



# ANNUAL MEETING



**ATLANTA, GA**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017

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Dr. Sandro Galea is a physician and an epidemiologist. He is the Robert A. Knox Professor and Dean at the Boston University School of Public Health. Prior to his appointment at BU, he served as the Gelman Professor and Chair of the Department of Epidemiology at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. In his scholarship, Dr. Galea is centrally interested in the social production of health of urban populations. He has published over 700 academic articles, 13 books, and is a regular contributor to the Boston Globe, Harvard Business Review, NPR, and Fortune Magazine, among others. His most recent book, *Healthier: 50 Thoughts on the Foundations of Public Health*, was published this summer by Oxford University Press.

## **SANDRO GALEA, M.D., DR.P.H., KEYNOTE SPEAKER (LUNCH)**

Dr. Smith, Emeritus Professor at Temple University and Research Professor in the Health Management and Policy Department at Drexel University, is the author of seven books and more than forty journal articles. Awarded a 1995 Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Research Investigator Award for research on the history of racial segregation in health care, he continues to lecture widely on this topic. His most recent book, *The Power to Heal: Civil Rights, Medicare and the Struggle to Transform America's Health System* (Vanderbilt Press, July, 2016) received the Goldberg Prize for the best book in the area of medicine last year. A PBS documentary, supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation, related to this book, is pending.



## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER (DINNER), DAVID BARTON SMITH, PH.D.**



Dr. Camara Jones is Immediate Past President of the American Public Health Association, and a Senior Fellow at the Satcher Health Leadership Institute, Morehouse School of Medicine. Dr. Jones is a family physician and epidemiologist whose work focuses on naming, measuring, and addressing the impacts of racism on the health and well-being of the nation. She was an Assistant Professor at the Harvard School of Public Health and a Medical Officer at the CDC. She earned her BA in Molecular Biology from Wellesley College, her MD from Stanford University, and both her MPH and her PhD in Epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins. She also completed residency training in General Preventive Medicine at Johns Hopkins, and in Family Practice in the Social Medicine program at Montefiore Medical Center.

## **CAMARA JONES, M.D., MPH, PH.D., PLENARY PANEL SPEAKER**



Dr. Olveen Carrasquillo is professor of medicine and public health sciences and chief of the division of general internal medicine at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. He is also director of the division of health services research and policy in the Department of Public Health Sciences. He directs the community engagement and cultural diversity program of the Miami Clinical and Translational Science Institute and leads Florida's only primary care research fellowship program. A national leader in primary care and health disparities, Dr. Carrasquillo has conducted extensive research on health insurance and access to care among minority and other vulnerable populations. At the Miller School, he is leading several NIH-funded randomized studies examining community-based strategies to improve healthcare among racially and ethnically diverse populations. He also is currently on the national board for PNHP.

## **OLVEEN CARRASQUILLO, M.D., M.P.H., PLENARY PANEL SPEAKER**

Michael Bird is a Santo-Domingo/KEWA Pueblo Indian from New Mexico with more than 30 years of public health experience with Native American populations in medical social work, substance abuse prevention, health promotion and disease prevention, HIV/AIDS prevention, behavioral health, and health care administration. Mr. Bird is the first American Indian and social worker to serve as president of the American Public Health Association. He is currently a national consultant to AARP on Native American/Alaska Native communities. Mr. Bird earned a master's in social work degree from the University of Utah and a master's in public health degree from the University of California, Berkeley. In 2009 he was recognized as Alumnus of the Year by the School of Public Health at UC Berkeley.



## **PLENARY PANEL SPEAKER, MICHAEL BIRD, M.P.H., M.S.W**



Dr. Claudia Fegan is national coordinator of Physicians for a National Health Program, chief medical officer for the Cook County Health & Hospital System and John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County. She is also president of the Chicago-based Health and Medicine Policy Research Group. In 2016, she was named one of "10 Minority Executives to Watch," by Modern Healthcare, noting her achievements in the medical profession and her single-payer activism. She is a co-author of the book *Universal Healthcare: What the United States Can Learn from the Canadian Experience* and a contributor to *10 Excellent Reasons for National Health Care*. Dr. Fegan received her undergraduate degree from Fisk University and her medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine. She is also certified in health care quality and management and is a diplomate of the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians.

