



**County Coverage Expansion Planning Workshop  
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Speaker Biographies**

**Alex Briscoe, MFT**

**Alameda County Health Care Services Agency**

Alex Briscoe is one of the Bay Area's leading experts in the design and delivery of adolescent health and youth development services. His recent work has focused on the intersection of public health and public education through the creation of school-based adolescent health and youth development centers in partnership with Alameda County, The City of Oakland, Oakland Unified School District and Children's Hospital and Research Center at Oakland.

In January 2010, Alex was appointed by the Board of Supervisors as Agency Director for Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, where he leads the design and development of health services countywide. Current projects include clinical service design in foster care and juvenile justice settings, as well as the integration of behavioral health practices in primary and specialty care settings. He manages an Agency budget of approximately \$590 million and oversees the departments of Indigent Care, Behavioral Health Care, Environmental Health, and Public Health.

Alex's clinical work has focused on adolescents and the effects of trauma on healthy development. His work has been featured on National Public Radio, *The New York Times*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, and *The Sacramento Bee*. Alex was awarded the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency (SAMHSA) School Based Administrator of the Year Award for 2005.

Alex's past work includes leadership in school reform and the charter school development, including work with YouthBuild USA, The Corporation for National and Community Service, The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and The Annie E. Casey Foundation. Alex has also worked in the foundation community as a Program Officer for the Greater Philadelphia First Foundation and the Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition. Alex specializes in revenue producing social justice programming, youth voice, and crisis counseling.

Alex continues to consult with a number of national foundations on program design, program evaluation, and technical assistance. Alex earned a BA from Vassar College in Urban Studies and a Masters in Marriage and Family Counseling from the University of San Francisco.

**Dan Castillo, MHA**

**Orange County Health Care Agency**

Dan Castillo has over 12 years healthcare management experience in the healthcare safety net and medical group management sectors. He has served as the Administrator for Orange County's Coverage Initiative, known as the Medical Services Initiative (MSI) Program, since 2006 with an annual enrollment of 50,000 members. Under his leadership, Orange County has created a network of nearly 250 primary care medical homes, which has helped reduce unnecessary ER visits and inpatient days. In 2010, his program was selected by the California State Association of Counties and by InformationWeek 500 for creating a "virtually integrated delivery system." Dan is a member of the state's LIHP Workgroup and he has spoken nationally regarding innovative uses of technology to improve the quality and efficiency of healthcare delivery to the safety net population.

Dan has a master's degree in Health Administration from USC and is a Fellow of the American College of Medical Practice Executives and a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

**Anna C. Davis, MPH**

**UCLA**

Anna Davis is a senior research associate at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. She is the project director for several projects evaluating state programs, including a chronic care disease management program for Medi-Cal beneficiaries and the Health Care Coverage Initiative, which is designed to provide medical services to uninsured adults in select California counties who are not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal or other public programs.

Prior to joining the Center, Davis supervised the Family Planning and Adolescent Community Health program at the Cambridge Health Alliance in Massachusetts. During this time, she worked in the areas of health education and community health promotion, and conducted evaluation of reproductive health initiatives implemented in health centers, schools, and community settings.

Davis received a bachelor's degree in linguistics from New York University. She earned her master's degree in public health with a concentration in epidemiology at Boston University.

**Jerry L. Dennis, M.D.**

**Riverside County Department of Mental Health**

Dr. Jerry Dennis has served as the medical director for Riverside County Department of Mental Health since August 2006. He is Board Certified in General Psychiatry, Administrative Psychiatry, Forensic Medicine, Addiction Medicine, and Disability Analysis. Dr. Dennis completed his M.D. Psychiatry Residency at

Indiana University. Prior to coming to Riverside County, Dr. Dennis was the chief medical officer for the Arizona State Hospital. While in Arizona, he also served as the medical director for the Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services, and as the acting division director and CEO of the State Hospital. From 1990-1998, Dr. Dennis was the Medical Director for Western State Hospital in Tacoma, Washington, and for 1995 to 1998 he was the CEO and medical director. He was also previously the medical director for the US Department of Health and Human Services, Social Security Administration for the Seattle Regional office.

