SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES
(In order of appearance on the program)

KATHRYN SANTORO, MA is Director of Policy and Development at the National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation, a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization whose mission is to promote improvements in health care access, management and quality. Ms. Santoro currently leads NIHCM’s Driving Value webinar series and directs the organization’s maternal and child health programs. Under these projects, she conducts research and analysis on health policy issues in support of improving practices used by health care decision makers and industry leaders.

Ms. Santoro joined NIHCM Foundation in September 2004 after receiving her Master’s degree in Public Policy from the George Washington University with a focus on women’s health policy. Ms. Santoro previously served as a Project Consultant for Women in Government where she was responsible for compiling a state-by-state report card on access to cervical cancer screening. While pursuing her Master’s degree, Ms. Santoro was a Communications Assistant for a health policy consulting firm and a Graduate Intern for a Washington, D.C. based women’s and children’s policy research organization. Ms. Santoro attended Villanova University in Villanova, PA and graduated with a BA cum laude in Political Science.

KATHRYN POWER, M.ED., assumed the role of Acting Center Director, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), on February 12, 2018. In this role, Ms. Power is responsible for leading a staff of approximately 100 personnel and a two billion dollar budget. As Center Director, she is responsible for articulating and executing federal policy on the treatment of substance use disorders.

Prior to accepting the Acting Center Director role, Ms. Power served as SAMHSA’s Regional Administrator for Region One. In that role, she represented the Administrator at the regional level in fulfilling the agency’s mission of reducing the impact of mental illness and substance abuse on America’s communities. As Regional Administrator, she provided authoritative advice and assistance on behavioral health policies and innovations for use in the delivery and financing of prevention, treatment and recovery services, developed regional perspectives on
SAMHSA initiatives, and served as a visible advocate for individuals with mental illnesses and substance use disorders within the federal government and across the region.

In addition, Ms. Power is a retired Captain in the U.S. Navy Reserve and serves as the SAMHSA Lead for Military Service Members, Veterans and Their Families, focusing on collaboration and coordination to ensure that behavioral health needs for this population are met in a timely and effective manner. In 2012, she was honored for this work when the Department of Defense awarded her The Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service.

Prior to her appointment as Regional Administrator, Power served for over 8 years as the Director, Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), at SAMHSA. Director Power provided national leadership in mental health promotion, development and dissemination of effective treatments, services and supports, and prevention efforts in reducing mental illnesses through facilitating the transformation of our nation's behavioral health care system. Previously, Ms. Power served for over 10 years as the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals, a Cabinet position reporting to the Governor, responsible for four systems of care serving individuals with serious disabilities: mental illnesses, substance abuse disorders and addiction, developmental disabilities, and long-term medical needs requiring hospital level service. From 1993-2003, she led the state to high achievements in recovery focus, deinstitutionalization, reduction of seclusion and restraint, behavioral health approaches, trauma informed services, emotional competency agenda, the development of mobile treatment teams, and expanded supported employment to competitive employment opportunities. The department had an annual budget of over 480M and over 2,000 employees. She previously directed the Rhode Island Office of Substance Abuse, the Governors Drug Program, the Rhode Island Anti-Drug Coalition, and was Executive Director of the Rhode Island Council of Community Mental Health Centers.

Ms. Power has served as President of the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) and has received many distinguished service awards for her work in mental health, substance abuse and civic leadership, recognized both locally and nationally for her advocacy on behalf of individuals with behavioral health conditions. In addition, she has served on the board of directors of over 100 non-profit agencies, commissions and task forces in both the public and private sectors.

She received her bachelor’s degree (B.A.) in Education from St. Joseph’s College in Emmitsburg, MD, and her Master’s degree in Education and Counseling from Western Maryland College. She is a graduate of the Toll Fellowship program of the Council of State Governments and completed the program in senior executive leadership at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government, also participating in their leadership programs in both mental health and substance abuse.

