

# PARTNERSHIP FORUM No. 1 - 2021

## Racial Health Disparities: A Closer Look at Benefit Design

MARCH 23-24, 2021 | VIRTUAL



## WELCOME



Thank you for your participation in this important Partnership Forum, which will explore Racial Health Disparities: A Closer Look at Benefit Design.

While our nation and the world remain in the grips of COVID-19, a greater public health crisis persists: racism and discrimination. Consider, for example, how the two crises have merged. At this point, more than 500,000 Americans have died from COVID-19, but a disproportionate number of those people have been minority populations. Further exacerbating the problem, people of color have struggled with vaccine access.

AMCP's mission is to improve Americans' health by ensuring they have access to high-quality, cost-effective medications and other therapies. With that in mind, last year, we pledged with 13 other national pharmacy organizations to **take a public stand against racial injustice**. Further, AMCP President Marissa Schlaifer, MS, RPh, and I wrote that we have "a moral imperative to dismantle systemic and structural racism that has resulted in significant racial disparities in health status and access to quality care." AMCP and its leaders began a journey seeking answers to **how the pharmacy profession could work to eliminate racism and inequality**.

Since last summer, we have been striving to weave measurable social justice goals into all AMCP and AMCP Foundation strategic plans and initiatives. The boards are committed to this priority and to taking these broad goals and applying them meaningfully to address health disparities. Our March Partnership Forum is another critical aspect of this journey.

We know health disparities result in avoidable readmissions, reduced quality of care, higher costs, and lower member satisfaction rates. During this AMCP Partnership Forum, participants will come together to identify organizational and system-based solutions to address systemic racial health disparities. Participants will identify potential structural issues within the current formulary and benefit design processes that may lead to racial health disparities or inequality and conceive viable solutions to reduce racial health disparities in the use of drugs and related therapies.

During our invitation-only Partnership Forums, we rely on a range of perspectives, including those of payers, integrated delivery system leaders, HEOR analysts, academicians, providers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, PBMs, and other health care stakeholders. Our efforts here collaboratively help shape the changing health care landscape.

Thank you to our generous sponsors that make this event possible: Amgen, NPC, Pfizer, PhRMA, Sandoz, and Takeda.

Following the forum, AMCP will produce proceedings documenting findings and recommendations in an upcoming issue of AMCP's *Journal of Managed Care* + *Specialty Pharmacy,* which is widely disseminated to decision makers around the country. Also, we also plan to present a webinar summarizing the findings and recommendations.

I look forward to this AMCP Partnership Forum and its resulting findings and recommendations. Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

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Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE

## MODERATOR

#### **Clifford Goodman, PhD**

Senior Vice President The Lewin Group

Clifford Goodman, PhD, is a senior vice president at The Lewin Group. He has 30 years of experience in health technology assessment, evidence-based health care, health economics, and aspects of health care innovation, regulation, and payment. Dr. Goodman often serves as a health policy issues moderator and facilitator of expert panels and advisory boards. He served as chair of the CMS Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee and president of the professional society, Health Technology Assessment International. He received his Doctorate in Philosophy from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and degrees from Georgia Tech and Cornell.



## AGENDA

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 23**

12-4:30pm ET Agenda for Day 1:

Welcome and Introduction

Presentation: Overview of racial health disparities

**Panel Discussion:** Identifying health disparity opportunities and challenges that health care stakeholders face with the benefit design and formulary process

**Breakout Session 1:** Identifying opportunities for managed care stakeholder to optimize the current formulary and benefit design process to overcome racial health disparities

**Report out and Discussion** 

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#### 12-4:30pm ET Agenda for Day 2:

Welcome and Day 1 Debrief

Panel Discussion: Discuss current interventions to address health disparities

**Breakout Session 2:** Additional interventions to aid managed care stakeholder in addressing racial health disparities

**Report out and Discussion** 

Forum summary and close





Rebekah Angove, PhD Vice President, Patient Experience and Program Evaluation Patient Advocate Foundation

Dr. Rebekah Angove is a health services researcher and leader in patient engagement. She currently serves as the VP for Patient Experience and Program Evaluation at Patient Advocate Foundation. Her work is focused on mapping the patient experience and uncovering unmet needs, translating those needs to direct service and policy recommendations, and evaluating the impact of initiatives. She has led numerous projects focused on addressing health disparities and integrating the patient perspective into care and research. She is active in national committees and as an engaging speaker bridging the needs of the patient community with emerging issues in healthcare.



