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Mental Health, Substance Abuse & Primary Care: Bridging Gaps in Access

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

(In order of appearance on the program)

KATHRYN SANTORO, MA is Director of Policy and Development at the National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation, a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization whose mission is to promote improvements in health care access, management and quality. Ms. Santoro currently leads NIHCM's *Driving Value* webinar series and directs the organization's maternal and child health programs. Under these projects, she conducts research and analysis on health policy issues in support of improving practices used by health care decision makers and industry leaders.

Ms. Santoro joined NIHCM Foundation in September 2004 after receiving her Master's degree in Public Policy from the 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.

SARAH WATTENBURG, MSW is a Senior Public Health Advisor in the Office of Policy, Research and Budget in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. She has served as an executive manager in behavioral health organizations for thirteen years, managing community-based treatment programs and serving as the Sr. Director for Clinical Policy in the nation's largest managed behavioral health care company. In 2001, Ms. Wattenberg joined the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and served as the Sr. Advisor for Drug Policy to the Assistant Secretary for Health from 2010 to 2015. Ms. Wattenberg graduated from New York University and received her master's degree from the Catholic University of America.

CHRISTOPHER D. CARROLL, MSC is Director of Health Care Financing and Systems Integration for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. In this role, he also leads SAMHSA's Strategic Initiative on Health Care and Health Systems Integration. This initiative focuses the agency's programs and resources to ensure that behavioral health care services are more accessible and connected to the broader health care system.

Mr. Carroll has over 25 years of experience in behavioral health with a background in mental health and substance use services administration and financing, public health program implementation, organizational management, and behavioral health systems operations.

While at SAMHSA, he has worked to maintain and manage relationships and programs with the Department of Health and Human Service officials, members of Congress, executives of other Federal and States agencies, professional organizations, international and non-governmental organizations, and representatives of various constituency groups. Prior to his work at SAMHSA, Mr. Carroll worked as Director of Operations, Behavioral Health, for the Sisters of Mercy Healthcare System.

Mr. Carroll received his M.Sc. in International Health Economics and Policy from Bocconi University in Milan, Italy and a B.Sc. in Organizational Management from John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

JOHN FORTNEY, PHD is Director, Division of Population Health, Advancing Integrated Mental Health Solutions (AIMS) Center, University of Washington. He was trained as a geographer, with an emphasis on spatial economics and econometrics. As a postdoctoral fellow, he became the second geographer ever to receive research funding from NIMH. Throughout his career, Dr. Fortney's research has focused on identifying and overcoming barriers to mental health care for rural populations. Dr. Fortney has used geographic information systems (GIS) to measure travel times to services and to determine the impact of geographical accessibility on utilization and quality. He has also evaluated the impact of opening new VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics in rural areas on veterans' access and service utilization.

More recently, Dr. Fortney has begun developing and disseminating telemedicine-based interventions to improve care for rural primary care patients. Specifically, Dr. Fortney has been using telemedicine technologies (telephones, interactive video, electronic medical records, web-based decision support systems) to help provide team-based collaborative care within a virtual clinical environment, where patients, physicians, therapists, and care managers are separated from one another by distance.

HENRY HARBIN, MD is a psychiatrist with over 30 years of experience in the behavioral health field. He has held a number of senior positions in both public and private health care organizations. He worked for 10 years in the public mental health system in Maryland serving as Director of the state mental health authority for 3 of those years. He has been CEO of two national behavioral healthcare companies – Greenspring Health Services and Magellan Health Services. At the time he was CEO of Magellan it was the largest managed behavioral healthcare company managing the mental health and substance abuse benefits of approximately 70 million Americans including persons who were insured by private employers, Medicaid and Medicare.

In 2002 and 2003, Dr. Harbin served on the President’s New Freedom Commission on Mental Health. As a part of the Commission he was chair of the subcommittee for the Interface between Mental Health and General Medicine. In 2005, he served as co-chair of the National Business Group on Health’s work group that produced the Employer’s Guide to Behavioral Health Services in December 2005. Since 2004, Dr. Harbin has been providing health care consulting services to a number of private and public organizations.

GLEND A WRENN, MD is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM). She currently directs the Division of Behavioral Health at the Satcher Health Leadership Institute at MSM and is the Interim Co-Director of the Kennedy Center for Mental Health Policy and Research. After graduating West Point, Dr. Wrenn earned her medical degree from Jefferson Medical College, and trained at the University of Pennsylvania in psychiatry and as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar. Her work explores fostering resilience, mental health help seeking, inter professional education, and culturally centered integrated primary care behavioral health services.

CHARLES GROSS, PHD is Vice President, Behavioral Health, Government Business Division, North, for Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. In this role he is responsible for integrated behavioral health services for almost 4.5 million combined Medicaid and Medicare covered lives. Dr. Gross has over 20 years of clinical and operational managed care experience in the public and private sectors, including; direct clinical work with the Health and Hospital Corporation of New York, extensive private practice experience, clinical and management experience with Kaiser Permanente, ValueOptions, United Health and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Dr. Gross received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan, and his PhD. from Yeshiva University.

SHERRY DUBESTER, MD is Vice President of Behavioral Health and Clinical Programs for Anthem’s Commercial Business. In this role, she leads EAP and

Behavioral Health strategy, program development and operations; as well as broader clinical program strategy. Sherry has been with Anthem for 15 years in a variety of roles, including care management, clinical sales support for National Accounts and clinical product. Prior to joining Anthem, Sherry was Executive Medical Director of Behavioral Health Services for Glens Falls Hospital in upstate NY; previous to NY, she led inpatient psychosocial services at National Jewish Health in Denver, CO.

Sherry completed her medical degree at University of Pennsylvania, psychiatry residency at University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, and a MS in Administrative Medicine at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

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