

# Kaiser Permanente Northern California 2019 Residency Elective in Health Policy Speakers & Planning Committee

## Speakers



### **Alyce Adams, PhD**

Research Scientist III

Associate Director, Health Care Delivery and Policy  
Kaiser Permanente Division of Research

Alyce S. Adams is a Research Scientist III and Associate Director, Health Care Delivery and Policy at the Kaiser Permanente Division of Research in Oakland, California. Her research examines underuse of clinically effective medications as a critical and modifiable determinant of persistent healthcare disparities in chronic disease outcomes. Her studies demonstrate that barriers to adherence are present at the patient, provider, healthcare system, and policy level and emphasize the potential for intentional stakeholder engagement at all stages of the research process to enhance our understanding of the contexts in which these disparities emerge and how to address them. Prior to joining the Division of Research in 2008, Dr. Adams was on faculty at Harvard Medical School where she received awards from Harvard and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality for her mentorship of graduate students and fellows. She has a PhD in Health Policy and a Master of Public Policy degree, both from Harvard University.



### **Conrad Amenta**

Director of Health Policy

California Academy of Family Physicians

Conrad Amenta has served healthcare associations and non-profits for fourteen years, including the California Academy of Family Physicians (CAFP), the Canadian Medical Association, the Canadian Pharmacists Association, and The Ottawa Hospital. He is currently the Director of Health Policy at CAFP, where he has focused on the primary care workforce. He moved from Ottawa, Canada to San Francisco in 2016.



### **Sameer Awsare, MD, FACP**

Associate Executive Director  
The Permanente Medical Group

Dr. Sameer Awsare is an Associate Executive Director for The Permanente Medical Group in charge of Pharmacy, Adult and Family Medicine, Mental Health, Risk Adjusted Coding, Revenue Cycle, Outside Medical Services, Pain Management and the Opioid Initiative.

Dr. Awsare joined the Permanente Medical Group in 1993. In addition to his clinical responsibilities, he has served in a number of other roles. He is involved in resident teaching and was the Chair of the Hospital Ethics Committee. He has also been involved in Medicare coding and compliance at the medical center level. He was the Chief of medicine at our Campbell facility. He had been a member of TPMG Board of Directors from 1997-2014, and served as its secretary from 2000 to 2006. He also served as Chair of the board's Governance Committee and the Vice Chair of the board from 2006 - 2014. He is currently the Secretary and Chair of the Governance Committee of the Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group Board.

Dr. Awsare is board certified in Internal Medicine. He received his BS in Biology, and his MD from the University of California, Irvine. He has served on the voluntary clinical faculty at the Stanford University of School of Medicine. Dr. Awsare is a fellow of the American College of Physicians.



### **Stalfana Bello, MPA**

Executive Director  
Physicians Medical Forum

Stalfana A. Bello, M.P.A., is the Executive Director of the Physicians Medical Forum (PMF), a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization founded in 2002. PMF's primary mission is to encourage recruitment and retention of African American/Black and underrepresented minority physicians to the Northern California Bay Area. PMF's primary goals and objectives focus on programs and initiatives related to increasing the number of medical students, residents and physicians.

Ms. Bello provides leadership, development, brand focus strategies, counseling, life skills management, coaching and developing successful pathways and opportunities for high school, college and post bac students, residents, physicians, medical schools and the healthcare industry. She has a strong background in organizational management including organizational restructuring and re-alignment, financial/grants administration and fund development and brand management.

Ms. Bello received her Bachelor Degree and Secondary Teaching Credential from the University of California, Berkeley. She then received her Masters of Science in Public Administration from Cornell University. She attended Stanford University, Graduate School of Business and completed the Executive Management Program for Non-Profit Leaders. For more than 30 years, she was an administrator for the City of Oakland and was also a Legislative Assistant in Sacramento for the Speaker Pro Tem.

Some of the Physicians Medical Forum's programs include:

"Doctors On Board Pipeline Program", a pipeline program encouraging students to become physicians; "Doctors Roc: Match and Mentor Program" which connects/network medical students, residents and physicians throughout the Northern California Bay Area; Community Health Ambassadors Internship Program" for high school, college and post bac students Scholarships and stipends for medical students and residents; Workshops for students on preparing personal statements, interviewing skills, and MCAT Prep Program and workshop related to mentoring and networking; Visiting Elective or Clerkship Programs which provides stipends for 3<sup>rd</sup> year medical students to do a rotation at UCSF School of Medicine, UC Davis School of Medicine, and Benioff UCSF Children's Hospital Oakland; Host networking luncheon for 4<sup>th</sup> year medical students and residents to connect with physicians/faculty in the community so that they will consider coming to the Bay Area to pursue their careers as physicians; Legislative networking with elected official of healthcare policies; and providing comprehensive studies & white papers related to physicians/healthcare. PMF's website is [www.pmfmd.com](http://www.pmfmd.com).



**Aislinn Bird, MD, MPH**

Psychiatrist

Alameda County Healthcare for the Homeless

Dr. Aislinn Bird, MD, MPH, is a psychiatrist with the Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless Program. She co-founded StreetHealth, a backpack medicine team providing low-barrier psychiatric and substance use disorder treatment to those experiencing homelessness in downtown Oakland, California, encampments. She also works at the TRUST Clinic, an integrated care clinic serving those experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. Aislinn graduated from the UCSF Public Psychiatry Fellowship in June 2017, and completed psychiatric residency at Stanford University, where she served as a chief resident. Prior to obtaining her MD at UC Irvine and a MPH and California State University Long Beach, she was an elementary school teacher, worked as a case manager at Community Focus-UCSF, and volunteered at the Haight Ashbury Free Medical Clinic in San Francisco.

In her free time, she can be found backpacking, spending time with friends and family, or unwinding on a long bike ride.



**Irene Chen, MD, FACP, CPPS**

Associate Executive Director  
The Permanente Medical Group

Yi-Fen (Irene) Chen was born and raised in Taiwan. She spent her high school years in Costa Rica learning a different culture and language. She then moved to the United States for her undergraduate education at MIT, where she received dual degrees in Chemical Engineering and Biology. She went on to pursue her medical career in the Midwest, where her family was residing at the time, and attended medical school at Indiana University. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine at Northwestern University. When her family moved out to the west coast, she followed them to California and joined TPMG in 2001.

