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Speaker Biographies

Claire D. Brindis, Dr. P.H., is Director of the Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies and Professor of Pediatrics and Health Policy in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Adolescent Medicine and the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Health Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). She is also a Director of the Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health and Executive Director of the National Adolescent Health Information Center at UCSF. Brindis' research focuses on adolescent and child health policy, adolescent pregnancy and pregnancy prevention, adolescent health and risk-taking behaviors, reproductive health services for men and women, school-based and integrated health and social services. She has co-authored a monograph on implementing the Healthy People 2010 Adolescent Health Objectives, with the CDC and the Federal Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, "Improving Adolescent Health: A Guidebook for States and Communities." and "A Future with Promise: A Chartbook on Latino Adolescent Reproductive Health." She is Co-Investigator of the evaluation of the State of California's Family PACT program, an 1115 Medicaid Waiver and evaluator of the State's Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Initiative. Brindis has authored over 200 peer reviewed journal articles, abstracts, reports, monographs, and reviews. In 2008, along with a UCSF research team from the Center on Social Disparities in Health and the Bixby Center, she completed a 22 minute film, entitled, "A Question of Hope: Reducing Latina Teen Childbearing in California." She is the recipient of numerous awards, including, the 2006 California's Family Planning Champion Award from the California Family Health Council, "For Vision and Commitment in Creating and Sustaining the California Office of Family Planning and the Family PACT Program" and the Healthy Teen Network Outstanding Researcher Award, "In honor of the Dedication and Leadership in the Field of Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting and Prevention". Most recently, Brindis received the 2009 Chancellor's Award for the Advancement of Women.
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Jean S. Fraser is the Chief of the San Mateo County Health System. The System encompasses all health-related functions for the County, including the county hospital, eleven clinics, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Environmental Health, and all traditional public health functions, as well as Aging & Adult Services. Fraser has been the Chief since January 2009. Prior to joining San Mateo County, Fraser was the Chief Executive Officer of San Francisco Health Plan (SFHP), a county-created health plan providing affordable health coverage to 53,000 moderate and low-income San Franciscans. During her tenure at the Plan, she spearheaded the launch of *Healthy Kids*, an innovative health insurance program serving low-income children. As a result, in 2005 San Francisco became one of the first counties in the nation to reach universal insurance for all children. She also worked with the San Francisco Department of Public Health to create and implement the *Healthy San Francisco* program that provides access to health care at an affordable cost to all uninsured San Franciscans. In addition to serving as the Secretary of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR), Fraser is on the board of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition. Fraser is a bike commuter and a passionate advocate of active transportation to promote environmental, personal and public health. She is also the former chair of the Local Health Plans of California and a former board member of the California Association of Health Plans. Prior to joining SFHP, she was with the San Francisco City Attorney's Office, where she was the managing attorney of

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Ken Jacobs is the Chair of the UC Berkeley Center for Labor Research and Education, where he focuses on health care coverage, low-wage work and labor standards. Jacobs served on San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom's Universal Health Care Council and helped to develop the San Francisco Health Care Security Ordinance. His recent research includes papers on trends in job-based coverage in California and nationally, the impact of health reform proposals on businesses and individuals in the state, and lessons from California for national health reform in structuring "play or pay" health requirements. Jacobs is currently providing research and technical assistance to California consumer stakeholders and policy makers on health reform under a grant from The California Endowment. He has consulted with the San Francisco and San Mateo Departments of Public Health on options for adult health care expansions.

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Aarti Kohli is Director of Immigration Policy at U.C. Berkeley's Chief Justice Earl Warren Institute on Race, Ethnicity and Diversity. She has served as a Consultant to the Office of Children's Issues for the U.S. Department of State, where she has drafted federal regulations on international adoption and prepared agency responses to industry comments for publication in the Federal Register. Formerly, she was Judiciary Committee and Immigration and Claims Subcommittee counsel to Representative Howard Berman (D-CA). Prior to working for Congress, she served as Assistant Legislative Director at UNITE union in Washington, DC. In addition, she has also worked as a consultant to the National Immigration Law Center, the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, and the National Immigration Forum. Kohli earned her J.D. from the University of California Hastings College of the Law and is a member of the California Bar.

