

2018 Kaiser Permanente Northern California Residency Elective in Health Policy – Sacramento Speakers



Jennifer (Gabales) Alley

Legislative Advocate,
California Associations of Health Plans

Jennifer joined the California Association of Health Plans (CAHP) as a legislative advocate in March of 2015 and represents the Association and its member plans in the California Legislature.

Jennifer came to CAHP with nearly 12 years of legislative experience, most recently serving as Director of Policy and Advocacy for the California Association for Health Services at Home representing hospice, home health and non-medical home care providers. Prior to this position, she was with the California Department of Public Health analyzing legislation for the state. As Legislative Advocate her primary responsibility with CAHP is to advocate for the value of managed care in providing affordable health care to as many Californians as possible.

Mrs. Alley graduated from the California State University, Sacramento with a bachelor's degree in Political Science.



Diana Dooley

Executive Secretary,
California Governor's Office

Diana Dooley is a Democratic political advisor working in the state of California. She is the executive secretary, a role comparable to chief of staff, for Gov. Jerry Brown (D). She was appointed to the position on May 31, 2018.

Previously, Diana Dooley was appointed the Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency in December 2010 by Governor Jerry Brown. There she led 13 state departments within the Agency, chaired Covered California (the Health Benefit Exchange) and served as chair or member of numerous other boards and commissions. Dooley was also President and CEO of the California Children's Hospital Association. Dooley began her career as an analyst for the State and in 1975, she was appointed to the staff of Governor Jerry Brown for whom she served as Legislative Director and Special Assistant until the end of his term in 1983. Before becoming an attorney in 1995, she owned a public relations and advertising agency. Dooley moved into health care in 2000 when she left her private law practice to serve as General Counsel and Vice President at Valley Children's Hospital. She received her bachelor's degree from California State University, Fresno in 1972 and her law degree from San

Joaquin College of Law in 1995. She is married to Dan Dooley and has two adult daughters.



Alex Hawthorne
Legislative Advocate,
California Hospital Association

Alex Hawthorne represents the interests of CHA member hospitals before lawmakers and their staff in the California Legislature. His advocacy focus includes managed care, behavioral health, education and workforce, public health, pharmacy, and women’s and children’s health. He also testifies on behalf of CHA at legislative hearings on issues of importance to the hospital industry.

Alex began his career working for a trade association representing biotechnology, pharmaceutical and medical device companies, venture capital firms and research institutions. He also worked for a lobbying firm where he represented a diversity of health care clients, including health facilities, providers, physician groups, patient advocates, biopharmaceutical companies and nonprofits.

Alex has a bachelor’s degree in political science from Humboldt State University.



Brendan McCarthy, MPP
Chief Consultant,
Assembly Business & Professions Committee

Brendan joined the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions in April of 2018. Prior to joining the Committee, he spent nine years with the Senate Committee on Appropriations, most recently covering issue areas including professional licensing and health care policy. Prior to that, he worked at the Legislative Analyst’s Office for five years, covering issues relating to natural resources, environmental protection, and energy policy. Brendan has Masters in Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley.



Lisa Murawski, MA
Principal Consultant,
Assembly Appropriations Committee

Lisa Murawski, MA, is a Principal Consultant with the California State Assembly Appropriations Committee with over 10 years of work experience in state and local government. In her current role, she analyzes health-related legislation, working with state agencies, external stakeholders, and raw data to identify costs; weighs costs and benefits of legislation; and advises and serves as a resource to Assembly members and staff, informing decisions through expertise and research

on a range of health-related fiscal and policy issues. Prior to this position, she was a fiscal and policy analyst on health programs for the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) and a project coordinator for local government alternative transportation programs. She has a Master of Arts degree in Geography from University of California, Santa Barbara, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from SUNY Buffalo.

Lisa lives with her husband, Ben Turner, and her sons Milo (7) and Harvey (5) in South Land Park. She is an active member of the Leonardo Parent Teacher Council and classroom volunteer, and an avid bike commuter.



Richard Pan, MD, MPH

California State Senator (D-Sacramento)

Dr. Richard Pan is a pediatrician, former UC Davis educator, and State Senator proudly representing Sacramento, West Sacramento, Elk Grove and unincorporated areas of Sacramento County. He chairs the Senate Health Committee, the Committee on Public Employment and Retirement and the Senate Select Committees on Children with Special Needs and on Asian Pacific Islander Affairs. He also serves on the Senate Committees on Agriculture; Business, Professions, and Economic Development; and Education. Dr. Pan continues to practice pediatrics at WellSpace Health in Oak Park.

