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Final Roster

National Quality Forum 2023 Leadership Consortium

Leadership Consortium Co-Chairs

Peter Angood, MD, FRCS(C), FACS, MCCM, FAAPL (Hon)

President and CEO, American Association for Physician Leadership

Peter B. Angood, MD, FRCS (C), FACS, MCCM, FAAPL(Hon), has provided senior executive leadership for all sizes and types of healthcare organizations. Since 2011, he has been chief executive officer and president of the American Association for Physician Leadership; the only professional organization solely focused on leadership education and management training for the physician workforce. The organization has members in more than 45 countries.

Previously, Angood was first chief patient safety officer and a vice president for The Joint Commission where he oversaw the National Patient Safety Goals and other enterprise-wide, international patient safety initiatives. He also completed a two-year engagement with the National Quality Forum and National Priorities Partnership as Senior Advisor for Patient Safety before assuming the role of Chief Medical Officer with the Patient Safety Organization of GE Healthcare. During these engagements, Angood continued intermittent work with the World Health Organization (WHO) Patient Safety initiative after helping lead the early development of the WHO Collaborating Center for Patient Safety Solutions.

Earlier in his career, after initially practicing with hospitals of the McGill University system, Angood was subsequently recruited to surgery faculty and hospital administrative positions at the University of Pennsylvania, Yale University, and Washington University in St. Louis. He completed his formal academic career as a Full Professor of Surgery, Anesthesia, and Emergency Medicine. Angood is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (Canada), the American College of Surgeons and the American College of Critical Care Medicine, which also recognized him as a Master of Critical Care Medicine. He has a history of active involvement with numerous professional organizations and served as president of the Society of Critical Care Medicine. Angood's research interests have addressed leading-edge problems; he has authored nearly 200 publications and is a well-recognized international speaker on the host of issues related to physician leadership. Angood is also a Fellow of the Explorers Club in New York City.

Angood received his medical degree from the University of Manitoba in Canada and completed his general surgery training at McGill University in Montreal and fellowship training in trauma surgery and critical care medicine at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital in Florida.

Reena Duseja, MD, MS

Senior Advisor, Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Quality and Patient Safety, Veterans Health Administration (VHA)

Dr. Duseja serves as the Senior Advisor to the Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Quality and Patient Safety. In this position she provides expert advice on a full range of complex policy issues related to the formulation and establishment of effective health care policies, programs, and initiatives that

fulfill the VHA's mission to provide patient centered, data driven, evidenced-based, safe, high quality and efficient health care for Veterans.

Dr. Duseja is an emergency physician who has experience managing cross-cutting, complex initiatives in a variety of private and public settings. She most recently served as a White House Leadership Fellow at the Office of Management and Budget, where she led significant initiatives including helping standup the Safer Federal Workforce Taskforce and vaccine reporting for COVID-19 operations across federal agencies.

Prior to OMB, Dr. Duseja was at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), where she most recently served as the Chief Medical Officer of the Quality Measurement and Value-Based Incentives Group in the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality. In this role, Dr. Duseja provided leadership and oversight for the measure development and management of CMS's Medicare quality reporting and value-based purchasing programs, led alignment efforts in quality and cost measurement across the agency and interagency, developed innovative approaches to transform healthcare programs, and presented nationally on health care national priorities including value-based transformation.

Before joining federal service, Dr. Duseja was an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). There, she was a health services researcher, clinician, led quality improvement activities in a large county hospital, and funded by the National Institutes of Health to conduct studies related to improving patient care and value for the health system.

Leadership Consortium Members

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

Jade Perdue-Puli

Acting Deputy Center Director, Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety

Jade has spent the past twenty years serving as a catalyst for healthcare transformation in those areas with the most vulnerable populations. Her government career began in the field of Organ Donation and Transplantation (DoT) at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) where she, as part of a dynamic team of dedicated professionals saved 15,000 additional lives by culling and spreading best practices of high performing organ procurement organizations and transplant centers. That experience spurred her to join the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, where she was the Director for Quality Improvement and Innovations Model Testing working to reduce all cause patient harm. In 2021, Jade joined the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and is currently serving as the Acting Deputy Director for the Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety (CQuIPS).

