

Alexander Stacy-Alcantara, MS1

Medical Student, Year 1
UC Davis School of Medicine

I am a first-year medical student at the UC Davis School of Medicine, having graduated from Fresno State in 2023. Prior to medical school, I gained valuable hands-on experience as a Patient Care Technician working at Community Regional Medical Center and Valley Children's Hospital. In 2022, I had the privilege of participating in the UCSF LCOE Aspiring Physicians Program (APP) which provided me the connections and resources to become a competitive applicant.

Born and raised in Fresno, I am deeply committed to my roots. My long-term goal as a future physician is to return to the Central Valley and give back to the community that has provided me with so much support and opportunity.



### Alicia Albornoz, MPPA

Regional Investment Initiative Program Manager Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development

Alicia Albornoz manages the Regional Investment Initiative at the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, advising California's 13 regions on economic development approaches that prioritize disinvested communities and align with the State's climate goals. For nearly 14 years, Alicia's work in California State Government has centered around high-priority initiatives to transform government operations and implement statewide programs across policy areas. Alicia holds a Master of Public Policy and Administration degree from California State University, Sacramento and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.



## Brenna Humphreys, MFA

Owner, Creative Director Concentric 360

Brenna is the owner and Creative Director of Concentric 360, a marketing and video production company. She holds an MFA in Creative Fiction from Antioch University and has a deep background in teaching and publishing. She was a mentor for the American Film Institute's Digital Content Lab helping Entertainment executives make the transition to digital storytelling. She served in the creative department for RPA, Honda's advertising agency of record, for over a decade. Her work has garnered various awards including Clio, Cannes Golden Lion, and The One Show. Her fiction and nonfiction have been published in various journals including Inman News, Kelp Journal and Proud to Be: Writing by American Warriors.



### Alfonso Molina, MD, MPH

Hematology/Oncology Fellow Stanford Health Care

Dr. Alfonso Molina was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. He attended the University of San Francisco earning a Bachelors of Science in Biology. He then attended a postbaccalaureate program at UC Davis prior to being accepted to medical school at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. He earned a Master of Public Health with an emphasis on Health Policy and Management from UCLA. He completed his Internal Medicine Internship and Residency at Stanford University. He is now a second year Hematology and Medical Oncology Fellow at Stanford University. He is passionate about increasing access to clinical trials to underserved populations and addressing healthcare disparities for all cancer patients.



Sr. Advisor, Talent Strategies OneFuture Coachella Valley

Amy Kaufman is a Talent Pipeline Strategist specializing in aligning cross-sector education and workforce strategies across the public and private sectors. Her areas of focus currently include leading strategic initiatives for OneFuture Coachella Valley including the Healthcare Workforce Leadership Roundtable and the regional K16 Collaborative grant, bringing together Coachella Valley's high school districts, College of the Desert, and the CSUSB Palm Desert campus to strengthen the healthcare talent pipeline.



Chad Seamon, MDP

Program Manager
FACES for the Future, Public
Health Institute

Chad (they/them/he/him) has experience in multiple sectors including public health, international development, and education, getting their start in health by leading a community-centered COVID-19 response program in Philadelphia. In their work, Chad prioritizes participatory planning among stakeholders as a means to serving young people. In their work at FACES, Chad and the team work to ensure that students are activated as health leaders and advocates in their communities.



#### **Colleen Connors**

Divisional Talent Acquisition
Manager
Dignity Health / CommonSpirit
Health

A seasoned Human Resources and Talent Acquisition professional with over 40 years of experience, I've built a successful career across diverse industries. From manufacturing to financial services, I've held roles ranging from Recruiter, Executive Recruiter, to managing teams that supported multiple states. In 2011, I joined Dignity Health, eager to learn the healthcare industry. Since then, I've been promoted to Divisional Talent Acquisition Manager, overseeing a team responsible for recruiting for 13 hospitals, 2 behavioral health hospitals, 2 assisted living facilities, and multiple clinics. I have a strong belief in the power of people to make a difference and the importance of building a strong and sustainable healthcare system.



## **Denzel Tongue, MPP**

Program Specialist

Alameda County Public Health

Department

Denzel Tongue works with Alameda County's Public Health Department to develop health policy recommendations for the County Board of Supervisors and promote equity. He has a burgeoning career in health equity where he's made an impact as a writer and advocate. During his time with the California Immigrant Policy Center, he helped lead the Health4All Campaign which expanded Medi-Cal access to undocumented adult Californians. He also writes a column on health equity for the CA Health Report which received an award for best column from the California News Publisher's Association in 2020. Denzel is an alumnus of the Health Career Connection program and he remains committed to supporting expansion of public health pipeline opportunities.



