

Concurrent Session Presenter Biographies

(alphabetical by last name)

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Dick Anderson, Oregon State Senator, District 5 (Lincoln City). Dick was elected to the Senate in 2020. He is the former Mayor of Lincoln City on the Oregon Coast and serves on the North Lincoln Health District Board as well as the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Board. The Senator was raised in Wallowa County and worked for 35 years in the financial industry where he honed his collaborative approach to issues before moving to the Oregon coast.

Beth Bambrick, Population Health Analyst, Health Share of Oregon . Beth has over ten years of experience in community-based organizations and health plans. She has an educational background in geography and spatial analysis, and is interested in the intersections of location, environment, health, and well-being.

Iris Bicksler, Senior Traditional Health Worker Liaison, PacificSource Health Plans. Iris is an OHA certified birth doula, community health worker, and peer support specialist. Her background is in nonprofit management, program development and evaluation for school based health centers and affordable housing, and social justice and equity. At PacificSource, Iris provides technical assistance on Traditional Health Worker integration best practices and contracting support.

Richard Bruno, Senior Medical Director of Primary Care, Central City Concern. Richard is a double-boarded family & preventive medicine physician. He has led workshops, conferences, rallies, and actions for health and climate justice. His main clinical focuses are on HIV, gender affirming care, and substance use, with involvement in community public health interventions and policies, including cooking classes for kids, and legislation expanding access to medication for opioid use disorder.

Marty Carty, Government Affairs Director, Oregon Primary Care Association (OPCA). Marty's employer, OPCA, is a membership association representing and supporting Oregon's 34 FQHCs. He currently oversees government affairs and health equity initiatives for OPCA with responsibility for their public policy agenda and regulatory engagement on a range of state and federal priorities.

Shawn Carvalho, Clinical Supervisor and Clinician, Community Counseling Solutions - Umatilla County. Shawn serves youth and young adults, ages 13 to 25 who are experiencing early symptoms of psychosis, has been a therapist for the EASA program for almost 6 years, and has worked in mental health for over 10 years. Shawn is passionate about early psychosis interventions for youth.

Manu Chaudhry, President, Capitol Dental Care. Manu is dedicated to transforming systems that improve health for all by tackling root causes of health inequity. Manu is a visionary, mission-driven leader with extensive leadership experiences in for-profit, not-for-profit, and public health settings. He holds a MS in biomedical engineering and a doctorate in dental surgery.

Ricardo Contreras, Executive Director, Casa Latinos Unidos. Ricardo is a native of Chile with degrees in applied anthropology. Since his dissertation work studying community health worker programs at the U.S.-Mexico border, Ricardo has had an interest in community outreach models based on local culture, incorporating the knowledge and experience of cultural brokers, people connecting communities and systems of services.

Carissa Cousins, Pediatrician, Samaritan Encompass and ABC House. Carissa has been a pediatrician for over 20 years. Carissa worked at All Children's Hospital in Florida, followed by Doctors Without Borders in Papua New Guinea and South Sudan. Since 2011, she has worked for Samaritan and ABC House, the Children's Advocacy Center for Linn and Benton counties.

Alyssa Craigie, Director, Health Systems Integration, Health Share of Oregon. Alyssa works with diverse stakeholders to develop and execute initiatives to improve population health. Her work involves convening and facilitating strategic conversations that result in aligned approaches to solving regional challenges.

Maxine Dexter, Oregon State Representative, District 33 (Portland). Maxine is a pulmonary and critical care doctor, working at Kaiser Permanente. Maxine was appointed to serve in the Oregon House of Representatives in June, 2020, and was elected during the 2020 November election. Maxine and her husband, Rob, live in Portland with their two children.

Laura Estreich, Intern/Advocate/Student, Disability Equity Center . Laura is a founding member of the Disability Equity Center. She was born with down syndrome with developmental disability. She is a member of the Northwest Down Syndrome Association and the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities and a student at WINGS transition program.

Dave Fife, Director of Population Health, CareOregon, Previously, Dave was Director of Value Based Care and Population Health for Spectrum Health in Michigan. He has an MA in health management and policy from Michigan State University, and an MA in Literature from Brigham Young University.

Cindy Fisher, Community Health Worker/Tiny House Dental Coordinator, Capitol Dental Care. Cindy's varied health roles and experiences naturally led her to a dental community health worker position. Her passion is serving rural communities, supporting members' holistic health of body, mind, and spirit, and building partnerships. Cindy advocates for services that break down obstacles and inequities in providing positive and welcoming dental visits.

