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Health During and After Incarceration

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

(In order of appearance on the program)

Kathryn Santoro, MA, is Director of Programming at the National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation, a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization dedicated to transforming health care through evidence and collaboration. Ms. Santoro currently leads NIHCM's programs to highlight market and policy innovations, including webinars and Capitol Hill briefings, and directs the organization's journalism and population health programs.

Ms. Santoro joined NIHCM Foundation in September 2004 after receiving her Master's degree in Public Policy from George Washington University with a focus on women's health policy. Ms. Santoro previously served as a Project Consultant for Women in Government where she was responsible for compiling a state-by-state report card on access to cervical cancer screening. While pursuing her Master's degree, Ms. Santoro was a Communications Assistant for a health policy consulting firm and a Graduate Intern for a Washington, D.C. based women's and children's policy research organization. Ms. Santoro attended Villanova University in Villanova, PA and graduated with a BA cum laude in Political Science.

Lauren Brinkley-Rubinstein is an Associate Professor and Director of the Re-envisioning Health and Justice Lab in the Department of Population Health Sciences at Duke University. She is a national expert in examining how the criminal legal system impacts people, families, and communities. During the pandemic, she co-founded the COVID Prison Project, one of the only national data projects that tracks and analyzes COVID testing, cases, and deaths in prison systems across the country. She utilized the infrastructure of the COVID Prison Project to recently launch the Third City Project—a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded big data project that tracks and aggregates publicly available health and health policy data from carceral systems. Additionally, Dr. Brinkley-Rubinstein is the PI of several NIH and foundation grants focused on substance use, HIV prevention, and mortality. In 2019, she co-edited a special issue of AJPH that explored how mass incarceration is a socio-structural determinant of health and more recently was invited by the National Academy of Medicine to attend its Annual Emerging

Leaders Forum. Her work has been featured in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, ProPublica, CNN, Science Magazine, and other media outlets. Her work blends research and policy, which has recently culminated in providing expert consultation to congress relevant to prison standards and data reporting

Vikki Wachino has spent her career leading and inspiring organizations that make a difference to people most in need. She is Principal of Viaduct Consulting LLC, where she advises mission-driven healthcare organizations on policy, strategy, and implementation of groundbreaking approaches to advance the health of people and communities. Vikki is also Executive Director of the Health and Reentry Project, an initiative to promote public health and public safety that she launched in February 2022 in partnership with the Council on Criminal Justice and Waxman Strategies.

Vikki served as Deputy Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) from 2015-2017. Under her leadership at CMS, Vikki oversaw the implementation of major Affordable Care Act coverage expansions; the development of the first federal regulations establishing mental health parity in Medicaid and CHIP; groundbreaking policies to expand services for people with substance use disorders. She also revamped Medicaid managed care and access policies and reformed state delivery systems to promote accountable care and population health.

Vikki currently holds Board and Advisory Committee roles with several health care organizations and nonprofits. Her early career included stints at the White House Office of Management and Budget and the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. She has a Master in Public Policy from Harvard University and Bachelor of Arts from Mount Holyoke College.

Divya Venkat, MD is a physician with the Center for Inclusion Health at Allegheny Health Network in Pittsburgh, PA. She is the co-director of the CIH RiVER Clinic, which is a post-incarceration clinic focused on transitioning patients out of incarceration while focusing on their health and social determinants of health. She additionally is the medical director of the Prevention Point Pittsburgh mobile medical unit. Her work focuses on the integration of harm reduction and low barrier access into healthcare settings.