



**Advancing Behavioral Health Equity in Primary Care**  
**Speaker Bios (in Presenting Order)**



**Kathryn Phillips, MPH**, is a senior program officer on CHCF's Improving Access team, which works to improve access to coverage and care for Californians with low incomes. Kathryn serves as the CHCF liaison and managing partner for the California Improvement Network, and leads the foundation's efforts to advance primary care, including modernizing payment for FQHCs and public health care systems, accelerating the adoption of integrated behavioral health care, and increasing investment in primary care system-wide. Kathryn also supports the foundation's efforts to address California's health care workforce shortages. She is a member of the California Quality Collaborative Executive Committee. Prior to joining CHCF, Kathryn

served as the Director of Practice Transformation for a national, non-profit population health consulting firm where she designed and led regional initiatives to improve primary care, integrate behavioral health and oral health services, and align Medicaid payment models to support advanced primary care.



**Dr. Parinda Khatri, PhD**, is Chief Clinical Officer at Cherokee Health Systems (CHS), a comprehensive community health care organization in Tennessee that is a Federally Qualified Health Center and Community Mental Health Center. As Chief Clinical Officer at Cherokee Health Systems, she provides oversight and guidance on clinical quality, program development and management, workforce development, clinical research, and clinical operations for blended primary care and behavioral health services within the organization. She is also the principal investigator of several research and education programs at CHS, including the NIH funded All of Us Research Program and Community Engagement Alliance (CEAL) Against COVID-19 Disparities.

Dr. Khatri is also involved in integrated healthcare policy and practice issues at the national level. She is past President and Board Member of the Collaborative Family Healthcare Association (CFHA) and was appointed to the HRSA Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary and Community-Based Linkages by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services from 2017-2021. She is the Clinical Director for the Advancing Behavioral Health Equity initiative through the Center for Care Innovations, a consultant to Center for Healthcare Strategies, and on the advisory boards for the National Integration Academy for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), National Center for Integrated Behavioral Health in Primary Care at the University of Pennsylvania, the Center for Integrated Primary Care at the University of Massachusetts, as well as Clinical Advisory Committees for Amerigroup and BlueCare of Tennessee. She is also appointed to the HRSA Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary and Community-Based Linkages by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services.



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**Jerry Lassa** is a statistician, quality improvement professional, trainer and coach with over 30 years of experience. Jerry received a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and a master's degree in applied mathematics with a concentration in statistics from DePaul University in Chicago. Jerry leadership roles at an academic medical center, two community health centers, a health center network, and a population health solution company. He currently consults on state-level community health data management initiatives across the country and on international clinical research efforts with the National Institutes of Health in Washington D.C. and teaches statistics at Northwestern University in Chicago.



**Ann Middleton, MPH**, is a Research Associate at IMPAQ International a subsidiary of American Institutes for Research with over 15 years of experience in public, private and academic settings. In her current role she works across human services, education, and health sector divisions on policy and program evaluations related to behavioral health integration, food insecurity, workforce development, and tobacco control. Based in Oakland, she currently leads program evaluation and data collection technical assistance for implementation of multi-tiered systems of support and family engagement models within school districts in the Bay Area. She recently led a project collecting local agency, child care provider, family and child data on subsidized childcare participation across the state of California. Additional project work focuses on supporting data submission technical assistance for the CMS Quality Payment Program and assessing equity in funding frameworks within tobacco control initiative. Prior to joining IMPAQ International, she worked for the New York Department of Health and Mental Hygiene evaluating implementation of comprehensive food procurement standards across city public agencies and programs. Ann received a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a master's in public health degree in Social and Behavioral Science from Yale University. Results from her work are published in *Childhood Obesity*, *Preventing Chronic Disease*, *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*, *Public Health Nutrition*

