operations effort, Dr. López de Nava currently leads a team of researchers in analyzing and monitoring Maryland's Total Cost of Care Model and Care Redesign Program. As part of this project, she has been responsible for leading the development and validation of multi-payer payment methodologies.
Sydney Lufsey	Sydney Lufsey is a Health Analyst supporting IMPAQ's Payment Models and Quality Measurement practice. She has a diverse experience in the public and private sectors with work focused on improving the U.S healthcare system. She graduated from the University of Maryland with a B.S. in Public Health and a minor in Sustainability. At UMD, her research surrounded SDOH related to firearm access and violence. Her work with IMPAQ focuses on data visualization strategies to inform SDOH interventions.
Mackenzie Malone	Mackenzie Malone is the data manager for the Environmental Public Health Tracking Program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She has been with the Tracking program since 2015 where she leads the collection, validation and maintenance of the many Tracking datasets. She holds a Masters in Public Health in Epidemiology from the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University.
Kevin McAvey	Kevin McAvey, a Senior Manager at Manatt Health, partners with states and health systems across the country to develop and implement data strategies that connect policy, program, and clinical decision-making to the best available public and private data and analytic resources. Prior to joining Manatt, Kevin was Associate Director of Analytics at the Massachusetts Center for Health Information and Analysis.
Anne P. Medinus, PhD	Anne Medinus is a Senior Research Account Specialist at the Center for Health Information and Analysis. During twenty-six years in health policy, she has developed and analyzed State health policies, evaluated Federal policies to determine their impact on state programs, and as data administrator, determined the suitability of applications for the Massachusetts case mix and the APCD. As Chair of the African Community Health Initiatives, she has impacted access to health services by African immigrants and providers' responses to this target population. Dr. Medinus is a mother of four gainfully employed children and the grandmother of the cutest toddler.
Ateev Mehrotra, MD, MPH	Ateev Mehrotra: Associate Professor of health care policy and medicine at Harvard Medical School and a hospitalist at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Dr. Mehrotra's research focuses on interventions to decrease costs and improve quality of care. Much of his work has focused on innovations in delivery such as retail clinics and e-visits and their impact on quality, costs, and access to health care. He is also interested in the role of consumerism and whether price transparency and public reporting of quality can impact patient decision making.
Lisa Miller	Lisa Miller manages programs for Comagine Health's analytic services division, including the Oregon Data Collaborative. The Collaborative reports on the quality, utilization and cost of Oregon's health care system. In this role, Lisa manages the provider and payer reporting portals; directs CPC+ data aggregation efforts for the Oregon region; convenes two advisory committees providing guidance to the Oregon Data Collaborative; and directs custom projects using Collaborative data. Prior to joining Comagine Health, Lisa led quality improvement efforts at CareOregon and Oregon Health & Science University. Outside of work she enjoys kayaking, hiking and cooking.
Pat Merryweather-Arges	Pat Merryweather-Arges is a NAHDO Board Member and Executive Director of Project Patient Care (PPC), a not-for-profit organization focused on bringing the voice of the patient, family, and caregiver into quality, safety, and policy discussions. From 2011 – 2016, Pat served as the Executive Director of the Medicare QIN-QIO for Illinois, Iowa, and Colorado. Pat served for 26 years as the Senior Vice President with the Illinois Hospital Association where she developed and directed the COMPdata system, Quality Care Institute, Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety PSO. Pat serves on several local, national, and international health and healthcare boards and committees and is an active volunteer working on healthcare, water and sanitation, and women enterprise initiatives in developing countries. Pat has a MA in community development and bachelor degree with majors in economics and sociology.
Pamela Mink	Pamela Mink is Director of Health Services Research in the Health Economics Program at the Minnesota Department of Health. In this role, she leads the research program for the Minnesota All Payer Claims Database. She earned her MPH and PhD in epidemiology from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health.
Mary Kate Mohlman, MS, PhD	Mary Kate Mohlman is the Health Services Researcher in Vermont's Blueprint for Health program. Her primary role is aligning research priorities with healthcare reform initiatives. Previously, she served as the state's Director of Health Care Reform in the Agency of Human Services. She holds a PhD in global infectious disease and an MS in biomedical science policy and advocacy from Georgetown University. Dr. Mohlman has authored papers in Maternal and Child Health, Nicotine & Tobacco Research, Population Health Management, BMC Public Health, and the Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment.

Thea Mounts	Thea Mounts is a Senior Forecast and Research Manager at the Washington State Office of Financial Management and recently directed and oversaw the successful implementation of the Washington All-Payer Claims Database (WA-APCD). In addition to her work on the WA-APCD, she oversees the development of the state's \$15 billion Medicaid expenditure forecast and has been the Director of the Washington State Statistical Analysis Center for criminal and juvenile justice research since 2007. She has 30 years of experience directing and conducting research and analyses on health and human services programs for the state of Washington.
Gonza Namulanda	Gonza Namulanda is a Health Scientist and has been working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Environmental Public Health Tracking Program for 14 years, where she applies both epidemiologic and informatics skills to the Tracking Program's activities. Gonza primarily works on biomonitoring and pesticide topic areas. She has also been providing leadership to the Tracking Program metadata, standard vocabulary, and electronic health records efforts. Before coming to CDC, Gonza worked with the Missouri Cancer Registry on projects implementing electronic laboratory (e-Path) reporting and web-based cancer reporting. Gonza holds a Doctor of Public Health degree, and a Master of Science degree in Health Informatics.
Catherine Nwachukwu, MPH	Catherine Nwachukwu is an Associate Manager of Research at the Massachusetts Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA). She helps manage a variety of the agency's analytic products, including work on the Massachusetts Employer Survey and unplanned hospital readmissions. Additionally, she is heavily involved with CHIA's efforts to incorporate social risk factors into CHIA's public reporting on hospital readmissions and revisits.
Mike O'Neill	Mike O'Neill is an IT industry leader with global entrepreneurial leadership embodied in decades of successful products and programs that are now the cornerstone of healthcare technology practice. Mike is Founder & Chairman of the Board of the Open Source Electronic Health Record Alliance (OSEHRA), and CEO MedicaSoft, overseeing solutions for both government and commercial healthcare clients. Mike has an extensive background with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Previously was senior leader in private and public technology companies such as IBM introducing new products while invigorating legacy product lines. Mike holds a BS, MS in Electrical Engineering, Virginia Tech.
Alberto Ortega Hinojosa, PhD, MPH	Alberto Ortega Hinojosa is a Senior Associate and Data Visualization Lead at IMPAQ who has been at the forefront of SDoH research. He has more than 12 years of research experience, including research on small-area SDoH individual and multilevel socio-physical environmental data. Prior to joining IMPAQ, Dr. Ortega was a Senior Policy Analyst at a long-term care provider where he evaluated policies and legislation affecting the regulatory landscape and reimbursement rates of Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) in California. At IMPAQ, Dr. Ortega works on CDC projects targeting SDoH and leading the geospatial processing of small area environmental measures.
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