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Ann O'Leary is a Senior Fellow at American Progress and is the executive director of the Berkeley Center for Health, Economic & Family Security, or Berkeley CHEFS, located at University of California, Berkeley School of Law. CHEFS' mission is to develop and advance creative solutions to address the economic risks faced by working Americans with a focus on improving access to health care, developing better protections for workers who are voluntarily or involuntarily on leave from their jobs, and supporting working parents in a flexible workplace. O'Leary previously served as a deputy city attorney for the City of San Francisco and clerked for the Honorable John T. Noonan, Jr. on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. From 2001 through 2003, she served as legislative director for Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton. From 1994 through 2000, O'Leary served in a number of positions in the Clinton administration, including as special assistant to the president on the Domestic Policy Council and as senior policy advisor to the deputy secretary of education. She serves on the boards of San Francisco-based Public Advocates, a non-profit public law office focused on challenging the systemic causes of poverty and discrimination by promoting civil rights, and the East Bay Community Law Center, a legal clinic serving low-income members of the community. She also served as a volunteer policy advisor to the Hillary Clinton for President campaign on issues related to children and working families. O'Leary received her bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke College, her master's degree from Stanford University, and her law degree from UC Berkeley School of Law.

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Sharon Levine, MD, Associate Executive Director for The Permanente Medical Group of Northern California since 1991, has responsibility for clinical education, management training and leadership development for the group's physicians; government and community relations, health policy and external affairs; and pharmacy policy and drug use management. A board certified pediatrician, Levine has held multiple leadership roles within the Medical Group, as well as academic appointments at Tufts University School of Medicine and Georgetown University School of Medicine, and spent two years as a Clinical Associate at the National Institutes of Health, Institute of Child Health and Human Development. She serves on the Boards of Directors of the Integrated Healthcare Association, the Public Health Institute of California, the California Association of Physician Groups (CAPG), The Reagan Udall Foundation, the Medical Board of California and the California Hospital Association, and is a member of the Committee on Evidence-Based Benefit Design of the National Business Group on Health. A native of Boston, Levine received her undergraduate degree from Radcliffe College at Harvard University, and her MD degree from Tufts University School of Medicine.

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Santiago Muñoz, is the Associate Vice President – Clinical Services Development at the University of California Office of the President with responsibility for health system payments, business transactions, including clinical business development, university/industry partnerships and systemwide initiatives to improve financial performance. The University of California operates Academic Medical Centers at Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco. In FY 2007-08, total UC Academic Medical Center operations included 2,984 available beds; 142,890 discharges; 3,748,207 visits; \$4.458 billion in net revenues; and net income of \$321 million. Muñoz has extensive experience in healthcare financing. He currently leads various projects developed for the purpose of improving UC's market position and financial performance, including systemwide payment arrangements. He has conceptualized and developed successful strategies relating to hospital payment systems and revenue enhancement. Prior to joining the University of California in 2004, Muñoz served as Director of Finance Policy for the California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems, an association of public safety net hospitals. In that capacity, Muñoz played a key role in significant accomplishments including authorization of major disproportionate share funding streams and implementation of special protections for public health systems.
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David Regan is an executive vice president of the 2.1 million-member Service Employees International Union (SEIU), the fastest growing union in North America. With nearly 20 years of leadership in the labor movement, Regan has long fought for the rights and economic security of working people, including the current campaign in Congress for healthcare reform and a fair process for workers to form unions. Until January of this year, Regan served as president of the SEIU District 1199, a three-state local of healthcare and public employees in Ohio, West Virginia, and Kentucky. Under his leadership, 1199's membership grew from 13,000 to more than 34,000, enabling the union to negotiate some of the best union contracts in the Midwest. As part of the SEIU Health Care Division Steering Committee, Regan contributes to the Union's strategic goal of organizing healthcare workers across the country into a strong national union that can win major improvements for workers and patients. A longtime political activist, Regan helped lead more than 1,000 SEIU members and staff in a major grassroots campaign to elect Barack Obama and a more worker-friendly Congress in November 2008. Regan's experience includes serving as a vice president on the union's International Executive Board, and chairing SEIU's National Nursing Home Unity Council. He has developed coalitions of nursing home workers, patient advocates, and elected and community leaders to protect seniors, improve care and ensure safe staff-to-patient ratios. In January, Regan brought his leadership and worker commitment to California in his role as Trustee for SEIU United Healthcare Workers West, the largest hospital and healthcare union in the western United States with more than 150,000 members. Since his arrival, the union has negotiated landmark contracts that have significantly improved the lives of healthcare workers and the people they serve. Regan holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University.
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Diane Rittenhouse, MD, MPH is Associate Professor of Family and Community Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, with clinical, teaching, and research responsibilities in family medicine and health policy. Her principal research interest lies at the intersection of social policy and clinical quality, particularly with regard to the organization, delivery and financing of primary care. She has received a Generalist Physician Faculty Scholar award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Rittenhouse is co-investigator for 3 large national studies of physician practices funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the California