American College of Lifestyle Medicine

Padmaja Patel, MD, DipABLM, FACLM

Medical Director, Lifestyle Medicine Program, Midland Health

Padmaja Patel, MD, FACLM DipABLM, has been a practicing internist in Midland, TX, for nearly two decades. She currently serves as the Medical Director of the Lifestyle Medicine Center at Midland Health and has advocated for offering a variety of comprehensive lifestyle intervention programs under physician supervision. Dr. Patel serves on the American College of Lifestyle Medicine board and as Vice President of the Midland Quality Alliance, a clinically integrated network of physicians. She was a member of the National Quality Forum's 2021 Leadership Consortium and a founding member of the

advisory board of the American College of Lifestyle Medicine's Health Systems Council. She also serves as the chair of ACLM's Clinical Practice and Quality Committee and serves on the Patient Care Subcommittee of ACLM's Health Systems Council. Dr. Patel has been awarded the prestigious status of Fellow of ACLM for her outstanding achievement in the field of Lifestyle Medicine. She co-founded Healthy City, a non-profit organization, to raise awareness of the benefits of plant-based nutrition within her community.

American College of Nurse-Midwives

Diana Jolles, PhD, CNM
Quality Liaison

Diana R. Jolles, PhD, CNM, began as a National Health Service Corp Scholar in the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas at Holy Family Services Birth Center. There, she was mentored in public health innovation, appropriate use, quality measurement and implementation science. Jolles is recognized as a national leader, largely for her development of the Denver Health Medical Center inpatient midwifery service and her directorship of the Family Health and Birth Center in Washington, DC. As faculty for Frontier Nursing University, Jolles teaches innovation, quality improvement and healthcare finance. As a scholar, her research includes the evaluation of unwarranted variation in NQF endorsed quality measures within populations of Medicaid beneficiaries. Jolles works at El Rio Community Health Center in Tucson Arizona where she attends families at El Rio's Birth and Women's Health Center and Tucson Medical Center.

American College of Physicians

Samantha Tierney, MPH
Senior Scientist, Clinical Policy

Samantha Tierney, MPH, has over 15 years of progressive leadership experience in clinical quality measure development, endorsement, and implementation in the nonprofit health care arena. As a Senior Scientist, Clinical Policy, at the American College of Physicians (ACP), she leads the evaluation of measures according to predefined ACP-developed criteria, provides strategic direction related to performance measurement policy, and works to advance measurement science. Previously as Senior Director, Measurement Science, for the PCPI® Foundation (formerly the AMA-convened Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement), she provided technical expertise and oversaw staff managing measure development, specification, and testing projects. In that role, she assured consistent application of PCPI methodology and adherence to national principles for measure development. She also guided the strategic direction of the measurement science program and promoted initiatives to enhance the PCPI's prominence in the measurement community. She received a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Illinois and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan.

American Occupational Therapy Association

Julie Malloy, OTD, MOT, OTR/L, PMP, CPHQ, FNAP
Director of Quality

Julie Malloy, OTD, MOT, OTR/L, PMP, CPHQ, FNAP, is an occupational therapist and Director of Quality for the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). In this role, she works to further the quality initiatives of the association and advocate for occupational therapy in the national healthcare quality discussion. In her 25 years as an occupational therapist, she has worked in acute care and rehabilitation, healthcare information technology, quality and process improvement, and healthcare project management. Dr. Malloy has continued to focus on quality throughout her career, including as an active

volunteer for the American Society for Quality (ASQ), where she is currently the chair of the Six Sigma Green Belt Exam Committee. She has also been inducted as a Distinguished Fellow in the Occupational Therapy Academy of the National Academies of Practice (FNAP), demonstrating her commitment to interprofessional practice.

America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

Danielle Lloyd, MPH

Senior Vice President, Private Market Innovations & Quality Initiatives

Danielle Lloyd is the senior vice president of private market innovations and quality initiatives for AHIP, the national association representing organizations that provide coverage for health care and related services. As part of leadership, Danielle oversees the strategic planning for the Care Delivery and Innovation work of the association. Danielle is also responsible for the assessing insurance market trends and developing policy in the areas of provider payment models, provider performance measurement, consumer data transparency, health information technology and privacy. She is chair of the steering committee for the national Core Quality Measure Collaborative that seeks to align quality measures across public and private payers. With over 20 years' experience in healthcare policy, Lloyd has also worked on an array of healthcare issues for hospital associations, governmental agencies, and a for-profit company. She has a bachelor's degree from the U. of Pennsylvania, a master's degree in public health from the U. of California, Berkeley, and is currently working on a Technology & Innovation certificate from MIT.

Becton Dickinson (BD)

William Sigmund, MD, MHS, FACC, FACP

Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer

Dr. William (Bill) Sigmund joined BD in January 2018 as executive vice president and chief medical officer. He is accountable for the company's medical affairs organization, which includes the medical group for each business unit, global clinical development, and the Medical Safety Office. He is also a member of the BD Executive Leadership Team.

Sigmund is board-certified in internal medicine with a subspecialty in cardiovascular diseases. Over the course of his career, he has led both small and large medical affairs organizations in the United States and globally.