## **CLAUDIA FEGAN, M.D. CHCQM, PLENARY PANEL MODERATOR**

Dr. Carol Paris is the president of Physicians for a National Health Program. A recently retired psychiatrist, she worked for more than 25 years in private practice, community mental health, prison psychiatry, and academia. In May 2009, Dr. Paris and seven others stood up at a U.S. Senate Finance Committee hearing on health care reform, chaired by Sen. Max Baucus, to ask why there wasn't a single advocate for single-payer health care on the 41-member panel. She then toured the country as part of the "Mad as Hell Doctors," and spent a year as a consultant psychiatrist in New Zealand, where she experienced a single-payer system firsthand. She resides in Nashville, Tenn. Her interests include mentoring medical students and early career physicians for leadership positions within PNHP, and building coalitions to strengthen the single-payer movement's impact on the national health care debate. Dr. Paris obtained her medical degree from West Virginia University School of Medicine.



## **MEETING CHAIR, CAROL PARIS, M.D.**



Dr. David Himmelstein is a distinguished professor in the CUNY School of Public Health at Hunter College, adjunct clinical professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and lecturer in medicine at Harvard Medical School. He has authored or co-authored more than 100 journal articles and three books, including widely cited studies of medical bankruptcy and the high administrative costs of the U.S. health care system. His 1984 study of patient dumping led to the enactment of EMTALA, the law that banned that practice. Dr. Himmelstein received his medical degree from Columbia University and completed internal medicine training at Highland Hospital/University of California San Francisco and a fellowship in general internal medicine at Harvard. A co-founder of Physicians for a National Health Program, Dr. Himmelstein co-edits PNHP's newsletter and is a principal author of PNHP articles published in JAMA and the NEJM in conjunction with Dr. Steffie Woolhandler.

## **DAVID HIMMELSTEIN, M.D., PLENARY SPEAKER**

Dr. Steffie Woolhandler is a practicing primary care physician, distinguished professor in the CUNY School of Public Health at Hunter College, adjunct clinical professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and lecturer in medicine at Harvard Medical School. She earned her bachelor's degree from Stanford University; her medical degree from Louisiana State University; her master's degree from the University of California, and was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation health policy fellow at the Institute of Medicine and the U.S. Congress. Dr. Woolhandler is a frequent speaker and has written extensively on health policy, administrative overhead and the uninsured. She has authored more than 150 journal articles, reviews, chapters, and books on health policy. A co-founder and board member of Physicians for a National Health Program, Dr. Woolhandler co-edits PNHP's newsletter and is a principal author of PNHP articles published in JAMA and the NEJM in conjunction with Dr. David Himmelstein.



## **PLENARY SPEAKER, STEFFIE WOOLHANDLER, M.D., M.P.H.**



## **BRUCE TRIGG, M.D.,** **PLENARY PANEL SPEAKER**

Dr. Bruce Trigg is a public health physician who has worked as a leader in the field of addiction for decades. In New Mexico, he helped to develop and expand the statewide harm reduction program that included needle and syringe exchange, buprenorphine treatment, and overdose prevention with provision of naloxone. In 2007, he was the co-convenor of a national roundtable meeting on medication-assisted treatments (MAT) in correctional settings. Dr. Trigg has been a consultant in addiction treatment for several Southeast Asian countries. He recently relocated to New York City where he is a consultant to the NY State Department of Health, AIDS Institute Office of Drug User Health.

## **LELLO TESEMA, M.D.,** **PLENARY PANEL SPEAKER**

Dr. Lello Tesema is a general internist and public health advocate. She is the director of population health for the Los Angeles County Correctional Health Services where she also practices clinically. Her role is to leverage population health tools to inform humane and evidence-based interventions for Los Angeles County's justice-involved. Dr. Tesema's broader research and policy interests include examining the health effects of incarceration, interventions which promote successful diversion and re-entry. She completed her medical degree at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, residency at Cambridge Health Alliance, and Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars fellowship at UCLA.

## **PAUL SONG, M.D.,** **PLENARY PANEL SPEAKER**

Dr. Paul Song is a board-certified radiation oncologist, biotech executive, and health care reform activist. A national board member of PNHP, he also serves as co-chair for the Campaign for a Healthy California. He served as the very first visiting fellow on health care policy in the California Department of Insurance for 2013. Dr. Song was previously on faculty at the Samuel Oschin Cancer Center at Cedars Sinai Medical Center and currently volunteers his time seeing Medicaid and uninsured patients at a California Hospital.

