



Strengthening Women's Health Access - Medicaid and Family Planning

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

(In order of appearance on the program)

Caitlin Ellis, MPA, is the Director of Research Programs at the National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM). Ms. Ellis joined NIHCM in October 2014 and currently leads the organization's research portfolio. In this capacity, she oversees the research grants and awards and works to translate research findings for a broad audience. Ms. Ellis also supports NIHCM's health policy portfolio.

Ms. Ellis received her Masters in Public Affairs with a concentration in Policy Analysis from the Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University, Bloomington, and she holds a BA in Politics from Willamette University. Ms. Ellis held several political and nonprofit internships and fellowships while completing her degrees.

Jason Lindo, MA, PhD received his B.A. in economics from the University of California at Davis in 2004 and his Ph.D. in economics from the University of California at Davis in 2009. Currently, he is an Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at Texas A&M University.

His research focuses primarily on children and young adults, with an emphasis on health and education.

Jessica Cohen, PhD, is the Bruce A. Beal, Robert L. Beal and Alexander S. Beal Associate Professor of Global Health at the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health and is the co-director of Harvard's LEAD Fellowship for Women Global Health Leaders. She is a health economist using randomized controlled trials and quasi-randomized methods for causal inference to study maternal and child health policies and programs in the United States and East Africa. Dr. Cohen studies the impact of health policy and program design features including subsidies, incentives, and choice architecture on maternal and child health care quality, equity and outcomes.

Wanicha Burapa, MD, MPH, joined the New Mexico Title X Family Planning Program team in November 2021. This is Dr. Burapa's second tenure to serve as the NM Title X medical director with a total of over 16 years serving in this capacity. She has previously held different positions in the State of New Mexico government including the Southeast Region public health physician, and the NM Medicaid medical director. Her interest is in Reproductive and Population Health.



Kate Daniel, MS, CHES, became the NM Title X Director / Family Planning Program Manager in November 2021. She has been with the program for almost 8 years but has been interested in family planning and reproductive health since graduate school. She received her Master of Science degree in Health Education from UNM in December 2006, and has worked for state government, primarily with the NM Department of Health, in a variety of roles, since October 1999. She has been nationally-certified as a Health Education Specialist since October 2006. Her most recent position was that of the Title X / Family Planning Program Epidemiologist, a position she held twice, first between September 2013 and March 2017 and then again from May 2018 to May 2021.