

Healthy Safety Net 2019 – Speaker Bios

Todd Anderson

Anderson, Director, Public Policy and Regulatory Affairs, provides strategic direction on public policy and regulatory matters affecting Blue Cross. He also oversees the strategic direction for the enterprise's social mission.

Before joining Blue Cross in 2009, Todd held multiple positions in and around state government for more than 20 years. He served as chief of staff to Michigan House Speaker Rick Johnson and vice president of Government Relations for the Small Business Association of Michigan.

He has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in public administration from Western Michigan University.

Diane Conners

Diane Conners is senior policy specialist at Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities, a Michigan nonprofit established in 1995 that works to protect the environment, strengthen the economy and build community health. Groundwork's food and farming program, which is nationally recognized, is the organization's largest program and her area of focus since 2004.

Diane partners with wellness advocates, health departments, hospital systems and schools for programs that link local farms, food and health. Groundwork Center is holding its third Farms, Food & Health Conference and Culinary Medicine Training in September, a collaborative series with Munson Healthcare, that she launched in 2014.

The conference, along with on-the-ground projects and communications, is one of many ways in which Groundwork Center works to build awareness around positive models and solutions. A former award-winning journalist, Diane appreciates the ability to use her communications background, networking and policy advocacy to make positive change.

She also serves on the Blue Cross community advisory council in Traverse City.

Dr. Debra Furr-Holden

Dr. Debra Furr-Holden is the associate dean for Public Health Integration, and C.S. Mott endowed professor and director of the Division of Public Health at the Michigan State University. She is also the director of the Flint Center for Health Equity Solutions, funded by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (#U54MD011227). She is an epidemiologist and classically-trained public health professional with expertise in behavioral health equity, drug and alcohol dependence epidemiology, psychiatric epidemiology and prevention science. Dr. Furr-Holden has worked extensively with a wide range of partners, including community-based organizations, local municipal officials and policy makers. Her research has supported legislative efforts to affect state- and national-level legislation to promote behavioral health equity. Dr. Furr-Holden's community-based, action-oriented research has been well received by community stakeholders and driven multiple policy interventions to address some of the nation's greatest public health challenges, especially among African-American and in racially segregated communities. Dr. Furr-Holden's research is grounded in the rubrics of epidemiology and consistent with principles and practices for understanding social determinants of health and health equity. Dr. Furr-Holden attended the Johns Hopkins University

Krieger School of Arts and Sciences (BA Natural Sciences and Public Health, 1996) and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (Ph.D., 1999).

Rev. Brad Garrison RPh

Executive director of The Luke Project 52 Clinic, Brad is a 1976 graduate of St. Louis College of Pharmacy and received his M.Div. from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN in 1984. He has practiced pharmacy in Michigan and Indiana and served parishes in North Dakota, Iowa and Michigan. He has a history of entrepreneurial innovative efforts that include starting his own clinic pharmacy in Trenton, MI in 1978, starting a new mission church in Minot, ND in 1984, establishing a multi-site congregation (one church in two suburban locations) in West Des Moines and Clive, IA from 1989-99 that grew from 200 to 2000, and currently with the establishment of The Luke Project 52 Clinic in SW Detroit in 2016. He currently serves as the project executive director (unpaid), practices pharmacy one day per week, and serves as a visiting pastor and speaker to the 366 congregations of the Michigan District of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Ryan Hertz

Since assuming leadership of SOS in May of 2010, as well as Lighthouse in 2019, Ryan Hertz has worked with his dedicated board and staff to dramatically expand each organization's scope, providing emergency shelter, rental assistance, affordable housing development, supportive service solutions and crowdfunding technologies that have contributed to thousands of homeless or impoverished people getting back on their feet and finding a renewed sense of purpose.

Ryan has served in the human service field for more than a decade. He strives to build meaningful relationships with those eager to help realize his vision for all people throughout Metro Detroit to have a place to call home within a mutually supportive and caring community.

Ryan also serves as board president for Spero Housing Group and the Alliance for Housing, as board chair for the Lathrup Village DDA and Chabad of Greater Downtown Detroit, and as a commissioner for BBYO Michigan Region. He lives in Huntington Woods with his wife and son.

Dr. Joneigh S. Khaldun

Dr. Joneigh S. Khaldun is the chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. In these roles, she provides medical guidance for the State of Michigan and oversees the Population Health, Medical Services, Aging and Adult Services, and Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities administrations.

Prior to her roles at MDHHS, she was the director and health officer for the Detroit Health Department, where she oversaw a robust community-driven community health assessment, established a comprehensive reproductive health network and led Detroit's response to the Hepatitis A outbreak. In 2018, Dr. Khaldun was selected for the 40 Under 40 Leaders in Minority Health Award by the National Minority Quality Forum. She also is a fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Previously, Dr. Khaldun was the Baltimore City Health Department's chief medical officer, where she oversaw seven clinics and a laboratory and led efforts to address the opioid epidemic. She has held several local and national leadership positions, including director of the Center for Injury Prevention and Control at George Washington University, founder and director of the Fellowship in Health Policy

in the University of Maryland Department of Emergency Medicine, and as a fellow in the Obama administration's Office of Health Reform.

