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*The Square (lobby level): Copley/Kenmore, Park, Scollay*

*Level 4: Franklin, Charles River*

- 8:00 AM **Covid-19 screening and registration**, with light breakfast  
**Member interest group (MIG) meeting:** Physicians and students of color // Charles River Room (4th fl)
- 9:00 AM **Welcome:** Susan Rogers, MD  
Morning plenary: **Health Policy Update:** Adam Gaffney, MD, MPH; Donald Bourne, MPH
- 10:40 AM Break
- 10:55 AM Keynote address: **Donald Cohen**  
The Privatization of Everything, followed by remarks from Oliver Fein, MD
- 12:00 PM **Lunch buffet**
- 12:45 PM **Workshop previews:** Rachel Madley, PhD; Diljeet Singh, MD, DrPH; Suzanne Gordon; Andrew Hyatt, MD
- 1:10 PM Break
- 1:20 PM **Workshops I**
- Opportunities for federal action:** Rachel Madley, PhD; Alex Lawson, MPP // Franklin Room  
**Lessons from Covid-19 in caring for the underserved:** Nicta Mejia, MD, MPH; Claudia Fegan, MD // Scollay Room  
**Building business support for single payer:** Wendell Potter // Copley/Kenmore Room  
**Saving the VA from privatization:** Suzanne Gordon // Charles River Room  
**Building alliances: Lessons from the New York Health Act:** Judith Esterquest, PhD; Morgan Moore; Mandy Strenz // Park Room
- 2:30 PM Break
- 2:45 PM **Workshops II**
- Reproductive rights in a post-Roe era (MIG):** Diljeet Singh, MD, DrPH; Judith Albert, MD; Ashley Duhon, MD // Copley/Kenmore Room  
**PNHP's resolutions campaign:** Donald Bourne, MPH; Max Brockwell; Michael Kaplan, MD // Park Room  
**Medicare Advantage: What single payer advocates need to know:** Ed Weisbart, MD // Avenue 34  
**Ensuring vaccine equity:** Aparna Nair-Kanneganti // Scollay Room  
**Organizing physicians through unionization:** Andrew Hyatt, MD; A. Taylor Walker, MD, MPH // Charles River Room
- 3:50 PM Break

- 4:00 PM      **Keynote address: Linda Villarosa**  
The Hidden Toll of Racism on American Lives and on the Health of Our Nation
- 5:00 PM      **Social hour, film screening, and member interest group (MIG) meetings (start at 5:15)**  
Film screening: "American Hospitals: Healing a Broken System": Wendell Potter, Peter Arno, and Vince Mondillo // Copley/Kenmore  
Pediatricians MIG // Franklin Room (4th fl)  
Rural health MIG // Charles River Room (4th fl)
- 7:00 PM      **Dinner buffet**
- 7:45 PM      Presentation of Dr. Quentin Young Health Activist Award and Nicholas Skala Student Activist Award  
**Next steps for PNHP:** Philip Verhoef, MD, PhD; Mary O'Brien, MD; Ed Weisbart, MD; Donald Bourne, MPH; and Sanjeev Sriram, MD, MPH

## PLENARY SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

### **LINDA VILLAROSA: KEYNOTE SPEAKER / AFTERNOON PLENARY**

Journalist Linda Villarosa is a contributing writer for *The New York Times Magazine*, where she covers race, inequality and public health. A former executive editor of *Essence Magazine*, she is the author of the book *Under the Skin: The Hidden Toll of Racism on American Lives and on the Health of Our Nation*. Villarosa's contribution to *The New York Times'* Pulitzer Prize-winning 1619 Project highlighted race-based physiological myths that have endured in medical practice since slavery. A member of the Association of LGBTQ Journalists (NLGJA) Hall of Fame, Villarosa is a graduate of the Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism at CUNY, where she is a professor and journalist in residence. She also teaches Pre-Med, English and Black Studies at the City College of New York.

### **DONALD COHEN: KEYNOTE SPEAKER / MORNING PLENARY**

Donald Cohen is the founder and executive director of In the Public Interest, a national resource and policy center on privatization and responsible contracting. He is the co-author (with Allen Mikaelian) of *The Privatization of Everything* and (with Nick Hanauer, Joan Walsh, and Zachary Roth) of *It's Never Our Fault (And Other Shameless Excuses)*. Donald was a founding board member of the Partnership for Working Families (recently renamed to PowerSwitch Action). He is the former Political Director of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council and founder and executive director of the Center on Policy Initiatives, a San Diego-based think tank and policy organization. He is currently on the board of the Ballot Initiatives Strategy Center. His opinion pieces and articles have appeared in the New York Times, Reuters, the Los Angeles Times, The San Diego Union-Tribune, The New York Daily News, and other online and print outlets.

