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2023 Healthcare Summit Speakers



Margaret Arnesen supports Pew's work on public health data sharing, with a focus on statelevel policy solutions. Before joining Pew, Arnesen worked for the Pennsylvania Department of Health, where she developed and managed public health programs for the prevention of chronic disease, with a particular focus on increasing health equity and access to care for populations that face significant health disparities. Arnesen holds a bachelor's degree in classical and Near Eastern archaeology and classical studies from Bryn Mawr College and a master's in public administration and policy from American University.



Sharon Cohen, MD, FRCPC is the medical director and site principal investigator at Toronto Memory Program, a community-based medical facility which she founded in 1996 for the purpose of enhancing medical care for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other related disorders. She has over 28 years of experience in clinical research, and her research center has been awarded for superior performance and quality in clinical research. Dr. Cohen represents Canada on international advisory boards and steering committees and is a consultant to a wide range of stakeholders in dementia, including government organizations and patient recovery groups. She completed her neurology residency and behavioral neurology fellowship at the University of Toronto, and she continues to practice in the community.



Shauna Gardner serves as Director of State Policy, Midwest Region for PhRMA. Previously, she worked as Director of Federal Government Relations at Advocate Aurora Health, where she led advocacy efforts and managed relations and communications with the Illinois Congressional Delegation. Shauna also has experience as a senior staff member in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. She earned her bachelor's degree in political science and media communications at the University of San Diego.



Lacey Gero serves as Manager of State Policy for the National Diaper Bank Network (NDBN), an organization dedicated to ending diaper need, period poverty, and the lack of access to other basic necessities in the U.S. In 2018, NDBN launched the Alliance for Period Supplies, which works to ensure that people have access to essential period supplies specifically. Prior to joining NDBN, Lacey worked as a healthcare policy analyst at Ripple Effect. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona and her master's of public health from Tulane University. She is also a Certified Health Education Specialist.



Adrienne Griffen is the Executive Director of Maternal Mental Health Leadership Alliance (MMHLA), a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting maternal mental health through advocacy and national policy. Prior to joining MMHLA, she founded and served as Executive Director of Postpartum Support Virginia, an organization which aims to educate and provide resources to expectant mothers and their families dealing with Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders. Adrienne lives in Arlington, Virginia, with her family. She graduated from the United States Naval Academy and has a master's in public policy from Harvard Kennedy School.



Michael Irizarry, MD, MPH serves as Vice President of Clinical Research for the Neurology Business Group. Previously, he was Vice President of Clinical Research, Epilepsy/Sleep at Eisai, where he led the clinical development of Eisai's Epilepsy and Sleep/Wake programs. He also served as Vice President, Early Clinical Development, Neurosciences at Eli Lilly. He earned his undergraduate and medical degrees from Georgetown University and a Master's of Public Health degree from the Harvard School of Public Health.



Hannah Martin, MPH, RD is an experienced nutrition, healthcare, and public health policy expert serving as Director of Advocacy for the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists (ADCES). Before joining ADCES, Hannah served as Director of Legislative and Government Affairs for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and as a senior policy analyst for the Bipartisan Policy Center. She earned both her bachelor's degree and her master's of public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Hannah is currently a DrPH candidate in health policy at The George Washington University.



Kara Odom Walker, MD, MPH, MSHS is the Executive Vice President and Chief Population Health Officer for Nemours Children's Health, one of the largest integrated pediatric health systems in the country. As Executive Vice President, she leads all aspects of population health strategy, research, innovation, and implementation. In her role as Chief Population Health Officer, Dr. Walker also leads Nemours National Office of Policy and Prevention and State External Affairs, Office of Health Equity and Inclusion, and the Ginsburg Institute for Health Equity at Nemours Children's Health. Prior to joining Nemours, she served as Secretary of the Delaware Department of Health and Services from 2017 through 2020. Dr. Walker is also a board-certified, practicing family physician.



Steven Perrotta is Director of Public Policy at SHRM. Previously, he served as Retirement Policy Director for Senator Richard Burr of North Carolina, Ranking Member of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee. He has covered tax, government affairs, telecommunications, and technology issues in addition to his responsibilities on the HELP Committee. Steven is a civilian graduate of the Air Force Command and Staff College and holds a bachelor's degree from Cornell University's School of Industrial Labor Relations.



