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Speaker Biographies

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Julie Willems Van Dijk, PhD, RN, is an associate scientist and the co-director of the *County Health Rankings and Roadmaps* program, a collaboration between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. Her research focuses on community health improvement planning processes.

Dr. Willems Van Dijk previously worked in public health for 21 years as a public health nurse and director of nursing. She served as Health Officer for Marathon County, Wisconsin, and has held several state-wide leadership positions. In addition to her traditional public health work, Dr. Willems Van Dijk has built partnerships and applied the principles of population health through service on numerous community boards, including the Aspirus Wausau Hospital Board of Directors, the Wausau School District Board of Education, the Wausau Child Care Board of Directors, the Marathon County United Way's Local Initiatives for Excellence (LIFE) committee, and the Wausau/Marathon County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Wausau program.

Dr. Willems Van Dijk holds a BSN from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, an MSN from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and a PhD in nursing with an emphasis in public health leadership from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She is a graduate of the Robert Wood Johnson Nurse Executive Fellows Program and the National Public Health Leadership Institute.



Chisara N. Asomugha, MD, MSPH, FAAP, a pediatrician and an ordained minister, has spent her career working to improve the health of vulnerable populations. She is the director of the Division of Population Health Incentives & Infrastructure in the Innovation Center at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Also at CMS, she has led strategic initiatives to address quality improvement, value-based purchasing, clinical practice transformation, and population health.

Prior to her position at CMS, she served as the Deputy Mayor/Community Services Administrator for the city of New Haven, Connecticut, where she spearheaded numerous initiatives to address such issues as community gun violence, gender equity, and homelessness. Recognizing the role that broad-based coalitions play in strengthening healthcare systems, she has worked with patient advocates, faith-based organizations, and civic and health-related agencies in the United States and overseas.

Dr. Asomugha is an alumna of the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program at Yale University, and is trained in health services research, community-based participatory research,

and the clinical management of child maltreatment. Dr. Asomugha received her BA in history from Stanford University, her MD from the Duke University School of Medicine, and her MSPH from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health.



Kathleen Kimmel, MHA, RN, FHIMS, CPHIMS, is a registered nurse and a certified healthcare executive with both clinical and healthcare management experience. A nurse consultant in the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Ms. Kimmel works on delivery system reform for alternative payment models under the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA). She is also working on a referral management and an electronic care plan acceleration project.

Ms. Kimmel has extensive experience in business performance management, operations, data warehouses and governance, and strategic initiatives to improve client efficiencies, quality, and outcomes. Her work has focused on clinical transformation, healthcare analytics, and deployment of electronic health records. She has worked with clients to develop and implement strategies for patient centered medical home, clinically integrated networks, and accountable care organization delivery models, including population health management. Previous experience includes business intelligence consulting with IBM, Vice President of Nursing Informatics at McKesson, Chief Nursing Officer at MedeAnalytics, Senior Faculty at University of Colorado Graduate School, and Vice President Engagement Executive at Health Catalyst.

Ms. Kimmel holds a bachelor of science in nursing from the University of Massachusetts and a master's in healthcare administration from Duke University.



David Vlahov, PhD, RN, FAAN, is dean and professor at the University of California, San Francisco, School of Nursing. He brings experience in inter-professional and interdisciplinary education and research, serving on the faculty at the Johns Hopkins and Columbia Universities, with adjunct positions at several medical schools and the College of Nursing at New York University. He has also served as co-director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholars program.

Dr. Vlahov has research expertise in epidemiology, infectious diseases, substance abuse, and mental health. He conducted studies of urban populations in Baltimore for over 20 years and has led epidemiologic studies in Harlem and the Bronx. He received a MERIT Award from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and has served on the NIH National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse. Dr. Vlahov was founder and first president of the International Society for Urban Health, and also served on the New York City Board of Health.

Dr. Vlahov is editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Urban Health*, has edited three books on urban health, and published over 640 scholarly papers. He serves on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, and has been elected to the Institute of Medicine (now the National Academy of Medicine).