**Julie Edgcomb, MA**  
**Monterey County Health Department**

Julie Edgcomb is the director of the clinic services bureau of the Monterey County Health Department, supervising seven FQHC look-alike clinics in Salinas and on the Monterey Peninsula. She has over 30 years of experience working with Probation, Secondary Education and Managed Care Medi-Cal, where she served as a director of member and provider services.

Ms. Edgcomb has consultative experience in several areas including traumatic brain injury, health literacy, occupational health and physician reimbursement. Additionally, she developed a private sector business in vocational testing that grew to include assessment equipment manufacturing and occupational health clinic operation.

Ms. Edgcomb has earned a BA in Psychology from UC Santa Cruz, an MA in Education from Chapman University and teaches Psychology at Hartnell Community College. She serves on a number of Boards in Monterey County, including the Managed Care Medical Commission of Santa Cruz, Monterey and Merced Counties.

**Sandra Naylor Goodwin, Ph.D.**  
**California Institute for Mental Health**

Sandra Naylor Goodwin is the founding president and CEO of the California Institute for Mental Health (CiMH), and has 30 years of professional experience in the behavioral health field. This experience includes administration, treatment, service methodologies, planning and policy development at the county and state levels. Dr. Goodwin is currently developing strategies for implementation of healthcare reform as it applies to behavioral health. This body of work includes focus on the bi-directional integration of mental health, substance use and primary healthcare.

Over the last several years CiMH has been responsible for activities, training and technical assistance to support the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Proposition 63, which California voters passed in November 2004. The MHSA focuses on transformation of mental health services, by concentrating on recovery, resiliency, cultural competency, and reduction of disparities. As

principal consultant to the Assembly Health Committee of the California Legislature, Dr. Goodwin was influential in development of several pieces of fiscal and program reform legislation, including mental health realignment, Medi-Cal consolidation, California Mental Health Master Plan requirements, and California compliance with the ADA. Dr. Goodwin previously was a practicing clinician and director of mental health and alcohol and drug abuse for Placer County. She holds a BA degree from California State University, Long Beach; an MSW degree from West Virginia University; and a Ph.D. degree in clinical psychology from the Professional School of Psychology.

**Stephen Kaplan, LCSW**

**San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services**

Stephen has been the director of alcohol and other drug services for San Mateo County since June 2005. He has spent the better part of the last 20 years administering publicly funded substance abuse prevention and treatment, and mental health services in California. Stephen is leading local efforts to transform the substance use treatment system in response to healthcare reform that includes the use of evidence based practices and developing an integrated and comprehensive system of care for persons with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. Stephen serves as the project director for San Mateo County's Achieve 180, a Second Chance Funded reentry demonstration project designed to improve recidivism and community reintegration for formerly incarcerated individuals. Stephen holds a master's degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan, and is a licensed clinical social worker.

**Michael Lipman, MPA**

**Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System**

Michael Lipman is the acting director of planning, contracting, and business development at Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System, a position he has held since July 2010. His previous experience includes financial management and business development for Santa Clara County's ambulatory and community health services system, which provides over 700,000 patient visits annually. Mr. Lipman has over 25 years of health care and financial management within Santa Clara County's Environmental Resources Agency and Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System. Mr. Lipman holds an MPA from the University of San Francisco and a BA from the University of South Florida.

**Nadereh Pourat, Ph.D.**

**UCLA**

Nadereh Pourat, Ph.D., is the director of research at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. She is also a professor of health services at the UCLA School of Public Health and a member of UCLA/Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control Research.

Pourat's research focuses on assessing disparities in access to care of underserved populations. Within this context, she has examined disparities in access to breast and cervical cancer screening among Asian Americans, access to care of undocumented and other immigrants, availability of employment-based insurance, access to care of injured workers, and access to STD care of publicly insured. Current areas of concentration include access to oral healthcare, disparities in outcomes of disease management, and impact of medical home assignment on access to care and patient outcomes within the safety net system.