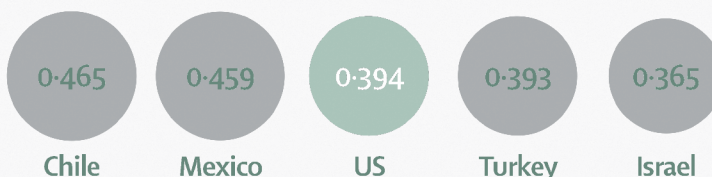
## **EAGAN KEMP,** **PLENARY PANEL SPEAKER**

Eagan Kemp recently joined Public Citizen as its Health Care Policy Advocate after nearly a decade at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). While much of his time is now devoted to fighting against cuts to health care and pushing for single payer and lower drug prices, he previously led and published analyses on a variety of health policy topics. His work at GAO included leading research and writing reports on Medicare, Medicaid, private health insurance, the Children's Health Insurance Program, the Veterans Health Administration, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and mental health. His academic background focused on the social determinants of health and international health systems.

# INEQUALITY AND THE HEALTH-CARE SYSTEM

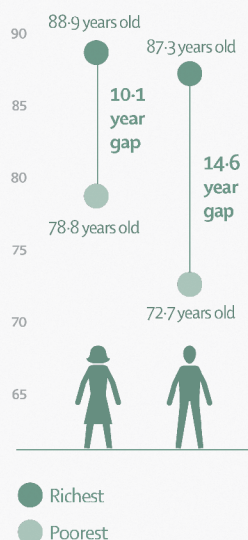
**The US is now one of the most unequal countries in the OECD**

Most unequal countries in the OECD, measured with the GINI coefficient  
1 = most unequal 0 = most equal



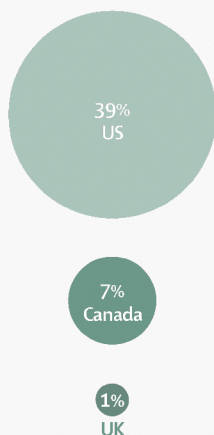
**This has critical implications for the country's health**

**LIFE EXPECTANCY GAP in the US is now among the highest gaps in developed countries**



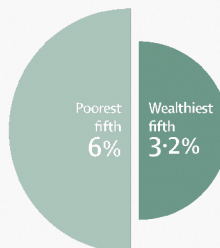
**Many poor people FOREGO MEDICAL CARE altogether**

% of low-income citizens who reported not seeing a doctor because of cost (before the Affordable Care Act):



**POORER PEOPLE PAY PROPORTIONATELY MORE of their income for private insurance**

% of income spent on private insurance:



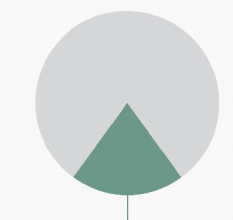
**Those with serious illness commonly face FINANCIAL HARDSHIP**



1 in 10 families with problems paying medical bills has declared bankruptcy

**MANY HEALTH-CARE WORKERS ARE POORLY PAID**

**The health-care system employs more than 20% of all black female workers in the US:**



More than a quarter subsist on family incomes that are below 150% of the poverty line

This graphic originally appeared in The Lancet on April 6, 2017 as part of a series of studies on 'INEQUITY AND HEALTH' IN U.S. and was also reproduced in the centerfold feature that summarized the studies in the PNHP fall newsletter this year.

## **Quentin D. Young Health Activist Award** Winners 1999-2016

Hank Abrons, MD, MPH  
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Garrett Adams, MD, MPH  
Simon Ahtaridis, M3  
Mark Almberg  
Marcia Angell, MD  
Richard Bruno, MD, MPH  
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Andy Coates, MD  
Rose Ann DeMoro  
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## **Nick Skala Student Health Activist Award** Winners 2010-2016

Danielle Alexander  
Carl Berdahl  
James Besante  
Richard Bruno  
Josh Faucher

Scott Goldberg  
Simeon Kimmel  
Janine Petito  
Victoria Powell  
Vanessa Van Doren



## Nicholas Skala Student Activist Scholarship Fund

PNHP would like to thank these donors who made it possible for more than 60 students to attend this year's Annual Meeting.

Nick was one of our nation's most gifted and dedicated advocates for single-payer national health insurance: for truly universal, comprehensive and quality care for all. His incisive mind, wide-ranging knowledge and formidable skills of argument were devoted entirely to bringing about a better world for everyone.