Prior to joining BD, Sigmund served as senior vice president and country medical director of U.S. Medical Affairs at GlaxoSmithKline, where he was responsible for U.S. medical governance and oversight for all medical affairs activities. He began his industry career at Warner Lambert, where he served as vice president, Medical and Scientific Affairs. Following the merger between Warner Lambert and Pfizer, Sigmund served as vice president, Worldwide Medical for Pfizer. He also led the U.S. Medical Affairs organization at Daiichi-Sankyo.

Sigmund earned a medical doctorate (MD) degree from West Virginia University and a master's of health sciences (MHS) degree in epidemiology from Johns Hopkins University, where he completed his residency in internal medicine. Following his fellowship in cardiology at Georgetown University, he returned to Johns Hopkins for a fellowship in preventive cardiology. He remained on faculty at Johns Hopkins as medical director of Preventive Cardiology programs until joining the pharmaceutical industry in 1990. He is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology (FACC), the American College of Physicians (ACP) and the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Association

Carol Peden, MB ChB, MD, FRCA, FFICM, MPH
Executive Director for Clinical Quality

Dr. Carol Peden is the Executive Director for clinical quality for the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA) and holds academic appointments as Adjunct Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology at the University of Pennsylvania, University of Southern California and Senior Associate Tutor at the University of Oxford, UK.

She has led complex public health research projects around the world and optimized clinical services using data as a driver. In 2016 she was named Public Health Innovator of the Year by the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health. Prior to joining BCBSA in 2021, Carol was executive director for health system innovation at Keck Medicine of the University of Southern California in Los Angeles where she provided strategic and tactical oversight of system-wide improvement and innovation initiatives. She moved to the US in 2015 and before that her work in the UK included development of patient safety collaboratives and quality goals for 13.5 million people through NHS England, and development of a national audit for high-risk surgery. Dr. Peden gained her quality expertise through a Fellowship with the Institute of Healthcare Improvement (IHI) in Boston, Mass. and with the Health Foundation in London. Carol is dually accredited in anesthesiology and intensive care medicine and has a medical degree and research doctorate in medicine from the University of Edinburgh (UK), and a master's degree in public health from the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health.

Case Management Society of America

Rebecca Perez, MSN, RN, CCM
Sr. Manager of Education and CMSA Foundation Executive Director

Rebecca is an experienced RN with a master's degree in Nursing, is a Certified Case Manager, and a member of the Gamma Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society and Capella University National Society of Leadership and Success. She is the author of numerous professional articles, the primary author for the *Case Management Adherence Guide 2020*, contributor to the *Clostridioides difficile Case Management Adherence and Transition of Care Guide*, co-author of *CMSA's Integrated Case Management: A manual for case managers by case managers*, developer of the Integrated Case Management Training Program, and Master Trainer. She joined Parthenon Management Group in 2020 as the Senior Manager of Education and Strategic Partnerships for the Case Management Society of America.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Michelle Schreiber, MD
Deputy Director, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality
Director of the Quality Measurement and Value-Based Incentives Group

Dr. Schreiber is currently the Deputy Director of the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality at CMS, and the Director of the Quality Measurement and Value-Based Incentives Group. Dr. Schreiber is a general internal medicine physician with over 25 years of health care experience. Prior to coming to CMS, she was the Senior Vice President and Chief Quality Officer of Henry Ford Health System (HFHS) in Detroit, Michigan. Earlier roles at HFHS included the Division Head of General Internal Medicine, and the SVP of Clinical Transformation and IT Integration, where she was the clinical lead of the systemwide Epic implementation. The Epic implementation and use earned HFHS a Davies Award in 2018. She has also held

senior leadership roles at the Detroit Medical Center, where she was the Chief Quality Officer, and with Trinity Health System where she was the national system Chief Medical Officer and acting interim Chief Medical Information Officer.

While at CMS Dr. Schreiber has led many quality initiatives, including MIPS transformation to value pathways, the modernization of the Hospital Stars program, as well as advancing digital quality measurement systems. She is on the boards of ACCME (continuing medical education), Leapfrog, and a member of HITACH (the national health information advisory committee) among others. Prior to joining CMS, she also participated in numerous state and national quality committees including the Board of Directors for the Michigan Hospital Association Keystone Center and the Patient Safety Organization, the Board of Directors of MPRO (Michigan Peer Review Organization – the Michigan QIO), the National Quality Forum Patient Safety Metrics Committee, and the National Quality Partners. She has worked with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) including as part of its Leadership Alliance, the Pursuing Equity initiative, and an initiative to enhance Board of Trustees engagement in quality through a partnership with IHI and National Patient Safety Foundation. Dr. Schreiber has also served as a member of the Epic Safety Forum, and the Cerner Academic Advisory Group.