Bennett Garner, Behavioral Health Medical Director, Comagine Health. Bennett is a board-certified adult and child/adolescent psychiatrist with a master's in health administration. He has consulted to Washington County's Wraparound, Choice, and Intensive Care Coordination programs, and served as Medical Director of Behavioral Health at FamilyCare and CareOregon, and on the Psychiatric Security Review Board.

David Gastfriend, Addiction Psychiatrist, DynamiCare Health. David directed Harvard's Massachusetts General Hospital Addiction Research Program. At Alkermes, he directed scientific communications on Vivitrol. His 150 publications include The ASAM Criteria. His ASAM Criteria CONTINUUM[®] software is used nationwide. He co-founded DynamiCare Health[™], an award winning contingency management technology. He has consulted nationally and internationally.

Aaron Grigg, Behavioral Health Director, Center for Human Development. Aaron has over 15 years of experience leading integrated health, community behavioral health, and refugee services. Aaron has overseen the implementation of tele-behavioral health in multiple settings. He enjoys the outdoors and painting.

Amy Handler, Chief Strategy Officer, Planned Parenthood Southwestern Oregon. No bio submitted.

Holly Hermes, Pediatric Social Worker, Randall Children's Clinics, Legacy Health Systems . For the past 13 years, Holly has been providing comprehensive care coordination for children in foster care. Holly has worked closely with HealthShare and other pediatric clinics in the Portland Metro area to establish EveryStep Community of Care clinics.

Dana Hittle, Interim State Medicaid Director and Deputy Medicaid Director, State of Oregon, Oregon Health Authority. Dana has spent 21 years with the Oregon Medicaid program. She has served as an assistant estate administrator, Medicaid quality assurance analyst, Medicaid state plan and waiver analyst, liaison to the Oregon Department of Human Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Deputy Medicaid Director. She currently oversees Oregon's Medicaid program covering more than one million Oregonians.

Allison Hobgood, Executive Director, Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center. Allison works at Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center, a resource and community hub for individuals living in poverty. She previously worked in higher education teaching disability studies and currently does grassroots community organizing for disability and homelessness justice. She lives with chronic illness and is a proud member of the Disability Equity Center.

Sarah Holland, Senior Director of Supportive Housing & Employment Services, Central City Concern (CCC). Sarah joined CCC in fall of 2021, recently transitioning into the role of Senior Director of Supportive Housing and Employment Services. She has worked in the social services field for 18 years in a variety of settings, focusing on addressing equity issues in health and housing.

Heather Hollingsworth, Development Project Manager, Central City Concern (CCC). Heather joined CCC in 2014 and is currently working with the Real Estate Development Team as a project manager leading CCC's house-based heat response work. Heather's experience is high on manageability of a project and the effects on clients and staff, pulling from her 12 years in building operations and property management.

Carly Hood-Ronick, Executive Director, Project Access NOW . Carly is Executive Director of Project Access NOW. Previously, she oversaw health equity and Medicaid strategy efforts at the Oregon Primary Care Association. She received an MA in social policy from the Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs and an MA of public health from University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Heather Jefferis, Executive Director, Oregon Council for Behavioral Health. Heather participates in a variety of forums to ensure behavioral health providers' voices are present and actionable. Heather's background as a clinician, director and program expert informs her current work and understanding of the behavioral health system and the numerous partnerships that comprise and shape its current functioning and future potential.

Alexa Jett, Oral Health Integration Manager, CareOregon Dental. Alexa manages CareOregon's cross-organizational oral health integration program and supports dental network strategies to improve member access and utilization of dental services. A graduate of Oregon Health & Science University, Alexa holds her expanded practice dental hygiene license and has clinical experience in private practice and public health settings.

Bill Kennemer, Oregon State Senator, District 20 (Canby). Bill earned his undergraduate degree from Warner Pacific College in Portland and holds a Ph.D. from Fuller Graduate School of Psychology in Pasadena, CA. As a trained clinical psychologist, Bill understands the importance of finding agreement and consensus amid conflict. He brings that temperament to the legislature to try to find common ground and bipartisan solutions for Oregonians' most pressing issues. He formerly served on the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners and as a member of the Oregon House of Representatives.

Peg King, Portfolio Manager, Child and Family Partnerships, Health Share of Oregon. Peg has degrees in English, African history, and public health from Duke, Yale, and Portland State. She spent 4 years overseas as a Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya, and later in Tanzania and Taiwan.