To his friends and co-workers, he was an extremely witty and compassionate human being, and a great source of inspiration and encouragement. We remember his legacy through multiple programs, including the **Nicholas Skala Health Activist Award, Memorial Fund and Student Scholarship Program.**

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# ANNUAL MEETING **SCHEDULE**

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2017

8:00 - 9:00 AM **REGISTRATION** Grand Ballroom Lobby

9:00 - 9:10 AM **WELCOME** Carol Paris, MD, *Grand Ballroom D*  
(North tower, M4/Grand Ballroom level)

9:10-10:30 AM **HEALTH POLICY UPDATE** (CME) David Himmelstein, MD &  
Steffie Woolhandler, MD, MPH, *Grand Ballroom D*  
(North tower, M4/Grand Ballroom level)

10:30-10:40 AM **BREAK** (coffee) Grand Ballroom Lobby

10:40-11:50 AM **PANEL: Single Payer: An Issue of Social Justice** (CME) Camara  
Jones, MD, MPH, PhD, Michael Bird, MSW, MPH, Olveen  
Carrasquillo, MD, MPH & Claudia Fegan, MD, (moderator)  
*Grand Ballroom D* (North tower, M4/Grand Ballroom level)

11:50-12:30 PM **SHORT PRESENTATIONS: Crises and Opportunities** (CME)  
Bruce Trigg, MD: **The opioid crisis**  
Lello Tesema, MD: **Health effects of mass incarceration**  
Paul Song, MD: **What happened with California's SB 562?**  
Eagan Kemp: **Federal legislative update**  
*Grand Ballroom D* (North tower, M4/Grand Ballroom level)

12:30-1:45 PM **LUNCH: On Health Divides and Social Divides** (CME) Sandro  
Galea, MD, DrPH, *Grand Ballroom D*  
(North tower, M4/Grand Ballroom level)

2:00-2:50 PM **WORKSHOPS** Session One:

**Effects of mass incarceration on health** (CME)  
Lello Tesema, MD, *Grand Ballroom A* (North Tower, M4/Ballroom Level)

**International Health Systems: Germany, Switzerland, & the  
Netherlands** (CME)  
Matt Anderson, MD, MSc, Kieke Okma, PhD, *Grand Ballroom C*  
(North Tower, M4/Ballroom Level)

**Update on PNHP's proposal on pharmaceuticals (CME)**

Adam Gaffney, MD, Joel Lexchin, MD, Oak (South Tower Lobby Level)

**The conservative and business cases for single payer**

Roger LaBonte, MD, Ed Weisbart, MD, Richard Master, Grand Ballroom B (North Tower, M4/Ballroom Level)

**Resolutions as a tactic for single payer**

Kay Tillow, Andrea DeSantis, DO, Brad Zehr, Chestnut (North Tower, M3/Meeting Level)

**Medicare for All rounds: single-payer advocacy in clinical settings**

Linda Liu, Hickory (North Tower, M3/Meeting Level)

3:00-3:50 PM **WORKSHOPS** Session Two:

**The impact of market-based health care on the opioid epidemic (CME)**

Bruce Trigg, MD, Elizabeth Salisbury-Afshar, MD, MPH, Karen Hochman, MD, MPH, Hickory (North Tower, M3/Meeting Level)

**Structural racism and single payer (CME)**

Dorothy Charles, Claudia Fegan, MD, Grand Ballroom B (North Tower, M4/Ballroom Level)

**Single payer: economics and transition (CME)**

Steffie Woolhandler, MD, MPH, David Himmelstein, MD, Grand Ballroom C (North Tower, M4/Ballroom Level)

**EMRs, data, and single payer health systems (CME)**

Bruce Wilder, MD, MPH, JD, Gordon Schiff, MD, Aziz Sheikh, MD, MB, BS, MSc, Oak (South Tower Lobby Level)

**Legislative work for single payer**

Dan Riffe, Eagan Kemp, Carol Paris, MD, Grand Ballroom A (North Tower, M4/Ballroom Level)

**State and local updates**

Paul Song, MD, Roona Ray, MD, Laurel Gamm, MD, Brian Yablon, MD, Chestnut (North Tower, M3/Meeting Level)