Jennifer Rosen is Senior Director, State Affairs at the Alzheimer's Association and the Alzheimer's Impact Movement (AIM), a separately incorporated advocacy affiliate of the Association. She oversees the Association's gubernatorial and legislative engagement strategy for all 50 states, manages state policy development efforts, and leads a team that provides direct support to policy staff in the field to advance the enactment of state legislative and regulatory priorities nationwide. Prior to joining the Alzheimer's Association and AIM, she served as Director of Policy and Communications for NFWL, and she continues to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for Women in Government Relations. She holds a bachelor's degree in political science and history from The George Washington University.



Domenica M. Rubino, MD serves as Director of the Washington Center for Weight Management. She is board certified in Obesity Medicine, Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism, and Internal Medicine. Dr. Rubino has extensive experience in the care of the overweight patient as well as clinical research for the development of pharmacotherapeutic agents in the management of obesity. She has also received several investigator awards and has written articles in several peer-reviewed publications. Currently, she serves as a clinical expert on the treatment of obesity for several professional committees and has served as a representative to Congress and outside organizations for the Obesity Society. She often speaks as an advocate for the person struggling with obesity, and has a strong interest in the psychological impact and societal stigma of this medical condition.



Dr. Iriny Salib, Pharm D a vaccines researcher and educator, works at GSK as the Director, Global Medical Affairs, Adult Immunization. Passionate about immunizations, she uses her vast experience and medical knowledge to educate, inform and simplify medical concepts. She works towards helping all individuals have access to CDC recommended vaccines and immunization information. Dr. Salib earned her doctorate of pharmacy degree from Temple University in Philadelphia and has worked in various clinical pharmacy settings before coming to GSK in 2011.



Representative Sandra Scott began her political career in 2007 as a School Board Member for Clayton County before running for State Representative in 2010. In 1984, she joined the United States Army (SSG) and served in Seoul, Korea, Ft. Hood, Texas, and Nurnberg, Germany. She holds a bachelor's degree from Florida A&M University and received her teaching certification from Armstrong State University. Representative Scott She serves on the following House Committees: Defense and Veterans Affairs, Human Relations and Aging, Science and Technology, Reapportionment, and Special Rules. Scott was the 2013 Georgia Legislative Black Caucus Legislator of the Year and a 2013 NFWL Women of Excellence Winner and a member of NFWL's Board of Directors.



Delegate Holly Seibold was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in January, 2023, in the special general election. She represents District 35. Prior to running for office, Del. Seibold worked in the nonprofit sector, as an educator in the public school system, and as a small business owner. In 2010, she launched an educational firm that provided clients with STEM consulting services and educational programs. She also started BRAWS in 2015, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping women and girls obtain menstrual supplies and undergarments. Del. Seibold holds a bachelor's degree from American University and a master's degree in education from The George Washington University.



Mr. Tracy J. Sims is Executive Director of Corporate Affairs at Eli Lilly and Company. In his role, he leads health system analysis and modernization efforts for chronic diseases including obesity and diabetes. Mr. Sims' role includes responsibility as a real-world evidence research scientist focused on obesity, type 1 and type 2 diabetes, and health system assessment frameworks. He is an ex-officio member of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine serving on the Roundtable On Obesity Solutions and is a member of the American Sociological Association. Mr. Sims holds a Master of Arts in sociology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a Bachelor of Arts with double major in communications and history from Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington.



Silvia Taylor is Executive Vice President, Chief Corporate Affairs and Advocacy Officer for Novavax. In this role, she oversees external and internal communications; government affairs and public policy; patient advocacy; corporate reputation; global corporate digital experience & engagement; and corporate responsibility. Ms. Taylor draws upon more than 25 years in pharmaceuticals, biotech, and public health as well as a broad range of commercial, corporate, and financial communications experience in leading her teams. Ms. Taylor, a native of Argentina, earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in foreign affairs from the University of Virginia.



Michele Tedder is a Senior Program Manager at the Black Women's Health Imperative (BWHI), the only national nonprofit focused on the health and wellness of Black women and girls. She is the lead on BWHI's current evaluation to assess their virtual program using their culturally-tailored curriculum approved by the CDC in 2020, and she has led the creation of BWHI's family-centered Diabetes Self-Management Support Program curriculum. She is also the founder of Village Empowerment Solutions, a consulting business focused on supporting organizations in the development of strategies that improve health outcomes. Michele holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Pittsburgh and a master's in nursing education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.