Angela Banks Vice President, External Affairs UnitedHealth Group

Angela Banks, Vice President, External Affairs at UnitedHealth Group, is a leader in the pharmaceutical and healthcare industries specializing in health policy, patient advocacy, and market access. Angela is responsible for leading the organization's strategic approach to prescription drug and pharmacy care services policy. Angela is known for effectively collaborating with pharmaceutical industry executives, regulators, and other payers to address barriers to access and affordability, and find innovative approaches to ensuring high quality care and improved health outcomes.



#### Christina Barrington, PharmD

Vice President Pharmacy Programs Priority Health

Dr. Barrington has over 20 years of managed care experience and is currently the Vice President of Pharmacy Programs for Priority Health, where she is responsible for setting strategy for the pharmacy department and managing the pharmaceutical services budget across the organization. Additionally, Christina has served as the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Managers for the Illinois Foundation of Quality Health Care, and as a member of the URAC Measures Advisory Research Group. As an active member of AMCP since 1996, Dr. Barrington has held the office of President of the Midwest Affiliate and currently serves as AMCP's Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee.



Maribeth Bettarelli, PharmD Senior Director, Quality and Accreditation CVS Caremark

Maribeth Bettarelli is Senior Director, Quality and Accreditation at CVS Caremark, where she oversees the organization's pharmacy accreditation programs, supports health plan accreditation needs, and promotes ongoing quality improvement initiatives. Since joining CVS Caremark in 2003, she has held roles in the areas of clinical program development, medical writing, and clinical account management. Areas of interest include utilization management, patient access and engagement, and health literacy. Maribeth earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago and completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Veterans Administration Chicago Health Care System.



#### Diana Brixner, RPh, PhD, FAMCP

Professor Department of Pharmacotherapy

Diana Brixner, RPh, PhD, FAMCP, is the executive director at the University of Utah Pharmacotherapy Outcomes Research Center. She is also a research associate at the Institute of Public Health, Medical Decision Making, and Health Technology Assessment in the Department of Public Health and Health Technology Assessment at University of Miami Information Technology. Her appointment supports her international collaborations in oncology research, personalized medicine, and value assessment. Dr. Brixner is a founding member of the Health Policy and Science Council, where she also served on the executive board. She is also a past president of the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research. Dr. Brixner is a long-standing member and past president of AMCP. She currently serves as a director on the board for the Biologics & Biosimilars Collective Intelligence Consortium (BBCIC).



#### Kathryn Brown, PharmD MHA

VP Pharmacy, Interim Chief Pharmacy Officer Kaiser Permanente

Kathy Brown, Pharm.D. MHA is the VP, Pharmacy Operations and Services which includes health plan and delivery system operations as well medication management and patient safety initiatives for Kaiser Permanente. Kathy earned her BS from Washington State University, graduating with honors and an international emphasis from the University of Copenhagen. She received her Masters in Healthcare Administration (MHA) and Doctorate (PharmD) from the University of Washington and has earned Executive Business and Leadership certificates from Harvard University, and Boston University. She is a member of state and national pharmacy organizations and is a Board member of University of Washington School of Pharmacy, YWCA food bank and West Coast Innovators.



Patrick Campbell, PharmD, PhD

Senior Director, Research Pharmacy Quality Alliance

Patrick Campbell, PharmD, PhD serves as the Senior Director of Research at the Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA). In this role, Patrick leads the research team and curates and manages PQA's research portfolio to advance the quality of medication use. Patrick has over a decade of experience working for Walmart, where he supported safety and quality improvement initiatives and served as a community pharmacist. Patrick received both his PharmD and PhD in Pharmaceutical Economics, Policy and Outcomes from the University of Arizona, College of Pharmacy.



Lisa Cashman, PharmD VP Specialty Solutions MedImpact Direct, LLC

Lisa Cashman is the Vice President of Specialty Solutions for MedImpact Direct LLC, responsible for specialty drug trend and care management services. She has over 20 years of experience in the health care industry with expertise in managed care pharmacy, specialty, drug spend analytics, formulary, utilization management, rebate strategies and client clinical account management. In addition to PBM, Lisa has practiced pharmacy in home infusion and teaching hospital settings. Lisa earned a doctor of pharmacy degree from UCSF and completed a residency in the department of medicine at the VAMC in Palo Alto, California.



