

ABOUT CHPC

“To ensure a health workforce that reflects and is prepared to meet the health needs of California’s diverse communities through leadership, advocacy and resource building.”
MISSION of CHPC

California Health Professions Consortium (CHPC), a statewide coalition of individuals, organizations and pipeline programs working together to develop and implement statewide and regional strategies and policies to increase the representation of under-represented minority students in the health professions, thereby increasing the diversity of the state’s health workforce. CHPC brings together a broad audience of individuals and organizations who have a vested interest in health workforce diversity and health career pathway programs, and to provide a forum for cross-sector and cross-academic level dialogue. It also provides a venue to collectively explore how to advocate at multiple levels for health professions diversity and equity within our state.

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE



Katherine Flores, MD is a former farmworker and an alum of Stanford University and UC Davis School of Medicine. She is an Associate Clinical Professor with the UCSF School of Medicine and Director of the UCSF Fresno Latino Center for Medical Education and Research. For over 30 years,

she has been passionate in developing and advocating for pipeline programs that recruit and retain underserved and underrepresented youth into health careers. In collaboration with health and education partners, she initiated the Doctors Academy in Fresno County, which is a longitudinal, comprehensive health pathway program that serves youth from disadvantaged backgrounds. She also serves with several organizations that support health workforce development such as the California Endowment Board of Directors, the California Blue Shield Foundation Board of Directors, HCAI’s California Health Workforce and Training Council, and she serves as the Co-Director of the California Health Professions Consortium. Additionally, she maintains a bilingual family medicine practice in Fresno, California



Jeff Oxendine, MBA, MPH has been a health executive, educator, author, consultant, and coach for over 35 years. Jeff is currently a leader in health workforce and diversity, the CEO of Health Career Connection, a healthcare consultant, and Director of Health Workforce and Diversity at

the UC Berkeley Center for Healthcare Innovation and Organizational Research (CHOIR). Jeff’s passion is inspiring and empowering students and health professionals to discover and achieve their authentic health career dreams, lead happy and fulfilling lives, and optimize their impact on the health of individuals and communities. He does this as an author, speaker, and coach, and as Founder and CEO of Health Career Connection (HCC), a national nonprofit that empowers undergraduate students throughout California, New York, New England, North Carolina, Nashville, and Washington, DC. He is the author of the book *You Don’t Have to Be a Doctor: Discover, Achieve and Enjoy Your Authentic Health Career*.

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Linking Together to
Strengthen and Expand
Health Pathways

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OCTOBER 19-20, 2023 | SACRAMENTO, CA

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

AGENDA: Day Two

8am	Registration Opens Breakfast Available
8:30am	Opening Remarks
8:45 am	Keynote Address Hector Flores, MD Adventist Health
9:30am	Panel: How Health Employers are Acting, Investing, and Partnering to Build a More Robust, Diverse Health Workforce and Expand Health Pathways
10:45 am	Panel: Strategies and Lessons Learned from Health Pathway Programs
12:00 pm	Lunch Available
12:15 pm	Closing Keynote Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula, MD
1pm	Closing Remarks

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OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Hector Flores, MD has a long-standing commitment to develop a health professions workforce that reflects our nation's diversity, placement of trainees in areas of need, and to utilize our nation's investment in health care as an economic engine to increase educational opportunities and the upward mobility of the populations being served. Dr. Flores is a founding member of the WMMC Family Medicine Residency Program that has received national recognition for placement of 70% of its 265 graduates in medically underserved areas, with 65% coming from groups UIM, and 30% of graduates in leadership positions in health plans, health systems, public health, teaching programs, and community-based practices. He is also a founding member of the faculty practice, Altais/Family Care Specialists medical group and IPA, which have received statewide awards for clinical excellence, value-based performance, and improving the care of vulnerable populations.



Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula, MD is the first Latino physician elected to the California Assembly. Since 2016, he has represented the 31st District that includes 62 percent of the City of Fresno and most rural eastern Fresno County. As an ER doctor in Selma, CA, he saw the emotional and financial toll on people struggling with illnesses that access to health care could have prevented. He was determined to improve health care for everyone. Dr. Arambula served as Chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health and Human Services from 2016 to June 2023. He has focused on improving health care access and affordability and ensuring the protection of safety net programs for working families. He has been the author of the "Health4All" bills, all known as Assembly Bill 4, that have sought the expansion of full scope Medi-Cal coverage to all undocumented adults. He also is a staunch advocate of efforts to address the critical statewide shortage of doctor and medical providers.

INDUSTRY PANELISTS



Le Ondra Clark Harvey, PhD is a psychologist and the CEO of the California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies (CBHA). CBHA is a statewide advocacy organization representing mental health and substance use disorder non-profit agencies that collectively serve approximately one million Californians. She is also the Executive Director of the California Access Coalition- a group of advocacy organizations and pharmaceutical industry companies that advocates for patient access to behavioral health treatment. Dr. Clark Harvey has previously served as Chief Consultant to the CA State Assembly Committee on Business and Professions, Principal Consultant to the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development, and a health policy consultant to the office of former Sen. Curren D. Price, Jr. Prior to her work within the CA Legislature, she completed her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at the Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison and her pre-doctoral fellowship at the Univ. of Southern CA.