Dr. Schreiber’s interests are quality improvement, quality measures, and the intersection with electronic medical records to advance quality and quality measures.

Cleveland Clinic

Robert Jones, MD

Interim Associate Chief for Value Based Operations

Robert W. Jones, Jr, MD, FACP, has been a staff General Internist at Cleveland Clinic since 1994. He currently serves as the Vice Associate Chief for Quality and Performance Operations as well as Interim Associate Chief for Value Based Operations for Cleveland Clinic Community Care, our population health unit, where he focuses on care model improvements to optimize patient outcomes and value.

Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC)

Ravi Parikh, MD, MPP

Senior Clinical Advisor

Ravi B. Parikh, MD, MPP is a medical oncologist and Assistant Professor in Medical Ethics and Health Policy and Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, Staff Physician at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center, and Senior Fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute. His research examines questions in value-based cancer care, digital health, and artificial intelligence. His research group runs clinical trials testing digital health interventions to improve patient outcomes. Dr. Parikh’s work has been published in *Science*, *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *JAMA*, and other high-impact publications. He sits on the Board of the Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC) and the Leadership Consortium of the National Quality Forum. Dr. Parikh is a graduate of Harvard Medical School, Harvard College, and the Kennedy School of Government. He completed residency in internal medicine at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and fellowship in Hematology/Oncology at the University of Pennsylvania.

Covered California

Ashrith Amarnath, MD, MS-SHCD

Senior Medical Director

Dr. Amarnath is a physician leader with a focus on healthcare delivery reform, quality, and health equity.

He is trained in General Surgery with a background in Trauma and Acute Care Surgery. He is well regarded for his skills in performance improvement, change management, and high reliability in healthcare with a demonstrated history of working in health policy, innovation, as well as within hospital and healthcare systems. He is currently serving as Medical Director for Covered California, the health benefits exchange for the State of California. In this role he leads the health informatics and clinical team that advises the organization on medical policy and standards issues for health plan contracting as well as utilizes health plan data to provide actionable information supporting operations to improve care, lower costs, and enhance consumer health. In addition, he oversees the medical, behavioral health, and clinical programs on quality and effective care delivery for insurance services. He sits on various technical expert panels for the National Quality Forum, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the California Health and Human Services Agency. He held prior roles as the Patient Safety Officer for Sutter Valley Medical Foundation and Medical Consultant for the California Department of Health Care Services.

Geisinger Health System

Amy Minnich, RN, MHSA, CPC

Associate Vice President, Innovation Operations

Amy Minnich, RN, CPC, MHSA is an experienced leader across the health care continuum. Her diverse career history includes roles in acute care, home health and community based long term care (PACE), case management, managed care, access management and Quality and Safety. Currently, she is the Associate Vice President for Care Redesign within the integrated health system's Steele Institute for Healthcare Innovation. Key responsibilities include leading clinical care management technology initiatives for the health system. Ms. Minnich has supported various system priority initiatives around patient flow, reducing inappropriate emergency department utilization, coding optimization and development of COVID clinical care strategies. Amy received her diploma in nursing from Geisinger School of Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Pennsylvania State University and Master of Health Services Administration from Marywood University. She holds certification in medical coding and has a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt from Villanova University. Ms. Minnich was a 2010 Practice Change Fellow sponsored by Atlantic Philanthropies and the Hartford Foundation designed to improve services/expertise for seniors and completed the Disparities Leadership Program offered by the Disparities Solution Center at Massachusetts General Hospital. Ms. Minnich was recently appointed as adjunct faculty member for the Commonwealth School of Medicine in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

General Dynamics Information Technology (GDIT)

Darryl Roberts, PhD, MS, RN, FHIMSS, FAAN

Principal Scientist

Dr. Roberts is a registered nurse and Principal Scientist at GDIT. He has conducted research and development activities in numerous projects ranging from public health improvement programs in psychiatry, pulmonology, and chemical exposure to impact evaluations of federal laws and legal mandates. These projects resulted in 25 peer-reviewed papers cited over 800 times. He dedicates much of his career to teaching and conducting research on risk mitigation and assessment to improve outcomes.

After making the unusual transition from Navy Nuclear Power electrician to nurse, he strived to translate the tenets of high-reliability organizations (HROs) that he learned on an aircraft carrier—the most rigorous of HRO environments—into healthcare. His work has contributed to understanding, measurement, and improvement of healthcare reliability, including:

- Epidemiology of nursing sensitive factors in intimate violence and suicidality,
- Development of clinical quality measures used nationally, and
- Evaluation of the effectiveness of healthcare delivery reported through measures and instruments, including studies of government-sponsored healthcare quality improvement incentive payment programs.

