PRESENTERS

Jerry Lassa, MS, is a 30-year healthcare quality improvement professional and statistician. He has served in quality improvement 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 initiatives across the country with a focus on building a data-driven culture through strengthening data management capacity and data governance practices. He teaches statistics at Northwestern University in Chicago and gets overly excited about pivot tables and dashboards.

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.

Miguelina Germán, PhD, Miguelina German, PhD served as the Director of the Trauma Informed Care program at Montefiore Medical Group, a workforce initiative aimed at training primary care staff across 21 primary care practices that serve 300,000 patients across the Bronx, NY and lower Westchester County. The workforce initiative aimed to train primary care physicians, nurses and front desk staff to adopt a trauma-informed approach to working with their patients, create work practices to prevent vicarious trauma and promote wellness, in addition to setting up a universal screening program using the Adverse Childhood Experiences questionnaire. Presently, Dr. Germán works as the Associate Director of Trauma Services in the Department of Pediatrics at Montefiore Medical Center. She also holds a joint appointment as an Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics and the Department of Psychiatry at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She completed her doctoral work at Arizona State University and her undergraduate work at Columbia University.