Dr. Khaldun has served on several national and local boards and committees that include: Commission on Health in Montgomery County, Maryland; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit; the Detroit Urban Research Collaborative; the governor-appointed Michigan Public Health Advisory Council; and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Health Disparities Advisory Committee. She obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan, medical degree from the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and a master's in public health in health policy from George Washington University. She completed her residency in emergency medicine at Kings County Hospital Center in Brooklyn, New York, where she served as chief resident. She practices emergency medicine part-time at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Mary Sue Lanigan

Mary Sue Lanigan is the chief executive officer of the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, an organization that provides direct patient services and education to people and families living with Parkinson's disease. The Michigan Parkinson Foundation is headquartered in Bingham Farms and serves the entire state of Michigan. Mary Sue has been with the foundation for 2 ½ years.

Prior to that, Mary Sue was the development director for the Arthritis Foundation, Great Lakes Region for fifteen years and before that she was a patient educator at the Cleveland Clinic and community education director at Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland. Mary Sue has 29 years of experience in program development for chronic disease management in both the nonprofit and the private sector.

Mary Sue has a Bachelor of Science degree in community health education from Kent state University.

Jackie Prokop, Ph.D., MHA, RN

Jackie Prokop, Ph.D., MHA, RN, is the Director of the Medicaid Program Policy Division, which is located in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. She has worked for the state of Michigan for more than 27 years, with 25 years working in the Medical Services Administration, the agency responsible for the administration of the Medicaid program. In her current role, she oversees health policy related to Medicaid, which includes the Healthy Michigan Plan, Maternal Outpatient Medical Services and the MI Child program. She has a bachelor's degree in nursing, a master's degree in health care administration and Ph.D. in Nursing with an emphasis on health policy. In addition, she has more than 10 years of clinical experience in a variety of health care settings.

Julie Rwan

Julie Rwan is a Senior Manager with the Overdose Prevention Program at Vital Strategies. Prior to joining Vital Strategies, Julie served as the capacity building program manager at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, providing technical assistance on harm reduction, HIV prevention and treatment, and public health preparedness to community organizations, health care providers and health departments across the country. Julie earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in anthropology from University of California, Berkeley, and her Master of Public Health degree in social and behavioral sciences from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

H. Luke Shaefer

Director, Poverty Solutions at the University of Michigan; associate professor, School of Social Work; associate professor, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

Dr. Shaefer's research on poverty and social welfare policy in the United States has been published in top peer-reviewed academic journals, such as *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* and *the American Journal of Public Health*, and has been supported by the National Science Foundation, among other sources. Shaefer has presented his research at the White House and before numerous federal agencies, has testified before the U.S. Senate Finance Committee and has consulted with a number of the nation's largest social service providers, as well as numerous community-based agencies. His work has been cited in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *National Review*, *The Atlantic*, *Vox*, the *LA Times* and *Huffington Post*, and he has been featured on such programs as "Marketplace" and CNBC's "Nightly Business Report." His recent book with Kathryn Edin, *\$2.00 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America*, was named one of the 100 Notable Books of 2015 by the *New York Times Book Review* and won the Hillman Prize for Book Journalism.

Ph.D. and M.A. University of Chicago; B.A. Oberlin College

Dawn Shanafelt, MPA, BSN, RN

Dawn Shanafelt has been director of the Division of Maternal and Child Health at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services since December 2018. She is highly involved in program, policy, budget and setting maternal and infant health priorities, and provides key leadership for the implementation of the Mother Infant Health & Equity Improvement Plan. Prior to this position, she was a consultant to and then manager of the Perinatal & Infant Health Section of MDHHS. From 2006 to 2014, Dawn was the Personal & Preventive Health Services nursing supervisor at the Saginaw County Department of Public Health. For three years prior to that, she was the Child and Adolescent Health Center coordinator at the department. Dawn received her RN and BSN from Saginaw Valley State University and her MPA from the University of Michigan-Flint.

Renuka Tipirneni, M.D., MSc

Dr. Tipirneni is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, Divisions of General Medicine and Hospital Medicine, and at the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation at the University of Michigan. Her research focuses on investigating the impact of health reform policies and programs on low socioeconomic status, aging and other vulnerable populations, and on delivery of care in the health care safety net. Her current work includes examinations of access to care under health reform; Medicaid policy, including recent consideration of work requirements for beneficiaries; integration of behavioral and physical health care; and assessments of social determinants of health in clinical practice. She is a co-investigator on IHPI's evaluation of Michigan's Medicaid expansion, principal investigator evaluating Michigan's Medicaid Health Homes program and a recipient of a K08 career development award from the National Institute on Aging examining the impact of coverage expansions on near retirement adults. Dr. Tipirneni is passionate about the translation of research into implementation of health policies and practice.

Claire Titcombe

Claire Titcombe has been working within the human services field for the past decade. During that time, she has had extensive experience working with children and adolescents experiencing trauma, the family-child dyad and attachment support. Claire has also been working on the administrative side

of the field to provide better care models for the populations that she serves. With this in mind, she has worked to gain experience grant writing and fundraising, as well as supporting the staff that she works with each day. Claire is passionate about program improvement, staff development, trauma informed practice and person-centered care.

Jared Welehodsky

Jared Welehodsky is a senior policy analyst in the Policy and Innovation Division of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Jared is responsible for policy research and development for MDHHS. In addition, Jared coordinates strategic initiatives at the direction of MDHHS leadership. In this role, Jared coordinates the MDHHS response to the opioid epidemic. Jared has worked for MDHHS since 2015. Prior to working at MDHHS, Mr. Welehodsky worked in the Michigan State Senate for five years.