In addition to his primary role, Dr. Roberts currently holds volunteer leadership roles as the Immediate Past-President of HIMSS National Capital Area Chapter and as Vice Chair for the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Standards Association Engineering in Medicine & Biology Society P2795 Standard program. He also engages in research and improvement activities with the American Academy of Nursing's Informatics and Technology Expert Panel, which recently published

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Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)

Girma Alemu, MD, MPH
Public Health Analyst

Girma Alemu is a Public Health Analyst in the Office of Performance Management within the Office of Planning, Analysis and Evaluation in the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA). HRSA, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the primary Federal agency for improving access to health care by strengthening the health care workforce, building healthy communities and achieving health equity. HRSA's programs provide healthcare to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically vulnerable. Girma helps to coordinate and align HRSA's quality measurement work. These efforts help to influence the quality of care and well-being of Americans who benefit directly from HRSA's services. Girma has a medical degree from Germany, where he also specialized in ophthalmology, and an MPH in Epidemiology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Henry Ford Health

Betty Chu, MD, MBA
Senior Vice President and Associate Chief Clinical Officer/Chief Quality Officer

As Associate Chief Clinical Officer/Chief Quality Officer for the health system, Dr Chu supports the HFHS EVP, Chief Clinical Officer in aligning and enhancing the performance of clinical quality of services across the enterprise; defining models of care including setting standards to drive consistency of quality, value and patient experience across our "continuum of care" and developing targets for clinical programs.

Dr. Chu provides strategic and operational leadership for the System's quality and safety initiatives and for performance measurement, reporting and continuous performance improvement. This includes responsibility for overall safety, regulatory, infection control and prevention activities; the development and oversight of a comprehensive quality/performance improvement program; and leading the organizations' journey to high reliability. She has led the COVID response for Henry Ford Health System.

Her recognitions include Michigan Women Forward -Women of Achievement and Courage Award 2021; DBusiness Powered By Women 2020, Crain's Detroit Business "40 Under 40" in 2010. She was appointed in 2020 by Governor Whitmer as the Co-Chair of the Michigan Nursing Homes COVID-19 Preparedness Task Force. Dr Chu is a member of the Council on Medical Service for the American Medical Association.

She is also the Past President of the Michigan State Medical Society.

Dr. Chu graduated from the University of Michigan Integrated Premed/Medical Program, completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Beaumont Health in Royal Oak, and received her MBA from the University of Michigan Ross Business School.

Humana, Inc.

Kristin Russell, MD, MBA

Associate Vice President, Clinical Transformation

Kristin Russell, M.D., MBA is the Associate Vice President of Clinical Transformation at Humana where she leads a team focused on developing and operationalizing a consumer-centric approach to health outcomes measurement. Dr. Russell is board-certified in both Psychiatry and Child & Adolescent Psychiatry. Prior to joining Humana, she was a faculty member at Harvard Medical School where she taught students and provided psychiatric care to adults and children at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Russell has a strong interest in healthcare innovation and has held leadership positions at several Boston-area digital health companies. She remains on the faculty at Harvard Medical School and enjoys mentoring student entrepreneurs at Harvard and MIT.

Dr. Russell graduated from Harvard University with a B.A. in biology, received her M.D. from Columbia University, and received her MBA from MIT Sloan. She did her post-graduate training at Harvard Medical School hospitals, completing her residency in Psychiatry at Brigham & Women's Hospital and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and her fellowship in Child & Adolescent Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Intermountain Healthcare

Heidi Wald, MD, MSPH

Chief Quality and Safety Officer

In September 2022, Dr. Wald was named the Chief Quality and Safety Officer at Intermountain Healthcare, having served in the same role at SCL Health since January 2019. She is responsible for supporting the operational quality and safety work across three markets, including 33 hospitals and greater than 400 ambulatory sites in an enterprise-wide approach.

At SCL Health, Dr. Wald directed the operational quality and safety teams and clinical performance improvement efforts. Special projects included a Just Culture operational implementation and COVID Medical Branch leadership. Prior to joining SCL Health, Dr. Wald was an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Health Care Policy Research at the University of Colorado (CU) School of Medicine where she was a faculty member between 2007 and 2018. She has authored over 60 peer reviewed articles on patient safety and quality of the older adult population in hospitals and nursing homes. She served as the Department of Medicine's Vice Chair for Quality from 2011-2016.