Community Health Lead **Kaiser Permanente** 

Glenda is a public health and philanthropy professional in the Bay Area having over a decade of experience working in Foundations and health care organizations. Her work is at the intersection of data, public health, and partnerships. In her current role in Community Health for Kaiser Permanente Northern California she oversees grantmaking in the healthcare safety net and economic opportunity. She has worked on various health equity issues such as economic security, healthy eating/active living, access to health care and mental health services, and building community power. Glenda holds a master's degree in public health from the University of Washington and a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology and Spanish from UC Santa Barbara



#### Dana Beckton, MA

Chief Diversity and Inclusion
Officer
Sutter Health

At Sutter Health, Dana Beckton serves as the Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer and is an ambassador for change within the organization and plays a critical role in implementing efforts to further build trust and belonging with our staff, physicians and clinicians, as well as partnerships in the communities we live and operate in to help us deliver high-quality, equitable and culturally competent care to our patients. Dana will oversee organizational efforts to enhance diversity in recruitment, training and development so we can help grow careers at Sutter while attracting and hiring more diverse candidates.

**Diana Fox** 

Executive Director Reach Out

Diana Fox has come to be known as a leader for health equity work in the Inland Empire of Southern California. As Executive Director for Reach Out, she is at the forefront of driving crucial change through policy and directing services that have impacted over two million residents in the last year alone. Ms. Fox is the originator of the Inland Empire Bill of Rights which was developed as a foundation to center all of Reach Out's programs and initiatives, clearly articulate the organization's values and or priorities in serving communities and advance policies that positively impact residents to engage others in its realization.



#### Hilary Tellesen

Workforce Development Director **Valley Vision** 

Hilary Tellesen is the Workforce

Development Director at Valley Vision, where they lead efforts to strengthen workforce pipelines across multiple industry sectors. Recently, they have played a supportive role in the local Talent Pipeline Management (TPM) Healthcare collaborative, aligning training programs with healthcare industry needs. With extensive experience in education, workforce development and strategic partnerships, Hilary Tellesen is dedicated to creating equitable pathways to quality jobs in the Sacramento region.



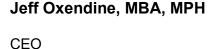
**Hovik Khosrovian** 

Senior Policy Advisor

Department of Health Care

Access and Information

Hovik Khosrovian serves as the Senior Policy Advisor for Health Workforce Development at the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI), leading the department's strategic planning on health workforce efforts and key initiatives. He has been with HCAI for 15 years, previously serving as the Health Workforce Policy Section Chief overseeing the design and development of workforce programs focused on creating and expanding a diverse health workforce. He also served as the program director for HCAI's California Primary Care Office and State Office of Rural Health, administering federally funded programs identifying workforce shortages and assisting underserved communities in expanding access to care.



**Health Career Connection** 

Jeff Oxendine, MBA, MPH has been a health executive, educator and consultant for over 35 years. Jeff is Founder and CEO of Health Career Connection (HCC). He served for 16 years as a faculty member in Health Policy and Management and Associate Deep of Public Health Progress

served for 16 years as a faculty member in Health Policy and Management and Associate Dean of Public Health Practice at UC Berkeley School of Public Health. He was a Lecturer for 5 years Harvard School of Public Health. Jeff is the author of You Don't Have to Be a Doctor: Discover, Achieve and Enjoy Your Authentic Health Career. Since 2006, Jeff has served as Co-Director of the California Health Professions Consortium. He also served as Co-Director of the California Future Health Workforce Commission. Jeff was a senior executive for 20 years in Bay Area and Boston health systems.



Jessica Pitt, Ph.D.

Assistant Deputy Secretary for Healthcare Workforce California Labor & Workforce Development Agency

Jessica Pitt is the Assistant Deputy Secretary for Healthcare Workforce at the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency. In this newly created role, she leads the Workforce for a Healthy California initiative on behalf of the Labor Agency, a \$1.4 Billion investment in expanding and strengthening the State's healthcare workforce. Jessica has held leadership roles in the nonprofit, philanthropic, and public sector for over 20 years where she has worked at the intersection of workforce development, education, and economic development with a focus on fostering collaborative, cross-sector partnerships to address challenging social and economic problems.