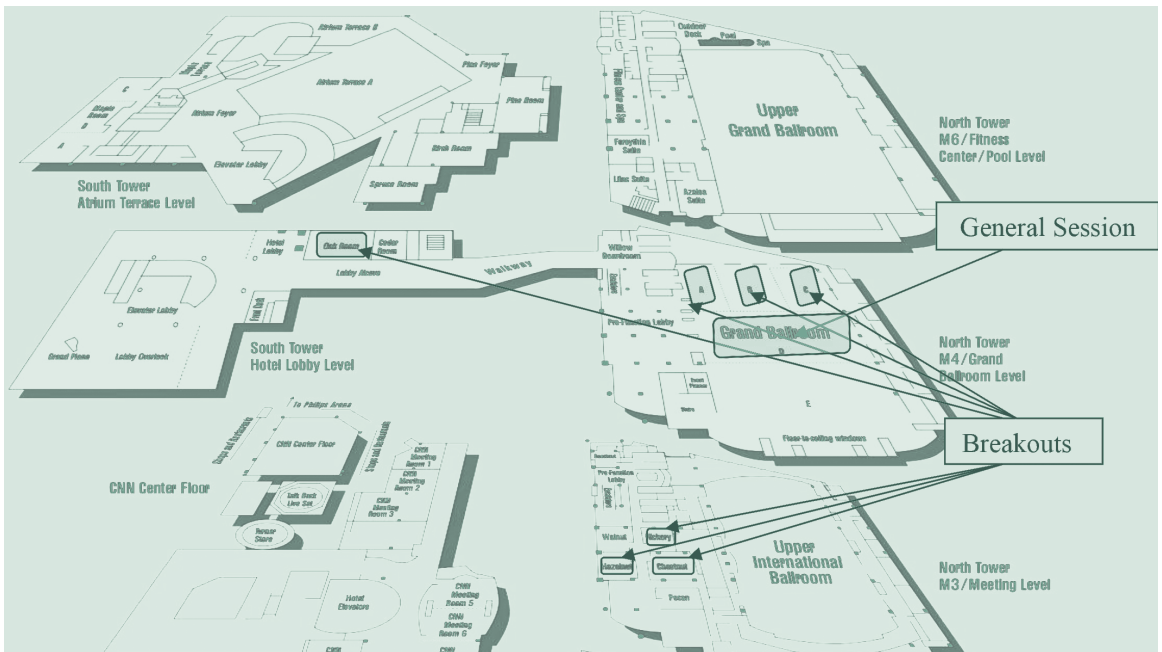
3:50-4:00 PM **BREAK** (light snacks) Grand Ballroom Lobby

4:00-5:00 PM **NEXT STEPS: Single Payer Activists**  
Carol Paris, MD, *Grand Ballroom D*  
(North tower, M4/Grand Ballroom level)

5:00-7:00 PM **SOCIAL AND AD HOC MEETINGS**  
**SNaHP meeting:** Building student power in the Medicare for All movement, *Grand Ballroom C*  
**LGBTQ health and single payer roundtable**  
Roona Ray, MD, *Grand Ballroom A*

7:00-9:00 PM **DINNER: Historical lessons in pursuit of health equity** (CME)  
David Barton Smith, PhD, *Atrium Terrace* (South tower, one floor above the Lobby level)

**DR. QUENTIN YOUNG HEALTH ACTIVIST AWARDS**  
**NICHOLAS SKALA STUDENT ACTIVIST AWARD**



## WORKSHOPS DESCRIPTION, DETAILS & PRESENTER BIOS

### SESSION ONE 2:00 PM TO 2:50 PM

#### **Effects of mass incarceration on health** (CME)

Lello Tesema, M.D., *Grand Ballroom A* (North Tower, M4/Ballroom Level - access via Grand Ballroom D)

Mass incarceration is a public health and moral crisis in the United States. How have public health and criminal justice advocates responded to this epidemic? This workshop will explore current policy debates, and opportunities for cross-sector partnership and reform.

**Dr. Lello Tesema** is a general internist and public health advocate. She is the Director of Population Health for the Los Angeles County Correctional Health Services where she also practices clinically. Her role is to leverage population health tools to inform humane and evidence-based interventions for Los Angeles County's justice-involved.

#### **International health systems** (CME)

Matt Anderson, M.D., M.Sc. & Kieke Okma, Ph.D., *Grand Ballroom C* (North Tower, M4/Ballroom Level - access via Grand Ballroom D)

Critics of single payer point to Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands as countries with systems of universal health coverage without single payer. This workshop will give an overview of these systems and examine the roles of private insurance, mandates, "consumer-driven" reforms, various levels of government regulation, and policy choices in each system.

**Dr. Matt Anderson** is associate professor in the department of family and community medicine at Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where he teaches health systems. **Kieke Okma** has published and lectured widely on issues of health policies, politics and health reforms in several countries and is currently working on a second and updated edition of the book "Six Countries, Six Reform Models: The healthcare experience of Israel, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Singapore, Switzerland and Taiwan." The update will include another six nations.