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Melissa Rodgers is the Associate Director of Berkeley CHEFS and the Director of CHEFS' Health Security work, which focuses on developing a research-based policy agenda for health care reform. Rodgers also developed a medical-legal course that she co-taught as a lecturer at Stanford Law and Medical Schools. She was newly selected to participate in the Berkeley Engaged Scholarship Initiative (BESI) faculty program to develop a similar medical-legal course at Berkeley. Previously, Rodgers was a Directing Attorney at the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County in the San Francisco Bay Area, and the Director of Legal Aid's Health Consumer Center, a Health Consumer Alliance partner organization that represents low-income San Mateo County residents on issues ranging from eligibility for public insurance programs, to access to services under managed care, to medical debt. In San Mateo, Rodgers participated in county-based efforts to expand coverage to uninsured children and adults. She also engaged in policy work focused on the Medi-Cal program and medical debt, and litigation involving the automation of Medi-Cal benefits. She helped start Legal Aid's Family Advocacy Program, a collaborative with Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford (LPCH) and the Ravenswood Family Health Center in East Palo Alto that aims to improve health outcomes for low-income pediatric patients through advocacy. She also helped start the San Mateo County Premie Project, a collaborative with LPCH focused on access to services for premature infants. Rodgers sits on the Board of the California Hospital Assessment and Reporting Taskforce (CHART), which was established in 2004 to develop a statewide hospital performance reporting system and in 2007 launched CalHospitalCompare.org. She has taught health care law as an adjunct professor at Golden Gate University School of Law. Rodgers received her master's degree from Harvard Graduate School of Education and her law degree from Harvard Law School.
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Herb K. Schultz has had a very unique and successful career straddling the public, private and non-profit sectors. He has spent the greater part of his career in health care policy, government affairs and politics, as well as operations. Schultz also has had significant senior level experience in the labor and workforce development arena. He was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the post of Senior Advisor to the Governor in April 2008. Schultz originally was appointed as the Governor's Senior Health Policy Advisor in September 2006.

He worked directly with the Governor across the State of California to achieve the Governor's goal of universal health care for all Californians. In addition to continuing to serve as the principal advisor to the Governor on health care reform, Schultz is now responsible for representing the Governor before major constituencies on all key public policy issues. Schultz previously was Acting Director of the California Employment Development Department (2004). He previously served in the Administration of former Governor Gray Davis (2000-2003), including as a member of the Cabinet and as Deputy Director of External Affairs for the then new Department of Managed Health Care. Schultz also served as Vice President of Government Programs for McKesson Health Solutions (2005-2006). He spent ten years in the managed health care industry, including as Vice President of State Affairs with the then American Association of Health Plans. Prior to tackling state health care policy, Schultz concentrated on federal government affairs issues for FHP (now United/PacifiCare) and Principal Health Care (now Coventry). Schultz also served as Director of Government Affairs for AIDS Project Los Angeles, the second largest AIDS Service Organization in the United States, and as co-chair of AIDS Action Council's Policy Committee, playing a leading role in the development of the national HIV/AIDS Community's position on the ultimately successful reauthorization of the Ryan White Care Act (1998-2000). Schultz received his Undergraduate Degree in Political Science and International Studies from The American University (1984) his Masters Degree in Public Policy from Georgetown University (1991).

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Anthony Wright has served as Executive Director for Health Access California, the statewide health care consumer advocacy coalition, since 2002. Health Access has been a leader in state and national efforts to fight health care budget cuts, to win consumer protections, and to advance comprehensive health reform and coverage expansions. Wright led fights to pass a first-in-the-nation law against hospital overcharging of the uninsured, and to win a prescription drug discount program despite an \$80 million industry campaign against it. His background is as a consumer advocate and community organizer, and he has been widely quoted in local and national media on a range of issues. He worked for New Jersey Citizen Action, the Center for Media Education, *The Nation* magazine, and in Vice President Gore's office in the White House. Born and raised in the Bronx, Wright graduated from Amherst College magna cum laude in both English and Sociology.

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