In addition to her clinical responsibilities of taking care of patients who speak Mandarin, Taiwanese, or Spanish, Dr. Chen had served a number of other roles at the Santa Clara Medical Center. She was a module leader for several years, mentored several new physicians, and was involved in resident teaching. She also helped the Santa Clara Medicine Department with Appointment and Advice Call Center Booking Guidelines and served as Assistant Chief of Medicine Department. In recent years, she found her passion in helping physician colleagues with efficiency training. She was one of the six regional physician faculty members for Pathway to KP HealthConnect Proficiency Program and joined regional KP HealthConnect Physician Core Team in 2010. She served as Chief of Information Technology at Santa Clara between 2011-2015 and had oversight for Santa Clara's Physicians Helping Physicians Program.

Since March, 2015, Dr. Chen serves as the Associate Executive Director for TPMG. She has oversight for Outpatient Quality, Population Care, External Reports, Regulatory Compliance, Health Education, Health Promotion, and Division of Research.

Outside of work, Dr. Chen enjoys skiing, traveling, photography, foreign films, and spending time with her family.



## **Francis J. Crosson, MD**

Chairman

Congressional Medicare Payment  
Advisory Commission (MedPAC)

Dr. Crosson is the Chairman of the Congressional Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC). MedPAC advises Congress on ways to promote high quality coordinated care for beneficiaries and preserve the fiscal integrity of the Medicare program. He previously served on MedPAC from 2004-2010.

Previously, Dr. Crosson was the founding Executive Director of The Permanente Federation, the national organization of the Permanente Medical Groups, the physician component of Kaiser Permanente. He also served as a Senior Fellow in the Kaiser Permanente Institute for Health Policy, where in 2010, he co-authored a book entitled "*Partners in Health: How Physicians and Hospitals Can Be Accountable Together*".

Dr. Crosson is Past Chair of the Governing Board of the American Medical Group Association (AMGA). In 2002, Dr. Crosson founded and for ten years led the Council of Accountable Physician Practices (CAPP), an AMGA affiliate. He previously served for nine years on the California Medical Association Board of Trustees, and was a Group Vice-President of the American Medical Association from 2012-2014, working on improving physician practices. He is a graduate of the Kaiser Permanente Executive Program at Stanford Business School. He also served on the National Advisory Committee of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) from 2012-2015.

Dr. Crosson received an undergraduate degree in Political Science and, in 1970, a medical degree from Georgetown University. He completed a residency in Pediatrics at the New England Medical Center Hospitals and a fellowship in Infectious Diseases at the Johns Hopkins University Medical School. He is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics. He served as a physician in the U.S. Navy at the Bethesda National Naval Medical Center from 1973-75.



## **Nataly Diaz**

Associate Director of Workforce Development  
California Primary Care Association

Nataly Diaz is passionate about creating a robust and diverse healthcare workforce that is responsive to and reflective of the many unique communities that exist across our country. As the Associate Director of Workforce Development at the California Primary Care Association, she has designed and implemented a number of initiatives that have fostered pipeline partnerships, expanded community-based training, and removed barriers inhibiting provider recruitment and retention in community health centers. In her current role, she was instrumental in securing a \$100M, three year investment in primary care physician residency programming – and further worked to ensure

community health centers and medically underserved areas received a substantial portion of this investment. She also helped establish the Workforce Policy Coalition made up of more than 60 multisector partners dedicated to addressing California's workforce crisis. Nataly earned her BA in Human Biology and Society with a minor in Public Health from the University of California, Los Angeles. She believes the answers to our most pressing healthcare concerns lie within community partnerships and collaboration.



### **Long Do, Esq**

Partner  
Athene Law

Long X. Do joined Athene Law, LLP as a Partner in March 2019. Mr. Do has substantive knowledge in the areas of managed care, health insurance, medical board enforcement, medical staff governance, corporate practice of medicine, peer review, and trade association advocacy and governance. He has two decades of practical legal experience in civil and criminal courts.

Prior to joining Athene Law, Mr. Do served for over a decade as Legal Counsel and Director of Litigation for the California Medical Association (CMA), one of the nation's oldest and largest physician organizations. He built a renowned statewide and national profile managing CMA's activities in the courts and regulatory agencies. He worked with outside counsel, physician members, and other stakeholders to plan and litigate cases that impact physician and provider interests. Mr. Do also served as the lead attorney for the CMA lobbying and regulatory teams on numerous important pieces of legislation and regulations, respectively.

Mr. Do has appeared in federal courts and all levels of state courts throughout California.

Mr. Do has also authored dozens of amicus curiae briefs on behalf of CMA and its allies in cases across the spectrum of healthcare and public health. He additionally worked with CMA's Organized Medical Staff Section and medical staffs throughout the state to protect physicians and medical staff self-governance in the hospital setting.

Mr. Do previously practiced law in both civil and criminal courts. He was a senior litigation and appellate attorney at the San Francisco law firm Howard Rice Nemerovski Canady Falk & Rabkin, PC (now Arnold & Porter) and served as a criminal prosecutor in the San Francisco District Attorney's Office under now Senator Kamala Harris.

Mr. Do is a graduate of Northwestern University and UCLA School of Law. He was in the inaugural class of the law school's David J. Epstein

Program in Public Interest Law and Policy and served as an articles editor on the UCLA Law Review. Mr. Do served as law clerk to the Hon. Susan Illston of the U.S. District Court in San Francisco and the Hon. Robert Beezer of the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in Seattle.



**William Dow, PhD**

Kaiser Permanente Endowed Chair in Health Policy Management  
University of California, Berkeley

William H. Dow, PhD, is a Henry J. Kaiser Professor at the University of California–Berkeley School of Public Health. He is also a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research, and previously served as Senior Economist at the White House Council of Economic Advisers. Dow’s research analyzes economic aspects of health insurance, health behaviors and health and demographic outcomes. He holds a PhD in economics from Yale University.