Roger Liu, PhD serves as the Director of Medical Education in the Institute for Health Equity at AltaMed Health Services, the nation's largest independent Federally Qualified Health Center network. In this role, he oversees all educational programming, curriculum development, and training, including Undergraduate, Graduate, and Continuing Medical Education. He previously served as a Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the UC Irvine School of Medicine, Director of the Program for Medical Education for the Latino Community (PRIME-LC) Residency Track, and Director in the Departments of Molecular and Cell Biology and Integrative Biology at UC Berkeley. For over 25 years, Dr. Liu has been dedicated to teaching, research, and the training of the next generation of physicians, researchers, and leaders committed to serving in medically underserved communities. Dr. Liu has recently been appointed to serve as a member of the California Health Workforce Education and Training Council



Peggy Broussard Wheeler, MPH serves as Vice President of Policy at the California Hospital Association (CHA). Ms. Wheeler develops, advocates and executes public policies, legislation and regulations on behalf of CHA member hospitals at the state and national levels. Ms. Wheeler serves as the Issue Manager for Workforce, Housing and patients experiencing Homelessness, Equity, Social Determinants of Health, Telehealth, Language Access, Criminal Justice and Hospital-Prison issues. Ms. Wheeler has an extensive background and knowledge of rural healthcare and manages the California Critical Access Hospital Network (CAAHN). Previously, Peggy served as health policy analyst for the California Legislative Rural Caucus where she conducted research and provided analyses of relevant issues that affect individuals, families and communities in rural California. Peggy holds a master's of public health degree in program/clinic administration from the University of California, Berkeley.

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CLOSING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

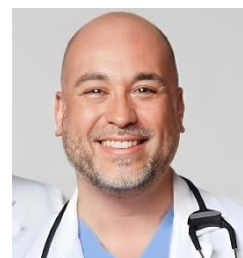
PATHWAY PROGRAM PANELISTS



Ramón A. Hernandez, DrPH, MPH, is a Section Chief for the Division of Child and Community Health in the Department of Pediatrics at UC San Diego, School of Medicine. A core area of Dr. Hernandez' work has been increasing the diversity of the healthcare workforce by nurturing and supporting underrepresented and disadvantaged students along their personal, academic and professional paths. He currently is the Project Director on the Hispanic Center of Excellence (HCOE) and the Health Career Opportunities Program (HCOP). Under HCOP, he directs the UniversityLink Medical Science Program (ULMSP) and is a co-founder of CA Medicine, the first of its kind community college to four-year university to medical school pathway in the nation. He received both his Masters of Public Health in Health Service Administration and his Doctorate of Public Health in Maternal Child Health at Boston University School of Public Health.



Stephanie Huerta Alvarez, MPH is currently the Manager of the UCSF Fresno Office of Health Career Pathways (OHCP) where she manages K-16 health pathway programming within the university's regional campus, including the Doctors Academy and California Medicine Scholars Program (SJV Regional Hub). She holds a BS from UC Santa Cruz in Human Biology and completed a Master of Public Health (MPH) at UC Berkeley. Stephanie was a teen parent and grew up in the small, rural farm town of Caruthers, CA. She is a proud alumna of the first UCSF Fresno Doctors Academy cohort at Caruthers High School and is also an alumna of Health Career Connection. As a first-generation college student and participant in several pathway programs, she knows firsthand the impact mentorship and pathways play in changing the trajectory and outcomes for youth and young adults in the Central San Joaquin Valley. Currently, she mentors 3-4 college pathway students a year via HCC and local undergraduate and graduate college programs.



Tomás A. Magaña, MD, MA, FAAP is a board-certified pediatrician with expertise in the care of vulnerable children, especially those impacted by immigration and the juvenile justice/foster care systems. He is Lead Physician in the Department of School-Based Health Centers at La Clínica de La Raza, Medical Director in the Masters Physician Assistant Department at Samuel Merritt University, and Assistant Clinical Professor in the UCSF Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Magaña has extensive experience in the design and implementation of health workforce pipeline programs for youth and young adults. As a Principal Investigator at the Public Health Institute in Oakland, CA, he is Founding Director of the FACES for the Future Coalition, a collaborative of national programs designed to prepare disadvantaged youth for entry into careers in the health professions. He is also Co-Director of the UCSF Latinx Center of Excellence Aspiring Physicians Program at San Francisco State University.



Sheila Thornton As President and CEO of OneFuture Coachella Valley (OneFuture), Sheila Thornton is guided by its mission to assure all students succeed in college, career and life – expanding and enhancing the local workforce so that our youth and economy thrive. Sheila previously served as Vice President of Workforce Excellence for the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership, where she led coalition-building, fundraising and program development for that division. In March 2017, she spearheaded the transition and formation from Workforce Excellence to OneFuture, a separate 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose purpose is to advance a regional effort to align educational attainment with economic development. Sheila has and continue to serve on numerous boards, advisory groups, and teams for organizations such as Growing Inland Achievement and Ford Motor Company Next Generation Learning. Sheila received a B.S. degree in Applied Math from Loyola Marymount University.