SHERRY DUBESTER, MD, MS is Vice President of Behavioral Health and Clinical Programs for Anthem’s Commercial Business. In this role, she leads EAP and Behavioral Health strategy,
program development and operations; as well as broader clinical program strategy. Dr. Dubester has been with Anthem for 15 years in a variety of roles, including care management, clinical sales support for National Accounts and clinical product. Prior to joining Anthem, Dr. Dubester was Executive Medical Director of Behavioral Health Services for Glens Falls Hospital in upstate NY; previous to NY, she led inpatient psychosocial services at National Jewish Health in Denver, CO.

Dr. Dubester completed her medical degree at University of Pennsylvania, psychiatry residency at University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, and a MS in Administrative Medicine at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

She lives in Richmond, Virginia.

**ERIC BAILLY, LPC, LADC, CM** is currently a Business Solutions Director at Anthem, Inc. In his 10th year at Anthem, Mr. Bailly’s role is focused on the Commercial and Specialty Business Division’s substance use disorder strategy, with an emphasis on the enterprise opioid strategy. Mr. Bailly earned a Bachelors Degree in Psychology from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN in 1993, and a Masters Degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of Colorado at Denver in 1996. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the states of ND and CO, and is a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor in the state of MN. Mr. Bailly has worked as a behavioral health clinician in several settings including Outpatient Substance Use Disorder treatment services at both Kaiser Permanente and the Jefferson County Department of Health and Environment, both in the Denver, CO metro area.

**SUZANNE KUNIS** is Director of Behavioral Health Solutions for Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. She brings over 30 years of experience in the health care industry with a significant focus on behavioral health. Ms. Kunis is a registered nurse and moved from care delivery to health care management early in her career.

In March 2017, Ms. Kunis joined Horizon BCBSNJ to lead the development of the long-term strategy for integrating medical and behavioral health services. She is responsible for the development of new behavioral health capabilities, programs and services. She also oversees the implementation of behavioral health value-based arrangements in the provider community. The opioid crisis in New Jersey and the continued battle to eliminate mental health stigma are priority items on her agenda.

Prior to joining Horizon BCBSNJ, Ms. Kunis served for 22 years as Senior Vice President of Behavioral Health Services for Magellan Health Services. She was the business owner for Magellan’s health plan (Commercial, Medicare and Medicaid) and employer client relationships. She was responsible for oversight and management of nationwide service delivery including member services, clinical operations, network development and management, quality, sales, EAP and finance. During her tenure with Magellan, Ms. Kunis
developed a deep understanding of the behavioral health care issues facing our country and the long overdue recognition of the impact of behavioral health issues on comorbid medical conditions.

Ms. Kunis also served as Senior Vice President of Account Management and Implementations for ComplexCare Solutions (CCS). CCS provided in-home risk adjustment assessments and care management services for its health plan clients.

After graduating from Thomas Jefferson University, College of Allied Health Sciences in Philadelphia, Ms. Kunis began her nursing career at the East Orange Veterans Administration Hospital. She then began a 12-year career journey with which was then Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey where she served many roles including Vice President of the Individual Market segment.

After 26-years, Ms. Kunis has rejoined Horizon BCBSNJ to support the behavioral health integration.

DONALD M. BERWICK, MD, MPP, FRCP President Emeritus and Senior Fellow, Institute for Healthcare Improvement, is also former Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. A pediatrician by background, Dr. Berwick has served on the faculty of the Harvard Medical School and Harvard School of Public Health, and on the staffs of Boston's Children's Hospital Medical Center, Massachusetts General Hospital, and the Brigham and Women's Hospital. He has also served as Vice Chair of the US Preventive Services Task Force, the first "Independent Member" of the American Hospital Association Board of Trustees, and Chair of the National Advisory Council of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. He served two terms on the Institute of Medicine's (IOM's) Governing Council, was a member of the IOM's Global Health Board, and served on President Clinton's Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Healthcare Industry. Recognized as a leading authority on health care quality and improvement, Dr. Berwick has received numerous awards for his contributions. In 2005, he was appointed "Honorary Knight Commander of the British Empire" by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II in recognition of his work with the British National Health Service. Dr. Berwick is the author or co-author of over 160 scientific articles and six books. He currently serves as Lecturer in the Department of Health Care Policy at Harvard Medical School.