#### **Medicare for All rounds: single-payer advocacy in clinical settings**

Linda Liu, *Hickory* (North Tower, M3/Meeting Level)

We all know the statistics: the ballooning costs of health care, the number of uninsured and



underinsured, the blazing rates of health disparities. But there is no more compelling demonstration of the need for Medicare for All than seeing our own patients face health challenges because of a lack of access to care. This workshop will focus on learning how to be a single payer advocate while working in a variety of clinical settings. We will discuss tips and strategies to spark meaningful patient-related conversations related to Medicare for All.

**Linda Liu** is a 4th year medical student at the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine and student board member of PNHP and SNaHP.

### **Update on PNHP's proposal on pharmaceuticals (CME)**

Adam Gaffney, M.D. & Joel Lexchin, M.D., Oak (South Tower Lobby Level - access via walkway from M4/Ballroom Level)

Drug prices are skyrocketing, yet Medicare is not allowed to negotiate lower prices with drug companies the way other countries do. The industry claims that high prices are necessary to fund R&D, but drug companies spend twice as much on marketing as on research, and most true breakthroughs (e.g. hepatitis C treatment Sovaldi) arise from government-funded research. How would a single payer control drug costs, and what impact would it have on drug development? This workshop will consider PNHP's draft proposal for pharmaceutical policy under a single-payer system.

**Dr. Adam Gaffney** is an attending physician in pulmonary and critical care at the Cambridge Health Alliance and an instructor in medicine at Harvard Medical School. He is a national board member of PNHP and chair of the Massachusetts chapter. **Dr. Joel Lexchin** is an emergency physician in Toronto and teaches health policy at the University of Toronto. His book "Private Profits versus Public Policy: the Pharmaceutical Industry and the Canadian State" has just been published.

### **The conservative and business cases for single payer**

Roger LaBonte, M.D., Ed Weisbart, M.D., & Richard Master, *Grand Ballroom B* (North Tower, M4/Ballroom Level - access via Grand Ballroom D)

We need to be ready to communicate with the emerging numbers of business leaders and conservatives warming up to Medicare for All. They're realizing this would make them more able to compete in the global market and allow them to refocus on their core businesses rather than distracting themselves managing unpredictable health care expenses, annual insurance negotiations, and increasingly creative cuts to employee benefits. Increasingly, the business community wants Medicare for All. How do we help them in ways that they're ready to receive? How

do we move them forward from supporters to advocates? How do we talk about our strategy without inadvertently hitting a radioactive button and shutting them down?

**Dr. Roger LaBonte**, president of the West Tennessee chapter of PNHP, will briefly introduce the session, identifying the common barriers when he's reached out to the business community. Dr. LaBonte is an Internal Medicine Hospitalist and Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at UTHSC and a candidate for MPH at the University of Memphis with an interest in health care policy. **Dr. Ed Weisbart**, chair of the Missouri PNHP chapter, will discuss the theoretical and practical underpinnings of structuring messages that cross political boundaries. Dr. Weisbart is a family physician on volunteer faculty at Washington University in St. Louis. And **Richard Master**, chairman and CEO of MCS Industries, will talk about his recent experiences discussing his films with senior business leaders across the country. He is producer of "Fix It: Healthcare at the Tipping Point," "Big Pharma: Market Failure," and an exciting soon-to-be-released third documentary.

## **Resolutions as a tactic for single payer**

Kay Tillow, Andrea DeSantis, D.O., and Brad Zehr, *Chestnut* (North Tower, M3/ Meeting Level)

Resolutions are a common tool to build awareness of and express support for single payer among the public and within medical communities. This workshop will review efforts in state and local legislative bodies, unions and labor bodies, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American Medical Association's Medical Student Section. Workshop leaders will offer their examples of successful resolutions and offer their guidance to others who would like to use this tactic.

**Kay Tillow**, a lifelong activist in the civil rights and union movements, is coordinator of the All Unions Committee for Single Payer Health Care-HR 676 and chair of Kentuckians for Single Payer Health Care. **Dr. Andrea DeSantis** is a family practitioner at an outpatient hospital-based safety-net clinic in Charlotte, North Carolina and an associate faculty member with UNC School of Medicine. **Brad Zehr** is a 4th year medical student at Boston University School of Medicine.