#### Susmita Chavala, PharmD, MHA

Senior Director, Clinical Policy Development & Drug List Management Prime Therapeutics

Susmita Chavala, Pharm.D, MHA and is a senior director of clinical policy and drug list development at Prime. She serves as the enterprise wide subject-matter expert on health policy, regulatory and advocacy issues impacting clinical programs across all market segments and is tasked with developing strategies to address policy changes at the state and federal level. She also oversees a clinical team responsible for the development of preventive care programs for the commercial market. Prior to her current role, Dr. Chavala directed pharmacy sales and account management teams at Prime Therapeutics and Humana Inc. She received a Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Master's in Health Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



**Jessica Daw, PharmD, MBA** VP, Pharmacy Sentara Health Plans

Jessica Daw, PharmD, MBA currently serves as the VP, Pharmacy at Sentara Health Plans and has over fifteen years of managed care experience focusing in quality, medication therapy management, care management programs, formulary and utilization management, value-based contracting, physician risk sharing arrangements, compliance, and PBM contracting and oversight. Jessica currently serves on the Board of Directors for AMCP. She is also the Co-Chair of the North American Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Roundtable for ISPOR and is on the ISPOR HTA Council. Jessica earned her PharmD from Duquesne University and her Master of Business Administration from the University of Pittsburgh.



Nicole Dawley, RPh Director, Pharmacy Clinical Strategy & Policy Excellus BlueCross BlueShield

Nicole Dawley has over 20 years of experience as a licensed pharmacist. She is currently Director of Pharmacy Clinical Strategy and Policy for Excellus BlueCross BlueShield. Her responsibilities include oversight of drug utilization and formulary management, implementing new strategic initiatives and developing quality programs that are focused on improving the member health of over 1.5 million members. Nicole leads a team of pharmacists that support drug policy development, ACO provider partnership collaboration, pharmacy care management and quality improvement.



Lynn Deguzman, PharmD Pharmacy Clinical Operations Manager Kaiser Permanente

Lynn Deguzman received her BS Chemistry/Biology from St. Mary's College of California and Pharm.D. from the University of California SF School of Pharmacy. She has served as the Clinical Operations Manager at Kaiser Permanente Northern California since 2011. She leads the Pharmacy Medicare Stars program which includes the Medicare Part D Medication Therapy Management, Medication Adherence, SUPD, Pharmacy New Member and Polypharmacy/ Deprescribing. She has been an active PQA and AMCP member. Currently she is on PQA's Quality Metric Expert Panel and AMCP's MTM Advisory Board.



**Eric Gascho** Vice President, Policy and Government Affairs National Health Council

Eric Gascho is the Vice President, Policy and Government Affairs of the National Health Council, where he has served in a variety of roles since August 2009. lin his current role, Eric helps the National Health Council and its member organizations develop policy positions that seek to improve the lives of people with chronic diseases and disabilities and advocates for these policies on Capitol Hill and within the executive branch. Prior to joining National Health Council, he worked in the government relations department of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine. Eric earned his BA degrees in government and business management from the University of Redlands in California.



Fred Goldstein, MS President Accountable Health, LLC

Fred Goldstein is president of Accountable Health, LLC, a healthcare consulting firm. His experience spans population health, disease management, HMO, physician and hospital operations. He founded a disease management company that served 10 State Medicaid Programs, operated a Medicaid HMO rated #1 in quality by the State of FL, and was responsible for the inclusion of the Medicare Annual Wellness Visit in the Affordable Care Act. He is also an instructor at the John D. Bower School of Population Health at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and serves on the editorial Board of the journal Population Health Management.



Jennifer Graff, PharmD Vice President, Policy Research National Pharmaceutical Council

Jennifer Graff, PharmD, is the National Pharmaceutical Council's (NPC) vice president of policy research. In this role, she leads research and policy initiatives to advance the use of evidence to inform health care decision-making. Prior to joining NPC in 2009, Jennifer led strategic health economic and outcomes research activities at MedImmune and Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. She has authored over 20 peer-reviewed articles and presents frequently on policy issues affecting the biopharmaceutical industry. She currently serves as a member of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy Format Executive Committee. Jennifer holds a Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and completed a Health Outcomes and Pharmacoeconomics fellowship at the University of Michigan.