**Robin Flagg, PhD, MPH**

Lecturer,  
Undergraduate Program, Health Policy and Management (HPM)  
Department and Online Onsite MPH Program (OOMPH)  
Field Supervisor,  
Health Policy and Management MPH Program  
School of Public Health  
University of California, Berkeley

Dr. Robin Flagg has over 25 years of experience in health policy development and advocacy. She has worked with numerous organizations including the California Association of Public Hospitals, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in the US Department of Health and Human Services, and Kaiser Permanente. Additionally, Dr. Flagg was the Director of Health Policy at the California Medical Association. Dr. Flagg’s research interests include state policy making and health care politics. She is currently researching senior health care services delivery while serving on the Board of On Lok, Inc and as the Chair of the Advisory Board for Piedmont Gardens. She received both her MPH in Health Policy and Administration and her PhD in Health Services and Policy Analysis from UC Berkeley. Her BA was in Art History from Williams College. Following her BA, she worked for 3 years with US Peace Corps in Nepal.



### **Ruben Gonzalez, MD**

Chief, Health Education & Diversity  
Kaiser Permanente Napa Solano Medical Center  
Assistant Medical Director, School of Allied Health

Dr. Ruben Gonzalez is the Chief of Health Education & Diversity for Kaiser Permanente Vallejo and Napa facilities, and the Assistant Medical Director of the School of Allied Health, overseeing the Medical Assistant training program. As Chief of Health Education & Diversity, he leads several initiatives to improve access and reduce barriers of care to Spanish speaking patients. His work has received recognition from the Kaiser Permanente Latino Association, who awarded him with the “Visión con Pasión” award in 2015.

Dr. Gonzalez received a degree in Neuroscience and Physiology, and a degree in Psychology from the University of California, San Diego; and his Medical Degree from the University of Washington, Seattle. Following medical school, he completed his residency training at Contra Costa Family Medicine Residency Program in Martinez. Dr. Gonzalez is currently a core faculty member at Kaiser Permanente Napa Solano Family Medicine Program and is involved in teaching medical students from Touro, UCSF, UC Davis and other affiliated schools. In his role as faculty, he has developed a multitude of partnerships with the local community including the development of a well-received community-based Latino Health Sub I rotation.

Dr. Gonzalez’s dedication to teaching and serving the underserved is evident in his focus on decreasing health disparities by increasing the number of underserved minority physicians. Through his work with local high schools and community colleges, he is laying the foundation for the creation of biomedical pipeline programs which will increase the numbers of minority students into medical careers. These interventions can improve these students’ academic opportunities, while allowing them to take leadership positions in their communities.



### **Laura Gottlieb, MD, MPH**

Associate Professor, Family and Community Medicine; Director, Social Interventions Research and Evaluation Network  
University of California, San Francisco  
Associate Director, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Evidence for Action National Program Office

Laura Gottlieb, MD, MPH, is an Associate Professor of Family and Community Medicine and Director of the Social Interventions Research and Evaluation Network (SIREN) at the University of California, San Francisco. She is also Associate Director of the RWJF Evidence for

Action National Program Office. Dr. Gottlieb's current research focuses on the evaluation of programs designed to improve the integration of medical and social care delivery. This work includes examining the health and health care cost/utilization impacts of interventions that aim to identify and address patients' social and economic needs in health care contexts. Dr. Gottlieb was also a co-founder of HealthBegins, a non-profit organization providing education, consulting, networking, and technology services to health care providers interested in joining the effort to move medicine upstream. She also founded the Bay Area Help Desk Consortium, a collaboration between multiple hospitals, legal aid, and university groups investing in volunteer Help Desks in Bay Area health systems. Prior to her current appointment, Dr. Gottlieb was a Cohort 7 Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar at UCSF/UCB from 2009-2011. She completed her MD at Harvard Medical School, and both her MPH and residency training at the University of Washington. Dr. Gottlieb is affiliated with the UCSF Center for Health and Community.



**Anthony Iton, MD**

Senior Vice President, Healthy Communities  
The California Endowment

Anthony B. Iton is Senior Vice President of Healthy Communities at The California Endowment, the state's largest, private health foundation. His primary focus is on the foundation's 10-year Building Healthy Communities: California Living 2.0 initiative; the goal of which is to create communities where children are healthy, safe and ready to learn.

Prior to his appointment at The Endowment, Iton served as both the director and County Health Officer for the Alameda County Public Health Department. In that role, he oversaw the creation of an innovative public health practice designed to eliminate health disparities by tackling the root causes of poor health that limit quality of life and lifespan in many of California's low-income communities.

For three years, Iton also served as director of Health and Human Services and School Medical Advisor for the City of Stamford, Connecticut. Concurrent to that, he also served as a physician in internal medicine for Stamford Hospital's HIV Clinic. In addition, Iton served for five years as a primary care physician for the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

Iton's varied career also includes past service as a staff attorney and Health Policy analyst for the West Coast regional office of Consumer's Union, the publisher of Consumer Reports magazine.

Published in numerous public health and medical publications, Iton is a regular public health lecturer and keynote speaker at conferences across the nation. He earned his B.S. in Neurophysiology, with honors, from McGill University, his J.D. at the University of California, Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law, and his medical degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.



**James G. Kahn, MD, MPH**

Professor of Health Policy, Global Health, and Epidemiology  
University of California, San Francisco

James G. Kahn, MD, MPH is a Professor of Health Policy, Global Health, and Epidemiology at the University of California, San Francisco, based in the Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies. Dr. Kahn is an expert in policy modeling in health care, cost-effectiveness analysis, and evidence-based medicine. His work focuses on resource allocation for health care in the developing world.

In 2005, Dr. Kahn and colleagues published the first study to quantify U.S. health care administration costs by setting (i.e., insurer, hospital, and physician groups) and within setting by functional department (e.g., billing). This work found that insurance-related administration represents nearly one quarter of physician and hospital care funded through private insurance. He published a follow-up study on administrative costs in a large multi-specialty group practice, and presented on administrative costs to the U.S. Institute of Medicine, of the National Academy of Sciences. In 2014, he led a team that estimated potential savings of \$400 billion per year from simplifying billing and insurance-related administration in the U.S.. He continues research on the costs and financing of single payer reform.

He is a past president of Physicians for a National Health Program – California.