## SESSION TWO 3:00 PM TO 3:50 PM

### **The impact of market-based health care on the opioid epidemic (CME)**

Bruce Trigg, M.D., Elizabeth Salisbury-Afshar, M.D., M.P.H., & Karen Hochman, M.D., M.P.H., *Hickory* (North Tower, M3/Meeting Level)

The presenters will provide an overview of the epidemiology and multi-level causes of the current opioid crisis in America including the role of the U.S. for-profit/market-driven health care system, both in causing the problem and in making the problem more difficult to address. The presenters will then focus on outlining evidence-based public health approaches to addressing the current epidemic in the following three main areas: chronic pain management, naloxone distribution/harm reduction, and the availability of medication assisted treatment (MAT) for people affected by opioid use disorders. The presenters will highlight how a single payer system would mitigate current challenges in access to evidence-based, interdisciplinary treatment of chronic pain, life-saving overdose reversal medications, and MAT (including but not limited to buprenorphine and methadone). Time for Q&A will be provided following the formal presentation.

**Dr. Bruce Trigg** is a public health physician who has worked as a leader in the field of addiction for decades. In New Mexico, he helped to develop and expand the statewide harm reduction program. He recently relocated to New York City where he is a consultant to the NY State Department of Health, AIDS Institute Office of Drug User Health. **Dr. Elizabeth Salisbury-Afshar**, a family, addiction and preventive medicine physician, currently serves as the Medical Director of Behavioral Health for the Chicago Department of Public Health where she contributes to the health department's work in substance use prevention and treatment, mental health, and violence prevention. **Dr. Karen Hochman** is an addiction psychiatrist, originally from Winnipeg, Canada, who has been practicing psychiatry in Atlanta for the past 18 years. She currently leads the inpatient addiction psychiatry consult liaison service at the Atlanta VA medical center where she also trains medical students, residents and addiction psychiatry fellows.

### **Structural racism and single payer (CME)**

Dorothy Charles & Claudia Fegan, M.D., *Grand Ballroom B* (North Tower, M4/Ballroom Level - access via Grand Ballroom D)

Medical professionals are becoming increasingly aware of racism as a social determinant of health, impacting factors such as poverty, housing, food security, exposure to environmental toxins, policing and mass incarceration, and education opportunities. This workshop aims to provide a framework for understanding systemic racism as a driver of racial health disparities and offers single payer health care as one solution for closing racial inequities in access to care.

**Dorothy Charles** is a medical student at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, an organizer with White Coats for Black Lives, and a future family physician. When she's not searching for the best brunch place in Philly, you can find her talking about racial identity, social justice, and Beyonce on Twitter @dn\_charles. **Dr. Claudia Fegan** is national coordinator of PNHP and executive medical officer of the Cook County Health and Hospital System. Modern Healthcare named her one of "10 Minority Executives to Watch" in 2016, noting her achievements in the medical profession and her single-payer activism.

### **Single payer: economics and transition (CME)**

Steffie Woolhandler, M.D., M.P.H. & David Himmelstein, M.D., *Grand Ballroom C* (North Tower, M4/Ballroom Level - access via Grand Ballroom D)

Critics of single-payer legislation often characterize it as "pie in the sky," portraying it as too expensive, and the transition as too disruptive. Yet other nations spend far less money with better outcomes. And international experience and the U.S.' own experience with Medicare show single payer can be implemented smoothly. This workshop will explore the economics of single payer and examine elements of a U.S. transition to a single-payer system.

**Dr. Steffie Woolhandler** and **Dr. David Himmelstein** are both distinguished professors in the CUNY School of Public Health at Hunter College, adjunct clinical professors at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, lecturers in medicine at Harvard Medical School, and co-founders of PNHP.

### **EMRs, data, and single-payer health systems (CME)**

Bruce Wilder, M.D., M.P.H., J.D., Gordon Schiff, M.D., & Aziz Sheikh, M.D., M.B.,B.S., M.Sc., *Oak* (South Tower Lobby Level- access via walkway from M4/Ballroom Level)

Electronic medical records (EMRs) are an integral part of health care delivery, as recognized by H.R. 676, which calls for a "standardized, confidential electronic patient record system." This workshop will explore qualities of a well-designed EMR system, problems with the current base of EMRs in the U.S., and the potential for EMRs to provide health data and improve population health and to decrease diagnostic errors. The workshop will review current research on EMRs and include lessons from international experience.

**Dr. Bruce Wilder** is of counsel to the Pittsburgh law firm of Wilder Mahood McKinley & Oglesby, and was in the practice of neurosurgery for several years. He writes frequently on the subjects of health IT and health care reform. **Dr. Gordy Schiff** is associate director of the Center for Patient Safety Research and Practice at Brigham & Women's Hospital and associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. He is a past president of PNHP. **Dr. Aziz**

**Sheikh** is professor of primary care research and development at the University of Edinburgh where he is director of the Usher Institute. He is also co-director of the Safety, Quality and Informatics Leadership program at Harvard Medical School.

