



National Institute for Health Care Management
(NIHCM) Foundation Webinar

**Teen Health:
Preventing Pregnancy & Promoting Healthy Youth**

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.

EVELYN M. KAPPELER is the Director of the HHS Office of Adolescent Health, a position she has held since August 2012. Ms. Kappeler was first appointed in 2010 by the Assistant Secretary for Health to build and to lead, in an acting capacity, the newly funded Office of Adolescent Health (OAH). Ms. Kappeler established the office and implemented its signature \$110 million grant program aimed at reducing teen pregnancy through the replication of evidence-based program models and research and demonstration projects. In addition to the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, Ms. Kappeler implemented the Pregnancy Assistance Fund program, a competitive \$25 million grant program for states and tribes to serve expectant and parenting teens, funded by the Affordable Care Act.

Ms. Kappeler previously served as the Acting Director of the HHS Office of Population Affairs (OPA) where she managed the office and oversaw an expansion of the Title X National Family Planning Program; strengthened the performance and evaluation of the Adolescent Family Life Program; and revitalized OPA research and communications activities. During her tenure as a senior policy analyst in ASPE, she handled numerous

special projects and policy briefings on family planning, family and child care issues, and adolescent health.

She began her career in Washington, DC as a legislative assistant in the Governor's Office of the State of Illinois. Ms. Kappeler, graduate of the State University of New York at Brockport, has been awarded numerous commendations and awards for her outstanding government service.

MARA DECKER, DrPH is the Director of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention evaluation at the University of California, San Francisco's Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies and the Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health. In this role, she evaluates the adolescent sexual health education programs funded by the state of California and also researches the reasons why adolescent pregnancy rates are declining in some areas but remain elevated in others. In addition, she directs several global projects on adolescent reproductive health for the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank. She is dedicated to identifying and reducing health disparities and addressing the social determinants of health to ensure adolescents have the opportunities to reach their goals. Previously, Dr. Decker has provided pregnancy counseling in rural Idaho, researched reproductive health services for youth in Kenya, and implemented an integrated health and development program in the Bolivian jungle. She currently teaches at the University of California, San Francisco and Berkeley and is an advisor to the UNFPA's adolescent health efforts.

HARVEY L. GALLOWAY is currently the Executive Director of the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina (BCBSSC) Foundation, created to promote the health of South Carolinians and to expand access to healthcare for the economically disadvantaged by supporting integrated research, education and community service. Mr. Galloway has worked in all facets of healthcare administration during his career, all with BCBSSC and the Companion Group of Companies. Mr. Galloway's experience with BCBSSC and owned companies spans 45 years, including President and COO of Companion Technologies (CT) from 2002 through 2006. CT became a CCHIT certified Technology Company serving 42 states during his tenure there. He has been involved in all areas of administration for Medicare, Medicaid, CHAMPUS (now TriCare), traditional health insurance, medical utilization and managed care. He became Chief Operating Officer of Companion HealthCare in 1989 and lead Companion HealthCare to a position of prominence as one of the best performing HMOs in the Blue Cross Blue Shield System. In 1994, Companion HealthCare earned the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)'s highest accreditation designation. In 1997, Companion HealthCare was the first managed care plan in the Blue Cross Blue Shield system to earn consecutive three-year accreditation from NCQA. In 2000, Companion HealthCare earned NCQA's Excellent designation.

Mr. Galloway also served as Chief Operating Officer of Companion Benefit Alternatives (CBA), a behavioral health utilization management company owned by BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and Chairman of the Board for EAP Alliance, Inc., an administrator of corporate employee assistance programs.

Mr. Galloway did his undergraduate work at Presbyterian College and graduate work at the Block School of Business, University of Missouri at Kansas City in Managed Health Care Administration.

Mr. Galloway serves on the Board of SC Thrive (The South Carolina Benefit Bank), the Advisory Council for Access Health and is a member the South Carolina Health Coordinating Council. He is past president of the South Carolina Managed Care Alliance, a past Distinguished President of the Columbia Northeast Kiwanis Program, a member of the United Way ADT Society, an Elder and Sunday School Teacher at Northeast Presbyterian Church, Columbia, S.C. Past President of the Board of the S.C. Philharmonic, an Advisor to Big Brothers and Big Sisters, former Board Member of the South Carolina Association of Non Profit Organizations. He has received numerous recognitions, including that of Palmetto Patriot in 2008 for his work in helping to improve healthcare in SC and an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service in 2014 from Charleston Southern University for exemplary leadership in Healthcare Philanthropy and service to the State of South Carolina.

ERIKA KIRBY, MBA has twenty years in the health care arena, spanning the clinical, public health, academia, consulting, and non-profit sectors. She is currently the Senior Research Analyst / Grants Manager for the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation, which was created to promote and support healthier South Carolinians, particularly the economically vulnerable, by supporting solutions to address gaps in health care and serving as an agent of change to support innovation and value-added public-private partnerships.

Ms. Kirby previously worked at the state's public health agency as a division director overseeing efforts to address the risk factors of obesity and related chronic health conditions in South Carolina. She was involved in the South Carolina's first health impact assessment. Ms. Kirby has been and continues to be involved in a variety of state and national organizations, advisory groups, or task forces that address issues including mental health, adolescent systems of care, teen pregnancy, health system networks, and childhood obesity.

She received her Bachelors of Science from the University of Dayton, in Dayton Ohio, in Nutrition/Pre-med. She completed her dietetic residency at The Cleveland Clinic; then completed the national accrediting process to become a Registered Dietitian. Erika went on to obtain a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of South Carolina's Darla Moore School of Business.

LARRY WOLK, MD, MSPH is Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Since joining the department in September 2013, Dr. Wolk's mission has been to simplify the health system for the citizens of Colorado and to position the department as the leader in providing evidence-based health and environmental information. During his tenure, he has overseen flood recovery, a federal

shutdown, and the promulgation of the nation's first air quality rules specific to methane reduction for oil and gas operations. His new frontier is addressing the myriad issues surrounding medical and retail marijuana.

Before coming to the department, Dr. Wolk served as Chief Executive Officer of CORHIO, Colorado's nonprofit health information exchange. He was an executive with Correctional Healthcare Companies, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Colorado, Prudential Healthcare of Colorado, and CIGNA Healthcare. In 1996, Dr. Wolk founded the Rocky Mountain Youth Clinics, one of Colorado's largest safety net clinics and a national model for providing care to the uninsured. He continues to practice medicine there.

Dr. Wolk has received many honors, including Colorado Pediatrician of the Year, Denver Business Journal Healthcare Executive of the Year, and the 7News Denver Everyday Hero award.

JASON LINDO is an Associate Professor of Economics at Texas A&M University, a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, and a Research Fellow of the Institute for the Study of Labor. His research is primarily focused on children and young adults, with an emphasis on health and education. His current work explores the determinants of teen pregnancies and violent crime victimization.