First elected to the State Assembly in 2010, Dr. Pan strives to keep our communities safe and healthy. When local governments planned to close fire stations during the recession, Dr. Pan authored legislation to bring over \$100 million in federal funds for fire departments including \$6 million for the Sacramento region. He partnered with law enforcement and local businesses to establish a statewide database to catch thieves attempting to sell stolen property to pawnshops, and he authored legislation to allow campus police to use body cameras.

TIME magazine called Dr. Pan a “hero” when he authored landmark legislation to abolish non-medical exemptions to legally required vaccines for school students, thereby restoring community immunity from preventable contagions. Dr. Pan also authored one of the most expansive state laws regulating health plans eliminating denials for pre-existing conditions and prohibited discrimination by health status and medical history. He demands transparency and accountability in state health programs; holding hearings on reducing fraud, investigating poor access to dental care, and ensuring children with cancer and other serious conditions have access to pediatric specialty care. Dr. Pan provided leadership in enrolling families for health coverage, resulting in

halving the number of uninsured in California, and he sponsored numerous health fairs providing resources including free glasses, dental screenings, and vaccines.

Dr. Pan has devoted his career to solving problems and helping everyone in the community. Prior to serving in the legislature, Dr. Pan was a UC Davis faculty member and Director of the Pediatric Residency Program where he created a nationally recognized service learning curriculum, Communities and Health Professionals Together to build partnerships between health professions students and neighborhoods to build healthier communities.

Dr. Pan co-founded and served as chair of Healthy Kids Healthy Future, where he helped secure health, dental and vision coverage for over 65,000 children in the Sacramento area. He helped create the Sacramento Health Improvement Project, bringing together doctors, hospitals, clinics and community leaders to ensure that all Sacramento County residents have access to primary health care. Dr. Pan also serves on the United Way California Capitol Region Board and served on the BloodSource board and the Sacramento First Five Commission. For his leadership in education and community development, Dr. Pan has been recognized with the Campus Compact's Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service-Learning and the Physician Humanitarian Award from the Medical Board of California.

Dr. Pan and his wife are raising two young sons and run a dental practice where they balance expenses, meet a payroll and understand the challenges of running a small business. The son of immigrants, Dr. Pan attended public schools and earned his Bachelor of Arts in Biophysics from Johns Hopkins University, a Medical Doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh and a Masters of Public Health from Harvard University.



Yna Shimabukuro, MA

Senior Director, Political Operations
California Medical Association

Yna Shimabukuro is the California Medical Association's Political Operations Senior Director. She is responsible for the CMA's Political Action Committee (CALPAC) fundraising operations and serves as the association's primary grassroots organizer, mobilizing Legislative Key Contacts to advocate for legislation affecting the house of medicine and protecting the safety of patients. Yna works to increase the presence and influence of the CMA by identifying, recruiting and retaining physician participation in strategic programs and campaigns to support the efforts of the Centers for State Government Relations, Federal Relations and Political Operations.

Prior to joining the CMA, she served as a legislative aide to former Assembly Majority Leader Alberto Torrico. Yna received a M.A. in International Administration from the University of Miami in 2011 and a B.A. in Government with a concentration in International Relations from California State University, Sacramento in 2008.



Teresa Stark, MBA

Senior Director, State Government Relations
Kaiser Permanente

Teresa Stark is Senior Director, State Government Relations for Kaiser Permanente in Sacramento, CA.

Teresa has over 25 years of experience in the public policy and government relations arena, with a primary focus in health care policy.

Prior to joining KP as a lobbyist in 2011, Teresa was a lobbyist for the California Medical Association, representing physicians in the halls of state government.

Prior to her work in government relations, Teresa was a long-time legislative staffer, having worked in the State Capitol for 12 years for several Assembly Members and the Speaker of the Assembly. She was most recently Chief of Staff for former Assembly Member Paul Koretz of West Hollywood.

Teresa also worked for Kaiser Permanente Public Affairs in the Sacramento/Roseville area as a Community and Government Relations representative.

Teresa received her Bachelor's Degree in Communications and Political Science and an MBA from CSU Sacramento. Teresa has one son and lives in El Dorado Hills. In her free time, she enjoys cycling, golf, kayaking, traveling and volunteering at community events.



Juan Thomas

Associate Director, Center for Governmental Relations
California Medical Association

Juan Thomas has been with the California Medical Association for six years. He is also the former Chief of Staff. His issue areas include Commercial Managed Care, Scope of Practice, and Pharmaceuticals.



Paula Villescaz
(Former) Consultant,
Assembly Health