**Hemal Kanzaria, MD, MSc**

Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine  
University of California, San Francisco

Hemal Kanzaria, MD MSc is an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). Dr. Kanzaria practices clinically at Zuckerberg San Francisco General (ZSFG) – the only county hospital and trauma center in San Francisco – and co-directs emergency department (ED) lean improvement efforts. In this role, he is currently leading a multi-disciplinary team to address ED patients' social determinants of health and avert short-stay

hospitalizations. He is also the Director of Complex Care Analytics for the San Francisco Health Network (SFHN), the public health delivery system in San Francisco County. He championed the successful implementation of ED Information Exchange across SFHN, and leads efforts to improve and coordinate care for frequent users of emergent/urgent medical, behavioral, and social services. Dr. Kanzaria is also an Affiliated Faculty at the UCSF Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies and an Adjunct scientist at RAND Health. His research focuses on patient engagement and health care delivery system transformation. He has received grant funding from multiple organizations including most recently San Francisco Health Plan, the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation, the San Francisco Department of Public Health, and the Hellman Fellows Fund. He is the co-lead on the evaluation of San Francisco County's 5-year \$162M Whole Person Care pilot aimed to improve the health of chronically homeless individuals. Prior to his current appointment, Dr. Kanzaria was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at UCLA. He completed his undergraduate degree at Brown University, and his medical degree and residency at UCSF-SFGH, during which time he founded Remedy at UCSF to recover unused medical supplies for socially responsible redistribution. The organization has provided medical equipment to underserved communities both locally and globally, and has been instrumental in several disaster relief efforts.



**Margot Kushel, MD**

Professor of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine  
Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center  
Director, UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations  
Director, UCSF Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative

Margot Kushel, MD is a Professor of Medicine at the University of California San Francisco in the Division of General Internal Medicine at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, the Director the UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations and the Director of the UCSF Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative. Margot's research focuses on the causes and consequences of homelessness and housing instability, with the goal of preventing and ending homelessness, and ameliorating the effects of homelessness on health. She speaks at a local, state and national level about issues of homelessness, and frequently provides testimony to legislative bodies.



### **Edward Lee, MD**

Executive Vice President, Information Technology  
and Chief Information Officer  
The Permanente Federation  
Associate Executive Director  
The Permanente Medical Group

Edward Lee, MD, is executive vice president of Information Technology (IT) on The Permanente Federation's National Permanente Leadership Team and the Federation's chief information officer with oversight over the Permanente Medical Groups' information technology efforts.

Dr. Lee also serves as associate executive director for The Permanente Medical Group (TPMG) and has accountability for IT, which includes operational performance, technology integration, and innovation.

His work at TPMG is focused on expanding the accessibility of health information and decision-support tools for patients, as well as leveraging and enhancing the technology available to physicians to improve the quality and efficiency of the care we provide. With today's technology—including web, mobile, and video platforms—we are continually expanding care beyond our facilities and bringing care directly to our patients, making health care more connected, more convenient, and more accessible.

Dr. Lee, who joined TPMG in 2004 as an internist at Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento, has held several leadership roles with TPMG and Kaiser Permanente Northern California. He was named assistant chief of Medicine for technology in 2008, began leading TPMG's Technology Group in 2012, and took on the role of medical director for the group in 2016 before being appointed to his current role in 2019.

He earned his bachelor's degree in molecular and cell biology at the University of California, Berkeley, and his medical degree at Tufts University, where he also received his master's degree in public health. Dr. Lee completed his residency training in internal medicine at the University of California, Davis, before joining TPMG.



### **Ashley McClure, MD**

Internal Medicine  
Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center

Dr. Ashley McClure grew up in Seattle, Washington. She attended medical school at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, Ore., and completed her residency in internal medicine at the University of Washington. She worked at a safety net clinic in Washington, D.C., for

5 years before joining TPMG in 2016, where she practices primary care medicine in Salud en Espanol at KP Oakland. After having her daughter in 2018, Dr. McClure became inspired to leverage her voice as a physician in raising awareness about the public health harms of climate change, and the importance of protecting our children's and everyone's health tomorrow. By engaging in advocacy and education around climate change as a health crisis, she's experienced a profound sense of meaning in medicine.

Dr. McClure is here today in part to invite other physicians to join her in climate advocacy work, not only for the potential public health benefit the effort affords, but also for the personal and professional fulfillment it provides.



**Louise McNitt, MD, MPH**

Communicable Disease Controller and a Deputy Health Officer  
Contra Costa County

Louise McNitt, MD, MPH is the Communicable Disease Controller and a Deputy Health Officer in Contra Costa County. She has over 10 years of experience working in tuberculosis (TB) control, specializing in TB clinical management and TB program development and quality improvement. She also has expertise in the control and prevention of other communicable diseases of public health importance and plays a leadership role in emergency preparedness activities for Contra Costa County. Prior to coming to Contra Costa County 6 years ago, Louise was the TB Controller in San Bernardino County, where she also completed her residency in Preventive Medicine and obtained her Masters in Public Health at Loma Linda University.



**Erica Metz, MD**

Regional Medical Director, Transgender Health  
Kaiser Permanente San Francisco Medical Center

Dr. Erica Metz is the Medical Director for Transgender Health for Kaiser Permanente, Northern California, where she leads a committed team working to expand gender-affirming health care services, enhance clinical care experiences, and improve health outcomes for transgender and gender non-conforming patients. She has been a practicing primary care doctor since 2006, with a clinical focus on transgender medicine. In 2013, she co-founded Gender Pathways, a multidisciplinary clinic at Kaiser Permanente San Francisco that provides gender-affirming mental health, medical, gynecologic and surgical care.



### **Rajiv Misquitta, MD**

Medical Director, Lifestyle Medicine Department  
Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento Medical Center

Dr. Rajiv Misquitta is the Medical Director of the innovative Lifestyle Medicine Department at Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento Medical Center. He is the principal investigator of a research trial called Health Achieved through Lifestyle Transformation (HALT) which is focused on plant-based nutrition and the reversal of diabetes and heart disease. He is working on a new trial on Lifestyle and breast cancer called Resiliency After Cancer (RACe). He is also one of the authors of a recent landmark special report in the Permanente Journal on Lifestyle Medicine and its dramatic impact on health and survival. He is board certified in Lifestyle Medicine by the American College of Lifestyle Medicine (ACLM). He was listed in Sacramento Magazine's 2017 top doctors list. Dr. Misquitta has an interest in exercise science and is certified as a personal trainer through the National Academy of Sports medicine (NASM) and is a yoga instructor (RYT 200). He is the vice chair of the TPMG board as well as a director on the MAPMG Board. Dr. Misquitta is also the immediate past president of the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society (SSVMS) as well as the current chair of the Joy of Medicine Program.