Angela Hagan, PhD Associate Director, Population Health Strategy Humana Inc.

Angela Hagan joined Humana in 2014. As Associate Director in Humana's Office of Population Health "Bold Goal" team, she leads population health insights with a focus on health-related quality of life and social determinants of health/health-related social needs. Her team focuses on HRQoL population surveillance and integration into clinical operating models and interventions, SDOH analytics around clinical trend drivers and quality measures, research catalog and agenda, and the public policy environment for SDOH. Previous work at Humana included leading member clinical engagement strategies. Prior to joining Humana, Angela worked with a variety of nonprofit and education organizations.



**Dorothy Hoffman, MPP** Access Innovation Lead Pfizer

Dorothy Hoffman serves as the U.S. Access Innovation Lead in Pfizer's Healthcare Innovation Center. The Healthcare Innovation Center is responsible for co-creating partnerships and collaborations that improve the patient experience, access and affordability, while also addressing the needs of payers and providers. Prior to joining Pfizer, Dorothy was Vice President of Prescription Drug Policy at UnitedHealth Group. Dorothy has a Masters degree in Public Policy. She currently lives in the NYC area with her husband and their 11 year-old son.



**Paul Jeffrey, PharmD** Director of Pharmacy MassHealth / UMass Medical School

Paul Jeffrey is Senior Director of Pharmacy for MassHealth. He is responsible for the pharmacy benefit for 1 million of MassHealth's 1.85 million members and coordinating pharmacy clinical and business relations with the state's Medicaid managed care plans. Jeffrey is Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health at University of Massachusetts Medical School. He received his undergraduate pharmacy degree from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and his Doctor of Pharmacy from Duquesne University, completing a residency in Hospital Pharmacy at Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh. Jeffrey is President-Elect of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy. He has contributed many presentations and publications to the field of pharmacy practice.



Sharon Jhawar, PharmD, MBA, BCGP

Chief Pharmacy Officer SCAN Health Plan

As Chief Pharmacy Officer, Sharon Jhawar optimizes prescription benefits and clinical programs for SCAN Health Plan. She provides direction on the development of innovative, pharmacy care programs that ensure safe and appropriate member medication use, and manages contracting, oversight and compliance of pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) operations. For more than 18 years, Sharon has served as a key organizational voice influencing Medicare policy. Her passion for ensuring seniors have access to the right medication at the right time, at an affordable cost, continues to drive SCAN's mission to keep seniors healthy and independent. Prior to joining SCAN in 2003, Sharon completed a geriatric residency program at the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, Sepulveda division. She is a board-certified geriatric pharmacist and a certified healthcare insurance executive.



#### Stephen Kogut, PhD, MBA, RPH

Professor URI College of Pharmacy

Stephen Kogut PhD MBA RPh is a Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the URI College of Pharmacy, specializing in the areas of pharmacoeconomics and health outcomes research. He has also practiced pharmacy for nearly 30 years in the community and inpatient settings. In addition to his teaching and research activities, he serves as the Director of Tracking and Evaluation for RI's IDeA-CTR program, and is a voting panelist for the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER). He formerly served as interim Director of the RI Board of Pharmacy, and as Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice at URI.



**David Kountz, MD, MBA** Co-Chief Academic Officer Hackensack Meridian Health

David S. Kountz, MD, MBA, FACP is Co-Chief Academic Officer and Vice President for Academic Diversity at Hackensack Meridian Health and Professor of Medicine and Founding Associate Dean for Diversity and Equity at the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine. David is also a practicing general internist at Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune, NJ. David's research and educational interests include the impact of social determinants on health outcomes; leadership development; and hypertension and related disorders in underserved populations. He is a member of the Master Educator Guild at Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.