Jana Hiraga, MPH

Vice President

Health Career Connection

Jana is currently the Vice President at Health Career Connection for Northern California, Central Valley, and Central Coast. She was the first woman of color CEO at One Circle Foundation, a global nonprofit specializing in creating safe and empowering spaces for all communities. Jana was previously the founder of a youth drop-in center called Oakland Youth Aspire. She ran a homeless shelter and implemented human trafficking initiatives in the private & public sectors. Jana was also honored through How Women Lead as a worldwide woman leader representing the USA. Jana is a university lecturer specializing in the social determinants of health through the lens of community-engaged health promotion and a proud mother to her foster dog, peanut.



Jeffrey Reynoso, DrPH, MPH

Regional Director
U.S. Department of Health &
Human Services

Dr. Jeffrey Reynoso serves as a Regional Director at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) where he advances the Biden-Harris Administration's health and human services priorities and is the key representative for U.S. HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra with state, local, territorial, tribal, and external partners in Region 9 (Southwest and Pacific Region). Before HHS, he served as the Executive Director of the Latino Coalition for a Healthy California (LCHC). He holds a Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) from Harvard University, a Master of Public Health (MPH) from UC Berkeley, and a BA from UCLA; he is the son of working-class immigrants from Mexico who grew up in CA's Central Valley and North San Diego County.

Karina De León Montes, MSW

Bilingual Spanish MHFA Instructor Cypress Resilience Project

Karina De León M. (she/her/ella) is a Mental

Health First Aid Instructor for Cypress Resilience Project, specializing in the Adult, Youth, and Spanish curricula. She holds a Master's in Social Work from Columbia University and a BA in Psychology from the University of California, Santa Cruz. Karina believes everyone deserves equitable access to mental health resources and is passionate about ensuring community members have the skills to support each other during challenging times. As a first-generation Latina from Oakland, Karina strives to destigmatize mental health challenges while tackling the barriers that exist for many BIPOC communities.



Katherine A. Flores, MD

Faculty UCSF Fresno

Dr. Flores is a former farmworker, alum of Stanford University and UC Davis School of Medicine. She is faculty with the UCSF Fresno. For 30+ years, she has developed and advocated for pipeline programs to recruit and retain underserved and underrepresented youth into health careers. She initiated the Doctors Academy in Fresno County, a longitudinal, comprehensive health pathway program serving youth from underserved backgrounds. She also on the boards of organizations that support health workforce development such as the California Endowment, the California Blue Shield Foundation and the California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI). She serves serves as the Co-Director of the California Health Professions Consortium for the development health workforce diversity. Additionally, she maintains a bilingual family medicine practice in Fresno, California.



Kyle Navarro, MSN Health Policy - Public Health, BSN, RN, PHN

RN Home Care Supervisor - San Francisco Region
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First generation queer Public Health Nurse leader.



Keosha Partlow, PhD, MPH

Vice Provost, Student Affairs
Charles R. Drew University of
Medicine and Science

Dr. Keosha Partlow presently holds the position of Vice Provost for Student Affairs at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU). Before assuming this role, she served as the Director of the Urban Health Institute (UHI), overseeing the university's research endowment. Dr. Partlow is also a faculty member within the College of Science and Health, Department of Urban Public Health. Throughout her career, Dr. Partlow has consistently demonstrated a commitment to fostering student success and diversifying the healthcare workforce. Her expertise extends to program management, development, implementation, and research design, all aimed at improving the health outcomes of underserved and under-resourced communities.



**Lupe Alonzo-Diaz** 

President/Chief Executive Officer Physicians for a Healthy California

Lupe Alonzo-Diaz, she/her/ella, is President and CEO of Physicians for a Healthy California (PHC). She manages a grant-making portfolio of more than \$689 million in public funds that deliver access to care in underserved communities. Prior to joining PHC, she was the Deputy Director of Administration for the Department of State Hospitals where she oversaw daily operations of five state hospitals with a \$1.4 billion budget and over 11,000. Before this, she held various roles at the Department of Health Care Access and Information, most recently as Chief Deputy Director. Lupe was also a gubernatorial appointee for the Health Professions Education Foundation.



