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.

CRISTINA MIKOSZ, MD, MPH is a Medical Officer on the Opioid Overdose Health Systems team in the Division of Unintentional Injury Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In her current role, Dr. Mikosz leads efforts related to the implementation of the 2016 CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain particularly around clinician training and education around safer opioid prescribing practices. She also provides technical expertise to states on Guideline-concordant care to support ongoing overdose prevention work, among other activities. Prior to her current position at CDC, Dr. Mikosz worked in two different county public health departments in California, where she spearheaded efforts to study and improve the quality of healthcare service delivery. She completed internship and residency in Internal Medicine at the University of California – San Francisco, later joining the hospital medicine faculty there, and is Board Certified in Internal Medicine. She received her BA at Northwestern University, her MPH from the University of Illinois at Chicago, her medical degree from Rush Medical College, and also previously served as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer with the CDC. She is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.
TOM LEYDEN, MBA has nearly 25 years of health care practice transformation experience in a variety of areas including clinical program development, pay for performance, performance improvement consulting, market research, strategic planning, and marketing and communications. As Director of BCBSM’s Value Partnerships program, he oversees a portfolio of over 50 statewide partnerships with physicians, physician groups and hospitals. Through the Value Partnerships Program, BCBSM works collaboratively with Michigan’s acute-care hospitals and with nearly 20,000 primary care physicians and specialists. Through these initiatives, BCBSM is partnering with Michigan physicians, physician organizations, and hospitals to create an innovative and quality-based approach to reward the transformation of health care in the move from a fee-for-service to a value-based-reimbursement model.

Prior to joining Blue Cross in 2007, Mr. Leyden served as Vice President at MPRO, Michigan’s federally designated quality improvement organization. In this role he oversaw performance on MPRO’s statewide Medicare contract as well as headed many of the organization’s programs and product lines. Previously Mr. Leyden worked in a variety of capacities in health care in Chicago and Detroit. He worked as a consultant for Ernst & Young’s Health Care Consulting Division and worked on many national performance improvement projects assisting health systems, hospitals, and health plans.

A frequent presenter, Mr. Leyden has presented on a variety of health care topics at the statewide, national and international level for forums as diverse as the American Hospital Association, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Healthcare Financial Management Association, Integrated Healthcare Association, International Consortium for Health Outcomes Measurement and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation/Academy Health, among others. In addition, he has been published in peer reviewed literature and served on a variety of state and national committees and advisory groups.

Mr. Leyden received his BA from Michigan State University and his MBA from Wayne State University.

MICHAEL ENGLESBE, MD is the Cyrenus G. Darling Sr. and Cyrenus G. Darling Jr. Professor of Surgery in the Section of Transplantation Surgery at University of Michigan. His research is concerned with the relationship between the costs and quality of surgical care, and also specifically focuses on patient frailty, morphomics, prehabilitation, and post-operative opioid utilization.

Dr. Englesbe co-directs the Michigan Opioid Prescribing Engagement Network, or Michigan-OPEN, an initiative that seeks to transform pain management and curb opioid abuse in the state
of Michigan. He is also the Director of the Michigan Surgical Quality Collaborative (MSQC), which focuses on real-world improvements in surgical outcomes and includes 72 hospitals in Michigan. He is heavily involved in medical student education. He directs the “Branches” which is the final 18 month phase of the University of Michigan Medical School curriculum.

Dr. Englesbe earned his undergraduate degree in biology at Yale University and his medical degree at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He completed his general surgery residency training and fellowship in multi-organ transplantation at the University of Michigan. He completed a research post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Washington.

**KRISTINA CLARK** is a Project Manager for *Count It! Drop It! Lock It!*® and a Grants Management and Sustainability Consultant, Coffee County Anti-Drug Coalition. Ms. Clark was the first staff member hired by the Coffee County Anti-Drug Coalition. In 2007, she came on as executive director and served in that role for nine years. She made the decision to move into a consultant role with the Coalition in 2016. As project manager, Clark coordinates with the Coalition and board of directors to expand the Count It! Lock It! Drop It!*® initiative nationwide. She continues to write and manage grants for the Coalition.

Prior to joining the CCADC, Ms. Clark held positions as a domestic violence court advocate and in-home counselor for at-risk youth. She has served as a board member for the Prevention Alliance of Tennessee, a statewide prevention legislation advocacy organization, for the past four years. Ms. Clark also trains on the state and national levels concerning alcohol- and drug-prevention strategies, community coalition development, and nonprofit management. She earned her B.S. degree in psychology from Middle Tennessee State University in 2006. She is a 2010 graduate of the CADCA National Coalition Academy, and received her Prevention Specialist II certification in 2012 from the Tennessee Certification Board and IC&RC.

**ANDREA KNIGHT, PharmD** is the corporate pharmacy director for BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, which serves more than 3.4 million members in the state and across the country.

Dr. Knight’s role is to influence prescriber behavior, to ensure efficient and effective delivery of pharmaceutical care to members and to provide pharmacy trend and utilization reporting.

This includes working with employers, brokers and BlueCross account management teams on pharmacy utilization, benefit design and medication options. She coordinates with BlueCross regional medical teams on practitioner pharmacy related issues and develops managed care strategies integrating retail pharmacy programs into BlueCross programs. Her role also has her working with prescribers to address prescription use trends and clinical performance and to effect change in prescribing patterns.
Before she joined BlueCross, Dr. Knight was pharmacy director for Cigna Healthcare where she managed pharmacy benefits for their Tennessee, Arkansas, and Kentucky markets. She also served as the clinical coordinator pharmacist for the University of Alabama Hospital and managed adult and pediatric cardiovascular surgery, general adult and pediatric cardiology, and pediatric liver, kidney, heart and lung transplantation services.

Dr. Knight is a Tennessee Board of Pharmacy Registered pharmacist and a member of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association, the Nashville Healthcare Professionals Network, and Kappa Psi Fraternity.

She earned a Bachelor of Science in pharmacy from Samford University College of Pharmacy and a Doctor of Pharmacy from Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy.

DAVID THOMAS, PhD is a Health Scientist Administrator at the National Institute on Drug Abuse. After 12 years as a pain and opioid researcher, in 1995 Dr. Thomas joined the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) where he has managed much of NIDA’s pain and opioid research efforts. He currently is chair of the NIDA Prescription Opioids and Pain workgroup, which fosters pain and opioid research and education. He is also a founding member of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Pain Consortium, which promotes and pain research across the NIH. He is also a member of the Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral Health Coordination Committee Prescription Opioids Subcommittee, Emerging Opioid Overdose Strategic Group, National Pain Strategy working group on Provider Education, and the Interagency Pain Research Coordination Committee. Dr. Thomas is also the lead on the NIH Pain Consortium Centers of Excellence in Pain Education which is promoting pain education in medical, dental, nursing, pharmacy and other professional schools.