Dr. Wald is a graduate of Harvard Medical School and completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She completed a fellowship in Geriatric Medicine, a NRSA Primary Care Research Fellowship, and an MSPH at the University of Colorado Denver. Dr. Wald was a 2009 Atlantic Philanthropies Health and Aging Policy Fellow. She is board certified in Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine.

Mayo Clinic

Kannan Ramar, M.B.B.S., MD

Patient Safety Officer

Dr. Kannan Ramar is a Professor of Medicine in the division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine (PCCM), Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. He is the Chief Patient Safety Officer for Mayo Clinic and serves as the Assistant Dean for Clinical Learning Environment Optimization at the Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education. He is the immediate past president of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) and is the President of the Associated Professional Sleep Societies (APSS) from 2021-22. Dr. Ramar served as the Education Chair and as the Program Director for the PCCM, Critical Care Internal Medicine, and Pulmonary Disease Fellowship programs at Rochester, MN.

Dr. Ramar serves as the chair of Mayo Clinic Patient Safety Subcommittee, servers on Graduate Medical Education Committee, Mayo Clinic Proceedings Editorial Board as the Pulmonary Medicine section editor, and on the board of directors of the AASM, APSS, AASM Foundation, American Board of Sleep Medicine, and the Minnesota Alliance for Patient Safety (MAPS). He serves on the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ) National Advisory Council (NAC). He served as a member of the Leadership Consortium of the National Quality Forum (NQF) and as the member of the Virtual Healthcare Quality action team of NQF in 2021. Dr. Ramar has served as the Mayo Quality Fellows Program chair between 2015 and 2019.

He is board-certified in Critical Care Medicine, Pulmonary Disease, and Sleep Medicine and is the recipient of many notable awards, including the Diamond Lifetime Achievement Award for Quality Improvement, Teacher of the Year by the Mayo Fellows' Association 2015, Teacher of the Year 2013 for Inpatient Education, and the MCSGME Program Director Recognition Award 2018-2019. He is Bronze, Silver, and Gold certified through the Mayo Quality Academy.

National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

Shelley Fuld Nasso, MPP
CEO

Shelley Fuld Nasso, MPP, is CEO of the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, where she advocates to transform the cancer care system for everyone touched by cancer. NCCS engages in public policy efforts to improve cancer care and empowers cancer survivors and caregivers to be a voice in public policy debates. Prior to joining NCCS in 2013, she led public policy efforts at Susan G. Komen. She is a graduate of Rice University and the Harvard Kennedy School. She advocates in honor of her dear friend, Dr. Brent Whitworth, a beloved physician who died of cancer at the age of 43.

National Health Council

Susan Gaffney
Executive Vice President, Membership, Development & Events

After nearly 30 years of experience working with non-profits across the country, Susan Gaffney joined the National Health Council in March 2020 and is now its Executive Vice President of Membership, Development, and Events. Gaffney provides strategic direction for the groups fundamental work of ensuring that its robust membership is engaged and supported while tackling the critical issues related to chronic health conditions, which are at the heart of the NHC's mission.

Previously, Gaffney had been the National Director of Membership and Governance at NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, where she focused on nonprofit governance, compliance, strategy, and member support. She has also worked in a variety of roles in the nonprofit education and health

sectors in Washington, DC, New York, and San Francisco including the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center.

Gaffney earned a master's in Nonprofit Management and Public Policy from the Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment at The New School in New York City, and a bachelor's in history from St. Bonaventure University. She is certified in Group Facilitation by the Institute of Cultural Affairs and as a Change Management Practitioner by Prosci.

New Jersey Hospital Association

Mary Ditri, DHA, FHELA, FACHE
Vice President, Community Health

Dr. Mary Ditri, Vice President, Community Health, New Jersey Hospital Association, oversees coordination of policy, education and quality improvement initiatives related to mental health/substance misuse, maternal/child, veteran/military, and other systemic efforts aimed at building the bridge between prevention, treatment and community interventions. Ditri serves as the principal investigator on initiatives related to mental health, opioid use disorder and maternal health, and is the project director for the N.J. Perinatal Quality Collaborative. She has served on the National Quality Forum's *National Quality Partners™ Serious Mental Illness Action Team*, has spoken nationally and is co-author of JCR's "Optimizing Patient Flow: Advanced Strategies for Managing Variability to Enhance Access, Quality, and Safety". Ditri is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and N.J. Healthcare Leadership Academy holds a Doctorate in Healthcare Administration.