Dr. Elizabeth Calhoun, PhD, MEd, is the associate vice president for population health sciences and executive director of the Center for Population Science and Discovery, at the Arizona Health Sciences Center, University of Arizona.

Previously, Dr. Calhoun was the director of the Center of Excellence in Eliminating Disparities, funded by the National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities, and co-director of the Center for Population Health and Health Disparities, funded by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) at the University of Illinois at Chicago. In addition, she was the principal investigator of an NCI-funded study to test the efficacy of a patient navigation program on improving compliance with cancer care in the largest network of federally qualified health centers in the country.

Dr. Calhoun is a health services researcher with expertise in health disparities. She is a leader of the National Patient Navigator Consortium, and a member of the Commission on Cancer Standards. For three years, she led the Illinois training for patient navigators and certified application counselors for implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). In Arizona, Dr. Calhoun is a leader of the CMS navigator grants to facilitate enrollment in the ACA.



Kathy Harris, MS, RN, CENP, FACHE, is a vice president, clinical services, at Banner Health. Her responsibilities include ensuring that the highest quality, evidence-based clinical, professional, and operational practices are implemented throughout all Banner Health facilities. She supports and mentors clinical leaders in Banner's thirteen Western Region facilities, particularly the Chief Nursing Officers, and acts as a consultant to all entities across Banner.

Prior to this position, Ms. Harris served in a variety of clinical and leadership roles. Her clinical experience was predominantly in pediatric intensive care. Her management activities have provided her with a number of leadership opportunities, and she has presented on a many topics both in the United States and abroad. She has also served as adjunct faculty in preparing RNs to obtain their BSN degrees.

Ms. Harris earned her diploma in nursing from the Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing in 1972, her bachelor of science degree from Metropolitan State College in 1981, and her master of science degree from the University of Colorado in 1984. She is or has been a member of various nursing and healthcare organizations and boards, and has participated in several committees of the Colorado Hospital Association. She is a Wharton Fellow and past American Organization of Nurse Executives board member.



Alide Chase, MS, recently retired, serves as part-time consultant in the areas of population health and care, transparency, systems measurement, governance, and performance improvement. She has extensive international experience as a speaker on health care dynamics and global trends.

Ms. Chase began her career with Kaiser Permanente in the Northwest (NW) Region as an inpatient nursing manager. She worked almost 20 years in various positions with Kaiser Permanente, concluding as the NW Region Vice President of Medical Operations. In 2002, Ms. Chase joined Kaiser Permanente's national program as the Senior Vice President for Quality and Service, where she oversaw the implementation of the national Medicare Clinical Operations Strategy and Population Care program. This model of care involved the development of an oversight infrastructure and a national dashboard to track the execution of specific programs designed to achieve program efficiencies and care transformation for the Medicare population.

Ms. Chase's Population Care position also encompassed the role of co-leader of the Care Management Institute in partnership with The Permanente Federation. She directed the key clinical initiatives designed to support Kaiser Permanente's goal to transform health care and continue to excel in all clinical, service, and effectiveness measures at national leading levels of performance.



John Cech, PhD, has been a transformational leader in Montana higher education for over 20 years. He is currently the Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs and the Chief Academic Officer for the Montana University System (MUS). Included within his responsibilities are the state's two-year and community college institutions. Dr. Cech is the key staff member for the MUS Board of Regents on all matters related to academic affairs, student affairs, and state workforce development, and he supervises federally funded college access grants for the MUS. In addition, Dr. Cech represents the MUS for the governor's Main Street Montana initiative, and is a member of the Montana Workforce Investment Board.

Major MUS initiatives under Dr. Cech's leadership include: defining and expanding the comprehensive mission of Montana's two-year and community colleges, developmental education reform, statewide scaling of EdReady, Math Pathways initiative, statewide Prior Learning Assessment initiative, dual credit expansion initiative, and the statewide workforce development initiative.

Dr. Cech previously served as the chief campus officer of City College at Montana State University Billings, and the Dean of Continuing Education, Community Services, and Summer Sessions for Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Montana. Dr. Cech currently serves as president of the National Association of Community College State System Directors and chairman of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education Community College Alliance.