### **Leah Newkirk, JD**

Legislative Counsel, Government Relations Department  
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan

Leah Newkirk is Legislative Counsel in the Government Relations Department of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan in Oakland, California. She provides legislative and analytic support and strategic advice to Kaiser Permanente's Mid-Atlantic States and California. Additionally, she engages in federal regulatory advocacy, with a particular focus on regulatory developments affecting providers. Ms. Newkirk has significant experience with workforce and delivery system policy.

Prior to joining Kaiser Permanente in 2017, Ms. Newkirk was a health care consultant with LSN Health Strategy and the Vice President of Health Policy at the California Academy of Family Physicians. In both positions much of her work focused on delivery system and payment reform and the adoption of Health IT. Ms. Newkirk also was a health care associate at the law firm Proskauer Rose LLP in New York City.

Ms. Newkirk received a B.A. in History and Women's Studies from Harvard University and a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.



### **Erica Pan, MD, MPH, FAAP**

Interim Health Officer

Director, Division of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention  
Alameda County Public Health Department

Clinical Professor

Pediatric Infectious Diseases

University of California, San Francisco

Erica Pan, MD, MPH, FAAP is currently Interim Health Officer, and the Director of the Division of Communicable Disease Control & Prevention in the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD). She joined ACPHD in November 2011 after serving as the Director of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response Section and Deputy Health Officer at the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH). From 2004-2011 she was the Director of the Bioterrorism and Infectious Disease Emergencies Unit, in the Communicable Disease Control & Prevention Section at SFDPH. She is also a Clinical Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). She maintained her clinical work in the past attending at UCSF in Pediatric Infectious Diseases, at San Francisco General Hospital in the General Pediatrics Clinic, and providing Pediatric infectious Disease consultation for Kaiser San Francisco. She currently attends at Children's Hospital Oakland in Infectious Diseases several times a year. Dr. Pan completed the California Health Care Foundation (CHCF) Leadership Fellowship in 2014. Her previous training includes completion of a Pediatric residency, chief residency, and Pediatric Infectious Disease fellowship at UCSF. She is board certified in both Pediatric Infectious Diseases and Pediatrics. She received her MD and MPH degrees from Tufts University School of Medicine, and completed her undergraduate education at Stanford University.



### **Arnold Perkins**

Retired

Former Director of the Alameda County Public Health Department

Arnold Perkins was the director of the Alameda County Public Health Department from 1994 through 2006, where he led the department through an organizational shift to reflect a community development orientation. He is currently a consultant and speaker in a number of areas, including youth development, intergenerational work in African American communities, HIV and AIDS, organizational change and community engagement. He works with foundations, government agencies, community groups, law enforcement, hospitals, school districts and others.

Perkins has served in several diverse positions throughout his career, including as director of the Alameda County Alcohol and Drug Prevention Program; program officer at The San Francisco Foundation; coordinator of the Alameda County Homeless Program; co-executive director of Youth Advocates; faculty member for California State University, Hayward, and for Antioch University West; and high school teacher and principal with Berkeley Unified School District.

As a respected and knowledgeable community leader, he is valued as a member of several boards, including Youth Radio and Triple Step Toward the Cure, and as board secretary for Urban Habitat. Perkins is also chair of the Alameda County Juvenile Justice Delinquency Commission, the University of California at San Francisco's Helen Diller Comprehensive Cancer Center advisory board and The Mentoring Center board.

Perkins has received numerous awards and recognitions from organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control, the United Way of the Bay Area and the U.S. House of Representatives. In 2014, The California Endowment awarded Perkins with the Health Equity Founders Award and created the Arnold X. Perkins Award for Outstanding Health Equity Practices in his honor. In 2007, Perkins also received The San Francisco Foundation Community Leadership Award.

He received his bachelor's degree from San Francisco State University; completed master's coursework at California State University, Hayward; and received his teaching credential from the University of California, Berkeley. He also holds an honorary doctorate from The Professional School of Psychology in Sacramento.



**Maria Raven, MD, MPH, MSc**

Associate Professor, Emergency Medicine  
University of California, San Francisco

Maria Raven, MD, MPH, MSc, a practicing emergency medicine physician and health services researcher, is an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at UCSF. Prior to joining the UCSF faculty in 2011, Dr. Raven completed her residency and a research fellowship at NYU/Bellevue Hospital Center, and oversaw one of six New York State Department of Health-funded Chronic Illness Demonstration Projects for the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation and New York State Medicaid. She consults with the San Francisco Health Plan (SFHP) on program implementation and evaluation related to their highest cost health plan members and the Health Homes Program. She is also the evaluator for a Santa Clara County Pay For Success program providing permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless

frequents users of the County health system and jail. Dr. Raven works clinically in the Emergency Department at Moffitt-Long, and conducts research related to emergency medicine payment policy and frequent users of the health and social care system. She is a course director for Program Evaluation in the UCSF Institute for Health Policy and Hastings Law School Health Policy and Law online master's degree course.



**Jesus Rodriguez, MD**

Family Medicine

Kaiser Permanente Fresno Medical Center

Growing up in Madera, California, Dr. Jesus Rodriguez saw many people in the Latino community struggling to get medical care. “I told myself that if I ever became a doctor, I would work to make things better,” says Dr. Rodriguez. He’s held true to his childhood pledge. Today, he’s involved in many efforts to improve the health and wellbeing of the local Latino community. His dedication to community outreach encourages and inspires others to follow his lead.

He often appears on local television and radio and frequently speaks at health fairs about issues that are prevalent in the Latino community. He mentors young people, hoping to inspire them to pursue a career in medicine. He is one of two physician leads in Fresno’s Care Beyond Our Walls Latino Health and Wellness program. He’s currently working on educational material to help Fresno physicians and staff better meet the health care needs of their Latino patients.

As a member of the Physician Health and Wellness Committee, he gently nudges his colleagues to participate at fitness events — and he’s right in there swimming, cycling, and running marathons with the rest of them.

“Dr. Rodriguez is definitely a role model for our physicians and employees,” says Varoujan Altebarmakian, MD, retired Physician-in-Chief, Fresno. “He has more than demonstrated his commitment to the health of the Latino community.