John Kitzhaber, Oregon Governor (1995 – 2003, 2011 – 2015). Kitzhaber graduated from the University of Oregon Medical School (now OHSU) and he practiced as an emergency room doctor in Roseburg, OR from 1974 to 1988. He was elected to the Oregon legislature in 1978 and quickly elevated to Senate President by his peers. As senate president, Kitzhaber brought legislators and interest groups together to pass the Oregon Health Plan (Oregon's Medicaid coverage program). In 1994, he was elected governor and reelected in 1998. Following his term as governor, Kitzhaber led several organizations that work with doctors, hospital administrators, and Oregonians in communities across the state to reform the health care system. In 2010, Kitzhaber was elected to a third term as governor and was reelected in 2014.

Maggie Klein, Director, Care Integration and Coordination Program, OHSU Health Services. Maggie is a nurse, attorney, ethicist, educator and published author with over 45 years of experience in healthcare, managed care, law and ethics and 35 years in care management. Maggie serves as director of Care Integration and Coordination, OHSU Health Services.

Kate Lieber, Oregon State Senator, District 14 (Beaverton). Kate is deeply invested in improving our communities and understands that having power means using it wisely and justly. Kate believes in the right to a safe and inclusive work environment, that healthcare is a human right, the need to end the criminalization of poverty and mental illness and the need for greater protection and flexibility for working caregivers.

Cat Livingston, Medical Director, Health Share of Oregon. Cat is a practicing family physician at OHSU Family Medicine at Richmond. At Health Share, she oversees the Quality and Analytic Insights team and metrics program. She thrives in the interface between clinical, population, and analytic strategies to improve equitable health outcomes.

Anna Lynch, Member Engagement Manager, CareOregon. Anna has been working at the intersection of language access and healthcare for more than fifteen years. With a background in public health, she is a mono-lingual English speaker with a strong commitment to access to information and services for people at all levels of health literacy

George Marlton, Director of Procurement, CareOregon. George is a graduate from the University of Oregon School of Law and an active Washington bar member. He has over 20 years of public service in procurement. George is an advocate for Electronic Data Interchange in public and private procurement and believes we can all be agents of positive change.

Raquel Moore-Green, Oregon State Representative, District 19 (Salem). As the first Republican of direct Puerto Rican heritage to be elected to the Oregon State House of Representatives, Raquel is uniquely positioned to navigate multiple traditions, customs, and approaches to the many issues currently facing all Oregonians. Combined with her welcoming open-door approach she will continue to advocate for the constituents of HD19, and all Oregonians.

Rob Nosse, Oregon State Representative, District 42 (Portland). Rob has worked his entire working life trying to make positive social change for students and working families. Most recently, Rob worked at the Oregon Nurses Association where, for almost twenty years, he advocated for working people and nurses as a union representative. Rob has been an activist on LGBTQIA2S+ rights since 1992 and worked to bring marriage equality to our state.

Hayley Nunn, Vice President of Strategy and Health Informatics, Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette. No bio submitted.

Brad Olson, Medical Director, Randall Children's Clinics - Legacy Health Systems. Brad received his medical degree from Saint Louis University Medical School in 1991 and completed his residency in pediatrics at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland in 1994. He is the chair of the EveryStep clinic initiative.

Hope Peskin-Shepherd, Lead Policy Analyst, Community Information Exchange (CIE), Oregon Health Authority. Hope facilitates the CIE Workgroup for OHA's Office of Health Information Technology (HIT), generating discussion and synthesizing input into actionable policy recommendations. Previously, she supported the HIT Oversight Council, and worked on contact tracing. Prior to joining OHA, Hope coordinated a sexual health education program and managed research on infant social understanding. Hope holds an MA of public health from Columbia University.

Catherine Potter, Senior Program Manager, Community and Social Health, Kaiser Permanente. Catherine Potter manages projects and initiatives that address the social determinants of health and build partnerships between community organizations and healthcare teams at Kaiser Permanente. She works with safety net clinics, social service organizations and other community partners that provide health and social services to low-income people. Catherine was trained as a medical anthropologist, is bilingual (Spanish/English) and has over 25 years of experience working on community health issues in the Portland metro area.

Carlos Nuñez Quinard, Business Development, Oregon Certified Interpreters' Network INC. Carlos is a medical and court certified Spanish interpreter with a BA from Eastern Michigan University. He enjoys working with organizations focused on environmental and social justice issues. His career highlight was interpreting for Governor Kate Brown during her press conferences.