Lisa Le Gette, RPh, MBA Government Affairs Principal Cigna

Lisa Le Gette, RPh, MBA, is a Government Affairs Principal for Cigna, supporting both Federal and State Regulatory policy and legislative matters. Lisa has more than 28 years of professional pharmacist experience ranging from traditional practice settings post-graduation from the University of Maryland, School of Pharmacy, to spending the last 18 years at Express Scripts, a PBM acquired by Cigna in 2018. Prior to 2017, Lisa was Clinical Director for Express Scripts' TRICARE Pharmacy Services contract, serving the Department of Defense. Lisa is an active member of AMCP, serving as Vice-Chair of the Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee.



#### Sandra Leal, PharmD, MPH, CDCES

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Sandra Leal, PharmD, MPH, FAPhA, CDCES is an Executive Vice President for Tabula Rasa HealthCare. She is serving as the 166th President of the American Pharmacists Association. Dr. Leal has had diverse experience as a pharmacist, medical director, public health clinician, and as a board member for various groups including the National Center for Farmworker Health. Two themes that govern Dr. Leal's professional life are a passion to eliminate barriers to care and to improve access and outcomes for patients. Dr. Leal has led efforts on both local and national levels to integrate pharmacy, public health, and advocacy to improve the healthcare system and to reduce health inequity.



#### Brian Lehman, MBA, MHA, RPh

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Brian Lehman serves as Director, Patient Advocacy and Strategic Alliances at Sandoz Inc. Brian has 20 years of pharmacy plan management and community pharmacy management experience, including activities in specialty drug management, influencing pharmaceutical policy and regulations, advocating for biosimilars, consulting, and teaching. Prior to joining Sandoz, Brian held several pharmacy management roles across various organizations, including manager of public policy at Humana, manager of the prescription drug program and policy at the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, director of pharmacy benefits at The Ohio State University Health Plan and pharmacy team leader at Target Pharmacy. Brian has served as a clinical assistant professor at The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy and is currently serving as an adjunct professor. He is the current chair of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee.



Lauren Lyles-Stolz, PharmD Executive Director, Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission Washington State Department of Health

Lauren Lyles-Stolz currently serves as the Executive Director for the Washington State Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission, formerly the Washington State Board of Pharmacy. Previously, she was a German Chancellor Fellow researching Population Health Management primarily in Germany as a solution to ensure health equity, address rising healthcare cost, and to improve health outcomes. She also had the unique opportunity to meet and discuss health challenges and successes with health experts in Singapore, Israel, Scotland, Spain, and Switzerland, which inspired her first population health publication. Since then, Lauren has spoken at diverse institutions to share her research findings, including the 2021 Health Technology Research Summit in Brazil.



#### Jacquelyn McRae, PharmD, MS

Director, Policy, Research, and Membership PhRMA

Jacquelyn McRae, PharmD, MS is Director of Policy and Research at PhRMA focused on health equity and the value of medicines. Jacquelyn graduated with a Doctor of Pharmacy from Mercer University and Master of Science in Applied Health Economics and Outcomes Research from Thomas Jefferson University, Jacquelyn previously participated in a two-year Post-Doctoral fellowship in health economics and outcomes research and population health. Jacquelyn is also a PhD Candidate at the University of Maryland, Baltimore with a research focus on advancing approaches to improve measurement of health disparities and inequities in populations that have been marginalized.



Bhavesh Modi, RPh VP, Pharmacy Healthfirst

Bhavesh Modi is the Vice President of Pharmacy at Healthfirst. In this role, Bhavesh is responsible for delivering a prescription benefits program serving Healthfirst's 1.6 million Medicaid, Medicare, and Commercial lives and over \$3.5 billion in pharmacy spend. He leads a diverse, cross-functional team responsible for the benefit implementation, clinical operations, cost-control strategies, physician engagement, pharmacy partnerships, and improving quality for the prescription and medical drug benefits. His team is integral in the contracting, compliance, and oversight of the PBM that provides prescription claims adjudication, formulary administration, utilization management services, and many other clinical programs. Bhavesh's team is key in the efforts to improve medication adherence across our linesof-business.



#### Lilian Ndehi, PharmD, MBA, BCPS

Associate Vice President, Patient Safety and Pharmacy Stars Humana Inc.