**Alina Salganicoff, PhD**

Senior Vice President & Director of Women’s Health  
Kaiser Family Foundation

Alina Salganicoff is Senior Vice President and Director of Women’s Health Policy. Widely regarded as an expert on women’s health policy, she has written and lectured extensively on health care access and financing for low-income women and children. Her work at KFF focuses on health coverage and access to care for women, with an emphasis on challenges facing underserved women throughout their lifespan. Dr. Salganicoff was also an Associate Director of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured and worked on the health program staff of the Pew Charitable Trusts. She has served on numerous federal, state and non-profit advisory committees focusing on improving the quality of and access to health care for women, including the HHS Office on Women’s Health, AHRQ, HRSA, CDC, and the VA. She was also a member of the IOM Committee on Women’s Health Research, the IOM Committee on Preventive Services for Women, and the NASEM Committee on Abortion Quality and Safety. She currently is a member of the Advisory Panel of ACOG’s Women’s Preventive Services Initiative, the Public Policy Advisory Committee of Power to Decide, and the Advisory Board of the Hope and Grace Fund. Dr. Salganicoff holds a Ph.D. in Health Policy from The Johns Hopkins University and a B.S. from Penn State University.



**Jeffrey Seal, MD**

Interim Director and Medical Director  
Alameda County Healthcare for the Homeless

Jeffrey grew up in Alabama and studied and lived throughout the Southeast and East Coast for the first half of his life. He attended UCSF for his psychiatry residency where he completed a chief year at San Francisco General Hospital. He is currently in the CHCF Leadership Fellowship, and is the director of Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless where his work focuses on systems initiatives targeting medical and social services for vulnerable people. He has special interests in substance use disorders and opioid treatment, social determinants of health, intergenerational trauma, reentry/forensic populations, and housing initiatives.



### **Amanjot Sethi, MD**

Regional Director of Wellness Operations  
The Permanente Medical Group

Amanjot Singh Sethi, MD, is a urologist in the KP Diablo service area who specializes in minimally invasive and robotic surgery. As TPMG director of wellness operations, Aman and his team are focused on ensuring physicians prioritize their own self-care, have ample opportunities for professional growth, and are empowered to provide excellent patient care in a collaborative practice environment.

Aman graduated from a combined undergraduate and medical school program at Boston University, where he also completed his urology residency. He subsequently completed a fellowship in robotic and laparoscopic surgery at Indiana University.

Outside of work, he enjoys spending precious time with his wife and two children, as well as hiking, traveling, and participating in various sports and cultural activities.



### **Kevin Skelly, PhD**

Superintendent of Schools  
San Mateo Union High School District

Dr. Kevin Skelly, Ph.D. has been the superintendent of schools for the San Mateo Union High School District (SMUHSD) since his appointment in July 2015. The SMUHSD has approximately 9,000 students in grades 9-12 from the communities of San Mateo, Foster City, Burlingame, Hillsborough, Millbrae, and San Bruno. The district also operates a large adult school and is the chartering district for D-tech High School.

Dr. Skelly began his educational career working for a program serving talented students from disadvantaged backgrounds in Washington, D.C. Skelly was also a high school Math and Spanish teacher and a basketball coach. In 1993, he began an eleven year stint as principal at Saratoga High School in Santa Clara County. From 2004-2007, he was Associate Superintendent of the Poway Unified School District followed by seven years as the Superintendent of the Palo Alto Unified School District.

Dr. Skelly graduated from Harvard University with honors and a bachelor's degree in Economics. He earned a Ph.D. in Education Policy and Administration at the University of California, Berkeley. Skelly lives in San Mateo with his wife. They have four grown children and recently celebrated the birth of their first grandchild.



### **Mark Sloan, MD, MPH**

Director of Pediatrics

Sutter Santa Rosa Family Medicine Residency

Mark Sloan MD, MPH, is a pediatrician, medical educator, and writer. Dr. Sloan practiced with The Permanente Medical Group from 1982 to 2014 in Roseville/Sacramento and Santa Rosa, where he served as Chief of Pediatrics. He is now Director of Pediatrics at the Sutter Santa Rosa Family Medicine Residency, a UCSF affiliate program.

Dr. Sloan has written extensively on matters related to maternal-child health, science, history, and humor. His book, *Birth Day: A Pediatrician Explores the Science, the History, and the Wonder of Childbirth* (Ballantine Books, 2009), received praise from *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *The Lancet*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health*, among other publications. *Birth Day* was a 2010 Northern California Book Award finalist and was named a "Top Ten Science Book of 2010" by *Nihon Keizai Shimbun* (the *Japan Times*).

His op-eds and letters have appeared in a number of newspapers and magazines, including *The New York Times*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and *The New Yorker*.



### **Tessa Stecker, MD**

Program Director, Community Medicine Fellowships

Program Director, Residency Elective in Health Policy

Faculty, Napa Solano Family Medicine Residency Program

Kaiser Permanente Northern California

Tessa Stecker, MD, is the Program Director for the Kaiser Permanente Northern California Community Medicine Fellowships and Program Director for the KP Northern California Resident Health Policy Elective. In addition to overseeing the community medicine fellows, she works closely with medical students and residents completing their community medicine and global health rotations and projects at the KP Napa Solano Family Medicine Residency Program. Her areas of interest include community medicine, global health, medical education, adverse childhood events, and homeless medicine.

Dr. Stecker attended the University of Southern California for her undergraduate and medical education where she developed a passion for health education, serving underserved populations and working with students as a mentor and teacher. She completed her residency at the Kaiser Woodland Hills (KWH) Family Medicine Program where she served as a chief resident in her last year. Following residency, she split

her time between working at the Downtown Women’s Center and the Center for Community Health on Skid Row, teaching Introduction to Clinical Medicine at USC, and working at various local community clinics and urgent care centers. In 2014 she completed a fellowship in Community Medicine at KWH where she worked with medical students and residents in various community clinics and supervised specialty clinics in dermatology and procedures at Kaiser Woodland Hills. In August 2015, Dr. Stecker relocated to Northern California to complete the UCSF Faculty Development Fellowship and develop the Community Medicine and Global Health Fellowship at Kaiser Napa Solano. She has since assumed the roles of Program Director for the Regional Community Medicine Fellowships and Program Director for the Resident Health Policy Elective.



**Vivian Tan, MBA**

Vice President, Strategic Information Management & Global Relationships  
Kaiser Permanente

Vivian Tan is the Vice President, Strategic Information Management and Global Relationships, working closely with the Chief Financial Officer and the Chairman and CEO. In this role, Vivian provides the strategic leadership for an enterprise data and analytics team in order to support, enable and advance KP’s strategy. Additionally, Vivian manages the partnership with the World Economic Forum in collaboration with the Chief Strategy Officer on the broader international strategy.