Cheryl Rosecrans, Community Health Worker, Capitol Dental Care. Cheryl has been with Capitol Dental 8 years, most recently in the role of Community Health Worker, which she is excited to help grow. Her biggest passion is helping people of all walks of life, especially those who are in recovery or struggling with recovery.

Piyawee Ruenjinda, Credentialed Thai/English Interpreter. Piyawee is from a community with a language of lesser diffusion and, as a result, recognizes inequality derived from language access and literacy barriers and thrives to be part of the solutions. Piyawee is an active Thai community member, translating and disseminating information and helping connect people with services.

Ben Ryden, Clinical Social Worker, Comagine Health . Ben has been instrumental in developing and delivering the current utilization management and ASAM model Comagine uses and has developed programs for school, clinic, and social service settings. He trains providers and staff on ASAM Criteria.

Tawna Sanchez, Oregon State Representative, District 43 (North and Northeast Portland) . Tawna is Shoshone-Bannock, Ute, and Carrizo and has been a leader fighting for the rights of women, Indigenous people, and the most vulnerable. As the Director of Family Services at the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), Tawna helped create the Early College Academy, expanded early childhood services, affordable housing development, elder support, and assisted in building a nationally recognized domestic violence wrap-around service model.

Maureen Seferovich, Program Manager, Children, Youth and Families, Health Share of Oregon. Over the last two decades, Maureen has worked in the areas of children's behavioral health, positive youth development and youth advocacy.

Jacque Serrano, Behavioral Health Manager, Greater Oregon Behavioral Health Inc (GOBHI). Jacque has been a clinical social worker for 7 years working in community mental health. She has experience working with high-risk children and their families, substance use disorders, and folks in the LGBTQIA2S+ community.

Tiana Wilkinson, Director of Community Health Strategy, PacificSource Health Plans. Tiana Wilkinson is responsible for directing SDOHE strategy, including health equity and community information exchange (CIE). Tiana managed PacificSource's CIE rollout in their four CCO regions, working closely with the technology vendor and a team of internal and external partners to build the local network and develop success metrics, including a focus on addressing health inequities. Tiana also has a background in community health, homeless services, and HIV prevention.

Danielle Shannon, Clinical Pharmacist, WVP Health Authority. Danielle is a graduate of Campbell University and completed a PGY-1 Community Pharmacy Residency in Allentown, PA. After working as a pharmacy manager for 7 years, Danielle came to WVP Health Authority to become the Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacist for the Mid-Valley IPA.

Kasey Edwards Snider, Specialized Doula and Peer Support Specialist, Project Nurture, PMG Milwaukie Family Medicine. Kasey is a CADC1, CRM2, PSS and specialized doula that has been working with the most vulnerable members of our community since 2011. Since developing and operationalizing Project Nurture at Providence in 2016, she has supported 110 women throughout their pregnancies, births and first year postpartum.

Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Oregon State Senator, District 17 (NW Portland/Beaverton). The Senator is committed to creating an affordable, evidence-based healthcare system, improving education statewide, supporting a strong economy for small and local businesses, and building a balanced state budget.

Justin Straus, Marketing and Communications Manager, Cascade Health Alliance. Justin has been with Cascade Health Alliance since 2021 working to promote HIE engagement with Klamath County residents and our local providers and community partners to connect people with needed resources. This involves digital and print marketing, training for organizations, and one-on-one meetings to help people effectively use our HIE platform.

Evan Weaver, Program Supervisor/Co-Director Early Learning Washington County, Washington County Public Health. Evan's career background includes social work, public policy, and nonprofit administration. He is committed to fighting inequities in early childhood health and education, with a focus on social determinants and root causes.

Amanda Wheeler-Kay, Credentialed Healthcare Spanish/English Interpreter. Amanda has twenty years of experience working with and advocating for linguistic minorities and meaningful language access. She currently works as a Spanish/English interpreter and an educator, developing and providing training in collaboration with other language equity advocates. She is renowned for her fierce commitment and efforts towards equity.

Charissa Young-White, Medicaid Engagement Manager, InterCommunity Health Network CCO (IHN-CCO). Charissa is committed to engagement and collaboration with community partners, members, and the healthcare system to further innovation and equity. Charissa has supported through direct management and financial investments of over 100 community-based and equity-focused projects through community-led and community-driven initiatives for IHN-CCO.