*Donald Cohen's presentation will be followed by an update on PNHP's anti-privatization work from **Oliver Fein, MD**, a past president of PNHP, chair of the New York Metro chapter, and professor emeritus and former associate dean at Weill Cornell Medical College.*

### **SUSAN ROGERS, MD: MEETING CHAIR**

Dr. Susan Rogers, president of Physicians for a National Health Program, is recently retired from Stroger Hospital of Cook County, but continues as a volunteer attending hospitalist and internist there. While at Stroger Hospital, she was co-director of medical student programs for the Department of Medicine and received numerous teaching awards from medical students and residents. She is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Rush University, where she continues to be an active member of the Committee of Admissions. Dr. Rogers received her medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine and completed her residency at Cook County Hospital, where she served an additional year as Chief Resident. She is a national board member of Physicians for a National Health Program and a past co-president of Health Care for All Illinois. She previously was Medical Director of the Near North Health Service Corp, a FOHC in Chicago, and remained on their board for many years after she left her directorship there. Dr. Rogers is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, and a member of the National Medical Association.

## HEALTH POLICY UPDATE / MORNING PLENARY

**Adam Gaffney, MD, MPH**, is immediate past president of PNHP. He is a pulmonary and critical care specialist at Cambridge Health Alliance and instructor in medicine at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Gaffney was also co-chair of the Working Group on Single-Payer Program Design, which developed the "Physicians' Proposal for Single-Payer Health Care Reform," published in the American Journal of Public Health in 2016. His writing has appeared in the Washington Post, Guardian U.S., New Republic, Los Angeles Review of Books, USA Today, and elsewhere. His most recent book, *To Heal Humankind: The Right to Health in History*, was published by Routledge in 2017. Dr. Gaffney completed his medical degree at the New York University School of Medicine, his residency training at Columbia University Medical Center, and a clinical and research fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital.

**Donald Bourne, MPH**, is a MD-PhD student in Health Services Research and Policy at the University of Pittsburgh. His dissertation research focuses on the Pennsylvania Rural Health Model. He is currently funded through a pre-doctoral TL1 Clinical and Translational Science Fellowship. Previously, Donald worked as a Research Associate for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Evidence Synthesis Program, where he conducted systematic reviews on health services research of particular interest to Veterans. He holds an MPH in Epidemiology from Oregon Health & Science University and a BS in Microbiology from Oregon State University.

## WORKSHOP PREVIEWS / LUNCH SESSION

**Rachel Madley, PhD**, is health policy advisor to Rep. Pramila Jayapal, a former executive committee member of PNHP's student organization, Students for a National Health Program, and a former board member of PNHP's New York Metro chapter. **Diljeet Singh, MD, PhD**, is PNHP board member, women's health advocate, and integrative gynecologic oncologist with Virginia Oncology Associates. **Suzanne Gordon** is senior policy fellow at the Veterans Health Care Policy Institute. **Andrew Hyatt, MD**, is an advisor to PNHP's Board of Directors and previously served on the executive committee of the Committee of Interns and Residents (CIR-SEIU).

## NEXT STEPS FOR PNHP / DINNER SESSION

**Moderator: Philip Verhoef, MD, PhD**, president-elect of PNHP, is a physician-scientist who divides his time between caring for patients in the pediatric and adult intensive care units at Kaiser Foundation Hospital and Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children, serving as associate program director for the Kaiser Permanente Hawaii Internal Medicine Residency. He also has an appointment as a clinical assistant professor of Medicine at the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine. Prior to moving to Hawaii, Dr. Verhoef was an assistant professor of medicine and pediatrics at the University of Chicago. While in Chicago, he served as president of the PNHP-IL chapter, president of the Illinois Single Payer Coalition, and as faculty advisor for the Pritzker School of Medicine SNaHP chapter since its inception. His healthcare reform and single-payer-related publications include letters, op-eds, and editorials in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, *Chest*, the *Chicago Sun-Times*, the *Springfield Journal Register*, and kevinmd.com. Dr. Verhoef earned a BA in chemistry and biology from the College of Wooster (OH), followed by his MD and PhD in pharmacology from Case Western Reserve University. He then completed his residency training in Internal Medicine-Pediatrics at UCLA, followed by subspecialty training in pediatric and adult critical care medicine at Univ. of Chicago.

**Panelists: Mary O'Brien, MD**, is a member of PNHP's national and New York Metro chapter boards. **Ed Weisbart, MD**, is a PNHP national board member and chair of PNHP's Missouri chapter. **Donald Bourne, MPH**, is a member of SNaHP's executive committee and student delegate to PNHP's Board of Directors. **Sanjeev Sriram, MD, MPH**, is a PNHP national board member and founder of the All Means All campaign at Social Security Works.

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