Prior to this role, Vivian led the multiple transformation efforts driving Kaiser Permanente’s national strategy in partnership with all regions and functions. She identified, analyzed, and interpreted health care trends, organizational strategies, strategic investments and Kaiser Permanente’s overall market and competitive position.

Specifically, Vivian led the transformation efforts for Kaiser Permanente such as One KP, Enterprise Information Strategy (EIS) and Vision 2025 which create alignment around a future vision that defines Kaiser Permanente’s leadership of health care and coverage into the future. She is also involved in KP International activities focused on KP’s participation in the World Economic Forum.

Vivian has served in several leadership roles since joining Kaiser Permanente in 2006. She was the executive director and chief of staff to Kaiser Permanente’s Chief Financial Officer, where she was also interim Vice President of Strategic Planning before assuming the job permanently in 2009. She served as the Vice President of Capital Planning from 2011 to 2013.

Prior to joining Kaiser Permanente, Vivian consulted with senior leadership at Fortune 500 firms in her seven years with Booz & Co., an international consulting firm. She also worked in policy and planning with the Telecommunications Authority of Singapore (national regulator) and was a senior officer with United Overseas Bank.

Vivian holds a bachelor's degree in economics, political science, and statistics from the National University of Singapore, and an MBA from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Management. She completed the Kaiser Permanente Executive Leadership Program at Harvard University in 2008.



**Silvia Terán, MD**

APIC, Health Promotion, GME, & Diversity  
Kaiser Permanente San Jose Medical Center

Silvia Terán, MD, was born in Mexico and moved to the United States with her family when she was 1 year old. Today most of her extended family still lives in Southern California. She appreciates that she grew up in a Spanish-speaking household and was able to develop her Spanish-language skills.

Dr. Terán attended University of California, Irvine, followed by medical school at UC San Francisco. She began her residency in ob-gyn at UC Los Angeles, and completed it at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City so that she could be with her husband. She loved living in Salt Lake City, and spent a lot of time hiking and skiing in the beautiful outdoors.

They later moved to Syracuse, New York, for Dr. Terán's husband to complete his fellowship. Afterward Dr. Terán spent 2 years in the Epidemic Intelligence Service at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia; it was a great learning experience for her. She and her husband then returned to Syracuse, where she joined the faculty at State University of New York Upstate Medical Center, while also working part-time at the Onondaga County Health Department. There she focused mostly on maternal-child health, but attended to any public health issue as the need arose, including SARS and anthrax scares.

At Kaiser San José, Dr. Terán has held several positions, including assistant Chief of Ob/Gyn, Chief of Ob/Gyn, and APIC for Health Promotion/Health Education/Graduate Medical Education/Culturally Responsive Care and Inclusion. She believes TPMG is a wonderful place to work, because leadership work in a progressive organization combined with direct patient care is a stimulating combination. A

particular interest for her is utilizing the power of an integrated health care system to address health care disparities.

Dr. Terán and her family have enjoyed living in San Jose. She has 2 sons, now 18 and 21 years old. She spends her spare time playing tennis, reading, hiking, traveling, and gardening.



**Shannon Udovic-Constant, MD**

Pediatrics

Kaiser Permanente San Francisco Medical Center

The Permanente Medical Group

Dr. Udovic-Constant is a pediatrician with The Permanente Medical Group in San Francisco and is the Elected Director from San Francisco to the TPMG Board of Directors. She is a long-time advocate for policies to improve the health of children and communities. She is the past chair of the California American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) State Government Affairs committee. In 2012, she was named the recipient of the AAP Martin Gershman, M.D. Child Advocacy Award, an honor given annually to a pediatrician who has “shown outstanding dedication and commitment to promoting the health and well-being of children in California through educating policymakers and advocating for appropriate legislation, regulation, policies, funding or programs.”

She is a former President of the San Francisco Medical Society (now the San Francisco Marin Medical Society). She is an Assistant Clinical Professor in Pediatrics at UC San Francisco, where she teaches medical students and residents.

Dr. Udovic-Constant has served as a California Medical Association Trustee since 2013 and has also been the chair of the CALPAC Independent Expenditure Committee and part of CMA’s Diversity and Inclusion Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Firearm Prevention TAC. She has also served as the AAP representative on CMA’s Council on Legislation. She is currently the Vice-Chair of the CMA Board of Trustees.

She is married to James Constant, a TPMG general surgeon, and they have two teenage children.



**Dorcas Walton, RN, MSN**

Regional Director, Nursing and Clinical Practice for TPMG & KFH  
Kaiser Permanente Northern California

Dorcas has worked as a nurse for over 40 years. She started her career at the Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Haiti. After working at several tertiary teaching medical centers across the USA, she joined Kaiser Permanente as a Critical Care Manager opening the new Santa Rosa Medical Center. Dorcas worked at Kaiser Permanente Northern California for 29 years in both KFH and TPMG. She was the CNE in Oakland and Richmond Medical Centers. Currently, she is the NCAL Regional Director of Nursing and Clinical Practice for TPMG and KFH. She addresses scope of practice issues for all staff excluding physicians.

Dorcas has volunteered many hours for American Red Cross in local, State, and National Disasters. She also participated in Haiti's recovery following their earthquake.

In her spare time, she enjoys Ikebana flower design, traveling and spending time with her young grandchildren.



**Winston Wong, MD, MS**

Medical Director, Community Benefit  
Kaiser Permanente

Winston Wong, MD, serves as Medical director for Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit. At Kaiser Permanente, Dr. Wong developed the ALL/PHASE program for safety net providers, a KP inspired model to significantly reduce cardiovascular risk among the most vulnerable and underserved. Dr. Wong also serves as the director of Kaiser Permanente's Disparities Improvement and Quality Initiatives and developed the systematic measurement of disparities and equitable care as part of Kaiser Permanente's quality strategy.