Novartis

Jennifer Van Meter, PharmD
Director, Healthcare Association Engagement and Innovation

Jennifer Van Meter is Director, Healthcare Association Engagement & Innovation, at Novartis, where she leads external engagement with cardiovascular and nephrology medical societies, cross-therapeutic healthcare associations, and quality organizations. Jennifer serves as Novartis' representative to the Pharmacy Quality Alliance, NCQA Industry Advisory Council, and the National Quality Forum, and is highly regarded by these quality organizations as a pharmaceutical industry expert on quality issues. Prior to joining Novartis more than six years ago, Jennifer worked for 11 years in the federal policy group at the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, where she created and led a working group of member company staff who were focused on issues related to quality of care, in addition to working on issues related to medication use and Medicare Part D.

Jennifer holds a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Mercer University, Southern School of Pharmacy, and is a registered pharmacist in Virginia and Georgia.

Nursing Alliance for Quality Care

Eileen Esposito, DNP, MPA, RN, AMB-BC, CPHQ
Board Member

Eileen Esposito, DNP is VP of Ambulatory Clinical Practice and Quality for Catholic Health, a six-hospital New York health system with an extensive network of physician practices and an ACO composed of over 2,400 employed and IPA providers. In her role, Dr. Esposito focuses on strategies and solutions to bring organizational operations into alignment with newer models of care and reimbursement. Dr. Esposito is

well-versed in health policy and helps providers to understand the paradigm shift behind the transformation from a provider-centric volume-based system to one where value and appropriateness drive efficient and effective patient-centered care. Dr. Esposito focuses the team on the role of patient engagement and patient-self determined goals to improve the self-management of chronic conditions and foster a proactive approach to health promotion and disease prevention thru the preventive care agenda. Dr. Esposito is a Director and the Treasurer on the Board of the American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing and is representing the Nursing Alliance for Quality Care as an appointed member of NQF's National Quality Partners Leadership Consortium.

OutCare

Dustin Nowaskie, MD
Founder and President

Dr. Nowaskie is a queer, nonbinary psychiatrist. Their personal identification and civic commitment have cultivated into a passion to help the LGBTQ+ community. They are the Founder and President of the national nonprofit LGBTQ+ health equity organization OutCare Health, which provides access to LGBTQ+ information, resources, programming, mentorship, education, training, research, and providers for millions across the country. A Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Southern California and Gold Humanism Honor Scholar of the Indiana University School of Medicine, Dr. Nowaskie's clinical and philanthropic work has led to several national accolades, presentations, and publications as well as diversity awards from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, Tylenol Future Care Foundation, Gamma Mu Foundation, AGLP, WPATH, and NOGLSTP. Their ultimate goal is to transform their might into a powerful unicorn of social and public health change for LGBTQ+ people.

Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA)

Loren Kirk, PharmD, CPHQ, CAE
Senior Director, Strategic Partnerships

Loren Kirk serves as Senior Director of Strategic Partnerships for the Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA). He acts as a "relationship catalyst" and develops strategies to engage PQA members and stakeholders through partnerships, collaborations, and sponsorships that advance PQA's mission and work. He also manages PQA's stakeholder engagement, education and convening programs.

Loren completed a post-graduate Executive Fellowship with the National Association of Chain Drug Stores Foundation where he collaborated with key stakeholders and PQA members on pharmacy practice advancement initiatives, professional association governance, and healthcare policy.

Loren graduated with his Bachelor's of Science in Animal Science from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC. He earned with his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN. Loren became a Certified Association Executive (CAE) in 2022 after serving in various association staff and leadership roles at the national, regional, and state level.

Phreesia

Hilary Hatch, PhD
Chief Clinical Officer

Hilary Hatch, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist and passionate champion of the patient voice, serves as Chief Clinical Officer at Phreesia, where she leads the development of clinical programs and research

partnerships. She and her team partner with clients to improve quality performance through the implementation of patient-reported outcomes (PROs), social determinants of health (SDOH) and behavioral health screenings and modules to close gaps in care. Phreesia recently acquired Insignia Health, steward of the Patient Activation Measure (PAM). Dr. Hatch's team oversees best practices and implementation of the PAM.

In addition, Dr. Hatch oversees research partnerships with organizations such as The Commonwealth Fund, Harvard University and City University of New York on topics such as patient access, vaccine hesitancy, and implementation and best practices for self-reported data. Prior to joining Phreesia, Dr. Hatch was Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Vital Score, a digital health company acquired by Phreesia in 2018. She is an Instructor of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and serves on the faculty of the Psychoanalytic Association of NY (PANY), affiliated with NYU Langone Health.

She holds a doctorate in clinical psychology from City University of New York, a postdoctoral certificate in psychoanalysis from PANY, and a BA from Columbia College.