Lilian Ndehi, PharmD, MBA, BCPS, is the Associate Vice President of Patient Safety and Pharmacy Stars at Humana Inc., where she is responsible for leading the development, evaluation, and implementation of pharmacy programs that promote clinical quality and outcomes including medication safety, appropriate use, and adherence. In addition, she is accountable for CMS Part D Stars and display measures strategy and execution. Lilian also oversees Humana's quality network where she is focused on innovative clinical programs that showcase the importance of holistic management of our members in improving health outcomes, as well as the value of the pharmacist when working at the top of their license.



Laura Pizzi, PharmD, MPH Professor and Director, Health Outcomes, Policy, and Economics Program Rutgers University

Laura T. Pizzi is a pharmacist and seasoned evaluation scientist who serves as Professor and Director of the Health Outcomes, Policy, and Economics (HOPE) Program, which is jointly supported by the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy and Rutgers School of Public Health. She has led interdisciplinary teams of outcomes methodologists, statisticians, and clinicians to develop and conduct outcome analyses on pharmacological therapies as well as a variety of nonpharmacological interventions. A particular interest is developing scientific evidence to inform the U.S. adoption of interventions to improve the quality of care for older adults, in particular, among minorities. She has led two large community-based prospective studies testing pharmacist interventions to reduce vaccine hesitancy in older African Americans through senior centers and is currently leading current multicenter study examining older adults' burden of disease for herpes zoster (shingles).



Bryan Powell, MBA, CPHQ Director, Value & Access Amgen, Inc.

Bryan Powell, MBA, CPHQ is a Director in the Value & Access Division at Amgen Inc. Bryan has been with Amgen for four years and focuses on value-based partnerships. Over the past six months he has been part of a core group working to address health equity and social determinants of health. Prior to joining Amgen, Bryan spent 20 years at a previous organization with a focus on sales, marketing, market access and quality improvement.



Lauren Powell, PhD, MPA Vice President, US Health Equity & Community Wellness Takeda

Lauren R. Powell serves as the inaugural VP of Health Equity & Community Wellness at Takeda Pharmaceuticals. In this newly created role within US Medical, Lauren is working to develop and implement a sustainable health equity strategy to ensure patients have equitable access to our medicines, clinical trials, and other support programs. In addition, she is executing on Takeda's vision to be the industry leader on building community wellness and promoting health equity in the United States. Lauren is a nationally recognized content expert & thought leader on equity and health equity. She comes to us most recently as a Founding Leader of TIME'S UP Healthcare where she worked to eradicate racism and sexism from the healthcare workplace. Prior to this role, she served as the Director of Health Equity for the Commonwealth of Virginia where she spearheaded efforts on health equity and the social determinants of health for Virginia's 8.5 million residents.



**Prabashni Reddy** Director, Center for Drug Policy Mass General Brigham

Prabashni Reddy established the Center for Drug Policy at Mass General Brigham where she oversees a team of pharmacists and analysts that develop system-level drug policy. The Center is responsible for the system Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee and provides technical and operational expertise to the pharmacy benefit of the employee health plan. Prabashni earned her BS (Pharmacy) and Master of Medical Science (Pharmacology) in South Africa. She holds a PharmD degree from the Albany College of Pharmacy and completed a fellowship in Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research, a joint program from Hartford Hospital and the University of Connecticut. Prabashni has worked as a staff pharmacist in hospital settings, an Assistant Professor in the School of Pharmacy at the University of Connecticut, and as Director of Clinical Outcomes Research at Abt Associates. She is the vice-chair of JMCP Editorial Advisory Board.



Vimal Reddy, PharmD Senior Director—Formulary Strategy OptumRx

Vimal Reddy PharmD, senior director of formulary strategy, leads formulary design and management innovation for OptumRx clinical services. Vimal graduated for The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy, and then completed a managed care post graduate residency program at Ohio State Health Plan. Vimal went on to serve as a pharmacist focused on medicare clinical quality and lead health plan client relationships prior to his role at OptumRx. Throughout his career, Vimal has been an active member of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy working to advance access to quality care.



Marissa Schlaifer, MS, RPh Vice President, Policy and Regulatory Affairs OptumRx

Marissa Schlaifer, MS, RPh, currently serves as vice president, policy and regulatory affairs at OptumRx, where she is responsible for public policy related to OptumRx's PBM and home delivery, specialty, home infusion, compounding, and community mental health pharmacies. Prior to her current position, she worked as an independent consultant focused on health care policy analysis, issue advocacy, practice advancement and business development. Previously, Marissa served as the head of policy in the government affairs department for a major PBM and pharmacy innovation company, and as director of pharmacy and regulatory affairs at AMCP. Marissa currently serves as AMCP President.