Prior to joining Kaiser Permanente, Dr. Wong served in the Region IX Office of the Department of Health and Human Services, where he was in charge of clinical development of Federally Qualified Health Centers. He is also a founding member of the Western Clinicians Network, and former medical director of Asian Health Services, based in Oakland, and currently advises both the National Academy of Medicine and the Department of Health and Human Services on issues of health equity and disparities

## Planning Committee



### **Theresa Azevedo-Rousso**

Associate Institutional Director,  
Designated Institutional Official  
Undergraduate & Graduate Medical Education  
Kaiser Permanente Northern California

Theresa Azevedo-Rousso is the Associate Institutional Director and Designated Institutional Official (DIO) of Kaiser Permanente Northern California Undergraduate & Graduate Medical Education. She joined Kaiser Permanente in 2006 with 16 years previous experience in GME, strategic program development, with expertise in developing all phases of nonprofit business. At KPNC, Theresa develops new programs that align with KP's workforce development goals, facilitates faculty and resident development and oversees accreditation, financial planning and marketing of KPNC's twenty-four residency and fellowship programs which serves 1,400+ unique residents and 700 medical students who learn in KP Northern California's twenty-one medical centers.

Before joining KPNC, Theresa was concurrently the president of an academic research institute and the executive director of a GME consortium. Theresa received her bachelor's degree from Saint Mary's College of California and is currently pursuing a Master's in Public Administration at the University of San Francisco.

Theresa's scholarly interests are workforce development and diversity, reducing health inequities and healthcare policy.

A native of California, Theresa lives in the San Francisco Bay Area and enjoys its many hiking and cycling areas. Theresa is an active volunteer, teaching healthy eating and cooking practices in a variety of settings.



### **Amanda Coy**

Lead Program Coordinator  
Regional Undergraduate & Graduate Medical Education  
Kaiser Permanente Northern California

Amanda Coy joined Kaiser Permanente three years ago in the department of Physician Education and Development. As Lead Program Coordinator for Regional Undergraduate and Graduate Medical Education, Amanda provides logistical support, guidance, and organization to a variety of the Region's courses, faculty development programs, and committee meetings. Prior to joining Kaiser, Amanda worked at University of California, Berkeley, as a Research Administrator III, supporting various Principal Investigators with their grant submissions, in addition to providing funding and budget

administration and analysis for a multimillion-dollar portfolio. Before this, Amanda was an Associate Program Director for Jumpstart for Young Children, Northern California, where she oversaw the direction of Jumpstart's East-Bay, Stanford, and Seattle-satellite Jumpstart partnerships. Having served two terms with AmeriCorps and one term as an AmeriCorps VISTA, Amanda is proud to be able to say that she has continued to pursue roles within various organizations that focus on supporting underserved communities, families, and children for 18 years.



**Angela Jenkins, MS**

Director of Strategic Initiatives  
Kaiser Permanente Northern California

Angela Jenkins has been a leader at Kaiser Permanente for nearly 20 years in Northern California.

Angela is currently the Director of Strategic Initiatives for Kaiser Permanente's Northern California Region, where she implements the region's Community Health Strategy, an effort to leverage Kaiser Permanente's assets to improve community health. She is also leading Kaiser Permanente's innovative strategy to address homelessness throughout Northern California.

Previously, Angela was the director of Community Benefit (CB) Programs for Kaiser Permanente's Northern California Region. In this role, Angela was responsible for implementing the region's workforce investment strategy, providing oversight for the region's high school and college internship programs and collaborating with Kaiser Permanente's clinical and allied health training programs and the Division of Research.

Angela has held several leadership roles in Kaiser Permanente's East Bay area, including the Director of Public Affairs and the Community Benefit Manager. In these positions, she led the area's community investment and engagement strategy and protected Kaiser Permanente's not-for-profit status.

Angela grew up in Tucson, Arizona, graduating with a BS in Justice Studies from Arizona State University. She obtained her MS in Public Policy and Administration from California State University, Sacramento.



### **Primitivo Rojas-Cheatham, MPH**

Senior Training & Development Consultant  
Regional Undergraduate & Graduate Medical Education  
Kaiser Permanente Northern California

Primitivo (Tivo) Rojas-Cheatham, MPH, joined Kaiser Permanente as a Senior Learning, Training, and Development Consultant. His role in KPNC's Undergraduate and Graduate Medical Education is to develop and deliver training and innovative curriculum to support the success of residents and fellows. He works with outside experts to bring learning and experiences to residents that further enable them to be great physicians, communicators, team players, and educators. He also works on faculty development in support of developing new curriculum, improving feedback, and the on-going development of faculty as clinical educators, mentors, and facilitators of resident and fellow learners. He brings over 20 years of experience working as a training and development consultant, coach, and manager. He has an MPH in Community Health Education from UC Berkeley. Tivo enjoys running, hiking, and spending time with his three daughters and wife in the outdoors.



### **Tessa Stecker, MD**

Program Director, Community Medicine Fellowships  
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Kaiser Permanente Northern California

*\*See biography in speaker section\**



### **Calvin Wheeler, MD**

Institutional Director  
Undergraduate & Graduate Medical Education  
Kaiser Permanente Northern California

Dr. Wheeler is the Institutional Director of Undergraduate & Graduate Medical Education and serves on the Regional Governance Committee for the Community Benefit as well as the Regional and National Diversity & Inclusion Councils. He served as the Physician-in-Chief of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Centers in Fremont and the Greater Southern Alameda area for 18 years and was a member of the Board of Directors and the Operations Management Group of The Permanente Medical Group. Dr. Wheeler joined Kaiser Permanente in 1984 as a staff pediatrician and neurologist in Hayward and Walnut Creek.

Dr. Wheeler graduated from the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy and the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine. Following medical school, he did a 6-month American Hepatic Foundation Fellowship at the Kings College Hospital on the liver failure unit in London, England. He then did his residency training in Pediatrics at Boston City Hospital and the Boston University Combined

Neurology Program, where he also served as a clinical instructor. He then completed a fellowship in Epilepsy/EEG and the Houston Merritt Fellowship in Cerebral Palsy at the Children's Hospital in Boston and Harvard Medical School, where he also served as a clinical instructor. After moving to the Bay Area, Dr. Wheeler became a clinical instructor at UCSF in the Department of Pediatrics and the Division of Neurology. His research interests have been in the area of anti-epileptic medications and alternative epilepsy treatments.

A founding member of the Kaiser Permanente African American Professionals Association (KPAAPA) in Northern California, Dr. Wheeler twice served as president. He completed the KP Advanced Leadership Program at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1997. He completed the California Healthcare Foundation Leadership Fellowship between 2003-2005.