Mohamed Jalloh, PharmD

Director of Health Equity Partnership Health Plan

Dr. Mohamed Jalloh is the Health Equity Officer of Partnership Health Plan of CA. He is currently leading the organization in developing a strategic plan to address the health disparities in their respective Medi-Cal population. Previously he served full-time as a clinical pharmacist and assistant professor teaching drug information, evidence-based medicine, and family medicine related topics. He graduated with his Pharm.D from Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, PA and completed a 2-year fellowship in drug information and evidence-based practice.



Omar Guzman, MD, MPP

Chief Health Equity Officer
Central California Alliance for
Health

Omar Guzmán, MD, joined the Alliance as Chief Health Equity Officer (CHEO) in February 2024. Dr. Guzmán is a board-certified emergency medicine physician and brings a commitment to community outreach and diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) initiatives.

Dr. Guzmán serves as director of the Kaweah Health Street Medicine Team, which provides direct care to the unhoused population encampments of Tulare County. He is also a core faculty member on the Kaweah Health Emergency Medicine Residency Program He has served on the boards for the Tulare County Medical Society and the California Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians.



Paz Delsid

Administrative Officer **UCSF Fresno, Office of Health Career Pathways** 

Paz Delsid is an Administrative Officer with UCSF Fresno. Her role is to coordinate the efforts of the California Health Professions Consortium(CHPC), support the various pathway program educational teams and assist leadership. She is excited to work with middle school, high school and college students, in an established program, to reach their educational goals to eventually practice medicine in the Central Valley. Having worked in education for over 14 years, she formerly worked at a charter high school and supporting school libraries by consulting and conducting training workshops. She loves pink and abhors squirrels. Life is sometimes too busy for traditional book, so she reads subtitles, articles, blogs, and picture books all the time.

# Stephen Royes

Director of Marketing and Strategy Concentric 360

Stephen Royes is Director of Marketing and Strategy at Concentric 360, a marketing and video production company. An accomplished entrepreneur with a career spanning multiple decades, Stephen's extensive experience includes founding and growing companies to multi-million dollar revenues. Notably, he founded Video Game Television Management in 2003, launching THE ULTIMATE GAMER on Spike TV and produced Inside E3 and Access E3, major E3 conference events. He also co-founded Blast Radius, a digital strategy and services company, where he secured strategic relationships with high-profile clients such as Nike, Casio, Electronic Arts, Activision, Nintendo, and others. Earlier in his career, Stephen co-founded Bakoda Snowboard Accessories.



**Assemblymember Joaquin** Arambula, MD

31st District **California Assembly** 

Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula, MD is the first Latino physician elected to the California Assembly. Since 2016, he has represented the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). She 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 politics she is passionate about mentorship and building a shortage of doctor and medical providers.



Rodney Black

Coordinator Valley High School Health TECH Academy

After serving as a health education extensionist in Peace Corps, Guyana, Rodney accepted a Health position at Valley High School in South Sacramento. Rodney joined the world of career technical education in 2001, teaching Health Science CTE courses. In 2013, Rodney launched California's first high school-based community health worker (CHW) training program. His students learn various subjects, including nutrition, noninfectious diseases, infectious diseases, public health, motivational interviewing, healthcare navigation and service coordination, case management, and more. Rodney's program, Health TECH Academy, operates a student-run clinic that provides CHW/ECM services to health plan members in Sacramento.



Teraylan Hollingsworth

Vice President **Hospital Association of** Southern CA

Teri Hollingsworth is vice president of human resource and education services at the Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC). She engages hospitals across the state to collect information for human resources benchmark reports on compensation, benefits, workforce and HR metrics. These reports are widely used and are primary resources for hospitals. Hollingsworth also develops education and training programs designed to assist hospitals in the professional development of their workforces. As an industry representative on workforce issues, she works to establish collaborative partnerships to address workforce solutions. Hollingsworth currently serves on the City of Los Angeles Workforce Development Board and holds a Bachelor of Arts



Angela Ramirez

Deputy Chief of Staff U.S. Department of Health and **Human Services (HHS)** 

Angela Ramirez is the current Deputy Chief of Staff for the has served Special Assistant to the President and House Legislative Affairs Liaison, as well as, Chief of Staff to the House Assistant to the Speaker, Congressman Ben Ray Luján (NM-03). Ramirez was also executive director of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus before moving to the Biden-Harris transition team. Angela brings with her a depth of knowledge and broad Capitol Hill Angela is a graduate of Princeton University where she studied political economy and received a certificate in Spanish. As a California native with over 20 years in public service, policymaking and Democratic better America.