Pourat also has extensive experience in design and implementation of surveys of individuals and professionals and participates in design of the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) by serving on the adult technical advisory committee and content specific technical workgroups including medical home, disability, and long term care content areas. Her selected current projects include an evaluation of the Disease Management Pilot Program for the Medicaid fee-for-service population in California; an evaluation of the Health Care Coverage Initiative in 10 California Counties under the Medicaid 1115 Waiver; and a project funded by National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research to examine the impact of characteristics of dentists and their practice on access to oral health care of the population.

Pourat received her undergraduate degree in psychology from CSU Northridge and her master of science and doctorate in health services at UCLA.

**Dylan H. Roby, Ph.D.**  
**UCLA**

Dylan H. Roby, Ph.D., is a research scientist with the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and an assistant professor of health services in the UCLA School of Public Health. Roby is currently working on a study predicting the impact of health reform on California's population with the UC Berkeley Center for Labor Research and Education. He is also working on several projects evaluating state programs, including a long-term evaluation of a chronic care disease management program for Medi-Cal and an evaluation of the Health Care Coverage Initiatives. He also conducts data analyses and policy research related to hospital financing, health insurance affordability, workers' compensation, managed care and provision of care to the uninsured. In addition to his research, Roby teaches the politics of health policy courses for the MPH program and two courses on the U.S. Healthcare System and Quality Improvement and Health Information Technology for the Certificate Program in Health Care Management and Leadership for the School of Public Health's MPH for Health Professionals programs and UCLA Extension.

Before his current position at the Center, Roby worked for four years as a senior research associate at The George Washington University Center for Health Services Research and Policy. He worked on safety net issues, including data analysis and research on community health centers and public hospitals. During

his time in Washington, D.C., he also worked for the National Association of Community Health Centers, the National Governors' Association's Center for Best Practices, and the Progressive Policy Institute. Roby was also an instructor at The George Washington University Department of Health Policy. Prior to that, he was a research assistant at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research.

Roby graduated from UCLA with a bachelor's degree in geography and a minor in public policy. He earned his doctoral degree in public policy from The George Washington University.

**Andy Schneider, JD  
Medicaid Policy LLC**

Andy Schneider has over 35 years of experience with the Medicaid program as a Congressional staffer, private consultant, and public interest attorney.

Mr. Schneider began his work on Medicaid in 1974 at the National Health Law Program in Los Angeles, providing technical and litigation support for local legal services programs. In 1979 he joined the staff of the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, chaired by Congressman Henry Waxman (D-CA). During the next 17 years, Mr. Schneider staffed Medicaid statutory changes in ten budget reconciliation bills, including eligibility expansions for pregnant women and children, disproportionate share hospital provisions, and nursing home quality standards.

After leaving Capitol Hill in 1996 he founded a consulting firm, Medicaid Policy LLC, to provide technical and strategic advice on Medicaid issues to states, providers, tribes, public interest groups, and foundations. Mr. Schneider returned to the Hill in 2007 as chief health counsel for the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, where he was responsible for oversight of Medicaid and other federal health programs. In 2009, Mr. Schneider became chief health counsel of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, chaired by Mr. Waxman. In this capacity, Mr. Schneider staffed the historic Medicaid changes in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). He retired from the Hill in January 2011 and is currently a private consultant.

Mr. Schneider has written extensively on Medicaid issues and led the development of the seminal *Medicaid Resource Book* (2002) for the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. He is a professorial lecturer in Health Policy at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services and teaches the annual Introduction to Medicaid for the DC Bar Association's Continuing Legal Education Program. Mr. Schneider is a graduate of Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

**Wanda Session**  
**Contra Costa Health Services**

Wanda Session is assistant to the health services director for Contra Costa Health Services in Martinez. Ms. Session has worked for the integrated public health system in Contra Costa County for more than 25 years, including a decade as the program manager for the County's medically indigent program. She helped develop and implement the Health Care Coverage Initiative (HCCI) program in Contra Costa and managed the program until her recent promotion in December. Ms. Session, who has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, has many years of experience working collaboratively with community partners to expand health coverage, outreach, and enrollment, and to build partnerships with other agencies and organizations. She currently serves as alternate commissioner to First Five Contra Costa Children and Families Commission, and Board of Trustee to RYSE Youth Center in Richmond. Passionate about her work, Ms. Session is committed to excellence in service, and believes that all people should have access to high quality health care.