### **Legislative work for single payer**

Dan Riffle, Eagan Kemp, & Carol Paris, M.D., *Grand Ballroom A* (North Tower, M4/Ballroom Level - access via Grand Ballroom D)

This workshop will consider the current status of single-payer legislation in Congress and prospects for the future. 2017 saw a record number of co-sponsors sign on to Rep. John Conyers' single-payer bill, H.R. 676, and the introduction by Sen. Bernie Sanders of the Medicare for All Act of 2017 (S.1804) with 16 original co-sponsors.

**Dan Riffle** is a senior legislative assistant in the office of Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D-Mich.).

**Eagan Kemp** is the health care policy advocate in Public Citizen's Congress Watch division.

**Dr. Carol Paris** is president of PNHP.

### **State and local updates**

Paul Song, M.D., Roona Ray, M.D., Laurel Gamm, M.D., & Brian Yablon, M.D. *Chestnut* (North Tower, M3/Meeting Level)

This workshop will feature reports from several states where single payer has been in the news recently. Dr. Paul Song will update participants on developments in California, where the SB 562 was stymied by the state Assembly Speaker. Dr. Roona Ray will discuss progress on the New York Health Act, which again passed the state Assembly this year. Dr. Laurel Gamm and Dr. Brian Yablon will give an update on activities from the Minnesota chapter.

**Dr. Paul Song** is a national board member of PNHP and co-chair of the Campaign for a Healthy California. He is a board-certified radiation oncologist, biotech executive, and health care reform activist. **Dr. Roona Ray** is a board-certified family physician and a fellow with the PNHP New York Metro chapter. She previously practiced at Callen Lorde Community Health Center. **Dr. Laurel Gamm** is a board-certified family physician at West Side Community Health system, delivering primary care to people experiencing homelessness. She spent most of her earlier career working in the rural setting in family and emergency medicine. Dr. Gamm is a past co-chair and current board member of PNHP Minnesota and has been active in Minnesota's single-payer movement since the early 1990s. **Dr. Brian Yablon** is a board-certified internist, pediatrician, and clinician educator at a Hennepin County Medical Center. He previously worked at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, and is now a board member of PNHP Minnesota upon his return to Minnesota this summer from Alaska.



## TEN THINGS PNHP MEMBERS CAN DO

1. Call or meet with your congressional representatives and urge them to co-sponsor single payer legislation, such as H.R. 676, The Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act. The Capitol switchboard number is **(202) 224-3121**.
2. Sustain PNHP's education and advocacy work with a donation. Go to **[pnhp.org/donate](http://pnhp.org/donate)** to contribute.
3. Sponsor a medical student or resident to attend the 2018 SNaHP Summit at **[www.pnhp.org/skalafund](http://www.pnhp.org/skalafund)**.
4. Follow PNHP on Facebook and Twitter (**@PNHP**), and use **#Medicare4all** when posting to social media.
5. Form a chapter of PNHP, or get involved in the one nearest you. To get started, email **[organizer@pnhp.org](mailto:organizer@pnhp.org)**.
6. Speak at a grand rounds or other forum at your hospital, or invite another PNHP member to do so. Contact **[organizer@pnhp.org](mailto:organizer@pnhp.org)** for assistance putting together a presentation or finding a PNHP speaker.
7. At the next meeting of your medical society or specialty, arrange a session on improved Medicare for all and introduce a resolution in support of single payer. A sample resolution is available online at **[www.pnhp.org/sampleresolution.pdf](http://www.pnhp.org/sampleresolution.pdf)**.
8. Write an op-ed or letter to the editor for your local newspaper, medical specialty journal, or alumni magazine.
9. Subscribe to the "Quote of the Day" by Senior Health Policy Fellow Dr. Don McCanne to stay on top of the rapidly-changing health reform landscape. Each day's quote highlights significant new research and analysis on the health care crisis and the evidence for single-payer reform. Subscribe at **[www.pnhp.org/qotd](http://www.pnhp.org/qotd)**.
10. Recruit at least one physician to join PNHP. Refer them to **[pnhp.org/join](http://pnhp.org/join)** or visit **[www.pnhp.org/store](http://www.pnhp.org/store)** to request a packet of our updated membership brochures.