Annie Schuster, PharmD Sr. Director, Clinical Pharmacy Programs

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Annie Schuster has responsibility for the Cigna Medicare and Medicaid clinical pharmacy programs, including formulary and specialty drug strategy as well as pharmacy quality improvement programs to optimize medication therapy. She is involved in Cigna's MAPD/ PDP product strategy workgroups. Annie has 15 years of experience in the health care industry and is the Residency Program Director for the Cigna PGY1 Managed Care Pharmacy Residency Program. Annie currently serves on the AMCP Educational Affairs Committee. Annie received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Illinois at Chicago and currently resides in the Nashville, TN area.



**Tim Suther** Senior Vice President, General Manager, Data Solutions Change Healthcare

Tim Suther is SVP and General Manager, Data Solutions for Change Healthcare, focusing on inspiring a better healthcare system through the effective & responsible use of data & analytics. His career spans over maximizing commercial & societal value through data, analytics & technology transformation. Previous roles included founder & entrepreneur (Suther Strategic LLC), Managing Director, Intelligent Solutions (JPMorgan Chase), Chief Marketing & Strategy Officer (Acxiom), SVP (Metavante), President (Protagona Worldwide) and a variety of roles at Unisys. He is a member of the board of directors at Label Insight and Commerce Signals, two companies focused on innovative uses of data. He is a member of the Loras College Board of Regents and a member of its Executive Committee. Suther holds a degree in finance and marketing from Loras College.



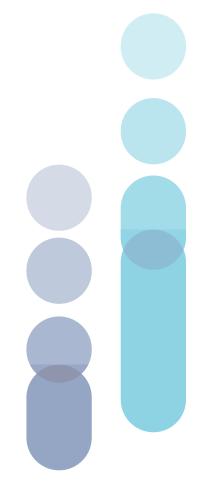
**Gretchen C. Wartman, B.A.** Vice President for Policy and Program National Minority Quality Forum

Gretchen Clark Wartman is Vice President for Policy and Program of the National Minority Quality Forum. Ms. Wartman has experience in the public and private sectors in health policy strategy and analysis, issue advocacy, health systems planning, and program administration. In addition to advising the NMQF President and CEO on public policy issues, Ms. Wartman directs NMQF's engagement with federal and state policy and regulatory issues: is the lead on NMOF's collaboration with the Lupus Research Alliance; directs the NMOF National Alliance for Brain Health and Awareness; and leads NMQF's efforts in support of the NIH All of Us Research Program. Ms. Wartman was Assistant Director for Planning at the Greater Detroit Area Health Council; and Senior Health Planner with the Comprehensive Health Planning Council of Southeastern Michigan.



**Claire Wulf Winiarek** Vice President of Policy Pharmaceutical Care Management Association

Claire Winiarek began her life's work in advocacy focusing on the birthplace of the Arab Spring, Tunisia, where she researched democratic transitions and human rights. She has spent the past 15 years advancing good public policy through international non-profits, the Executive and Legislative branches of government, and the private sector, including Fortune 500 companies. She currently serves as vice president of Policy for the Pharmaceutical Care Management Association. She is the former director of the Division of Managed Care Policy, which oversees federal Medicaid managed care policy for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



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## Thank You

To our distinguished participants and guests.

## About AMCP

AMCP is the professional association leading the way to help patients get the medications they need at a cost they can afford. AMCP's diverse membership of pharmacists, physicians, nurses, and professionals in life sciences and biopharmaceutical companies leverage their specialized expertise in clinical evidence and economics to optimize medication benefit design and population health management, and help patients access cost-effective and safe medications and other therapies. AMCP members improve the lives of nearly 300 million Americans served by private and public health plans, pharmacy benefit management firms, and emerging care models.

## **AMCP** Mission

To improve patient health by ensuring access to high-quality, cost-effective medications and other therapies.



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Findings and recommendations from this event will be published in an upcoming issue of AMCP's *Journal of Managed Care + Specialty Pharmacy* and will be widely disseminated to decision makers around the country.