RTI Health Advance

Amy Helwig, MD, MS
Executive Vice President

Dr. Amy Helwig currently serves as the Executive Vice President of RTI International's Commercial Health Payer-Provider business unit, an industry leader in design and implementation of value-based care programs, analytic solutions for patient engagement and population health, and health outcomes assessments. Dr. Helwig is recognized nationally for developing innovative programs in quality, safety and health IT to drive value and improve patient outcomes. Prior to RTI, Dr. Helwig was Chief Quality Officer and Vice President, Quality Improvement and Performance at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Insurance Services Division where she led quality, safety, and performance programs over all insurance lines of business covering 3.4 million lives. Earlier in her career, Dr. Helwig served as Deputy Director of the Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality where she led the development of common formats for national patient safety event reporting and AHRQ's Patient Safety Organization program, as well as prototyping diagnostic safety measures. Dr. Helwig is board-certified in both clinical informatics and family medicine and a graduate of the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Telligen

Jane Brock, MD, MSPH
Medical Director, Federal Health Solutions

Dr. Jane Brock is a medical director at Telligen, the Medicare Quality Innovation Network - Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) for Colorado, Iowa, and Illinois and Oklahoma. She works as a clinical advisor to the Data Validation contractor for the Network of Quality Improvement and Innovation Contractors (NQIIC), a new consolidated national improvement vehicle for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and a clinical subject matter expert for the Partnership to Advance Tribal Health, an initiative funded by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to support quality improvement in Indian Health Service managed hospitals. She focuses on defining and applying metrics and measures that reflect clinically relevant processes and outcomes. Her passion is integrating and measuring social, medical and public health care, preferably by geographic community-based indices; and identifying and spreading implementation best practices for quality improvement interventions.

Dr. Brock spent more than 20 years practicing in occupational and urgent care settings when she became enamored with public and population health and took a turn into preventive medicine. Her work has supported quality improvement for Medicare beneficiaries for the past 21 years.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission

Dan Culica, MD, MA, PhD
Senior Program Specialist

Dan has extensive expertise in medical care organization and health care transformation through delivery system and payment reform. He is currently leading the statewide Medicaid Managed Care Value-Based Payment Transformation through Alternative Payment Models.

The SCAN Foundation

Sarita Mohanty, MD, MPH, MBA
President and CEO

Sarita A. Mohanty, MD, MPH, MBA, serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of The SCAN Foundation. The SCAN Foundation is one of the largest foundations in the United States focused on improving the quality of health and life for older adults. Its mission is to advance a coordinated and easily navigated system of high-quality services for older adults that preserve dignity and independence. Previously, Sarita served as the Vice President of Care Coordination for Medicaid and Vulnerable Populations at Kaiser Permanente. Sarita was previously Assistant Professor of Medicine at USC; Chief Medical Officer of COPE Health Solutions, a health care management consulting company; and Senior Medical Director at L.A. Care, the largest U.S. public health plan.

Sarita completed her Internal Medicine residency at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and research fellowship at Harvard Medical School. She earned her MD from Boston University, MPH from Harvard University, and MBA from UCLA. She completed undergraduate work at UC Berkeley. She currently is an Associate Professor at the Kaiser Permanente Bernard J. Tyson School of Medicine and is a practicing internal medicine physician with Kaiser Permanente. Sarita enjoys international travel, tennis, and spending time with her husband and three children.

University of Texas-MD Anderson Cancer Center

Ron Walters, MD, MBA, MHA, MS
Associate Vice President, Med Ops/Informatics

Dr. Walters is Deputy Head of the Institute of Cancer Care Innovation at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. He is also professor of clinical medical oncology, Department of Breast Medical Oncology. He earned his Doctorate of Medicine at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine. He is board certified in internal medicine and medical oncology. Dr. Walters is a delegate to the Texas Medical Association and President of the Harris County Medical Society. He represents his institution at the National Quality Forum, the National Comprehensive Cancer Network and the National Quality Partners. He has coauthored more than 100 peer-reviewed original medical research articles in clinical care and lectures regularly on Value Based Healthcare initiatives. As a key member of the ICCL, he works as part of a team to move internal initiatives forward regarding value-based reimbursement

URAC

Shawn Griffin, MD, FAAFP
President and CEO

Dr. Shawn Griffin is the President/CEO at URAC, known as the most complete healthcare accreditor. He leads one of most trusted independent accrediting organizations in the country and one of the most influential healthcare accreditors in the world. With a background in rural health, technology, and population management, Dr. Griffin is a subject matter expert and highly regarded speaker on population health, quality improvement, accreditation, telehealth, accountable care, mental health parity, and physician alignment. He previously held leadership positions at Premier, the Memorial Hermann Physician Network, and Baylor College of Medicine. He trained in Rural Family Medicine and practiced in Iowa and Missouri.