

## 2018 Region IX Clinical Excellence Conference Speakers



**John Bachman, PhD**

Dr. John Bachman studied the personality determinants of cannabis dependence and treated cannabis, ethanol, nicotine and opioid dependencies at the University of California, San Francisco where he earned a doctoral degree in psychology. He served as Stanford University Psychiatry Department's Behavioral Medicine Director; worked as an executive for United Behavioral Health and provided strategic direction to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's "Depression in Primary Care" project. As the El Dorado County (CA) Mental Health Director, he implemented publicly funded, transformative mental health projects such as measuring clinical outcomes, overseeing a county-wide mental health court and providing crisis intervention training for law enforcement officers. Currently, he continues to catalyze the integration of behavioral with primary healthcare and implemented medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorder at the El Dorado Community Health Center. He is a lifetime member of the American Psychological Association and is a past chairperson of the California Primary Care Association's behavioral health peer network.



**Tyree Davis, DDS**

Dr. Tyree Davis graduated from the University of Michigan, School of Dentistry in 1989, and moved to Houston, Texas, and began his career in private practice. He and his family moved to Las Vegas in 1999, where he was in private practice until 2005. He is the Dental Director at Nevada Health Centers, Inc., which is a federally qualified health center. The company has two clinical sites, one in Las Vegas and one in Elko, Nevada. They also have a Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, which is a mobile unit based in Elko, and receives annual funding from the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Dr. Davis is a member of the Southern Nevada Dental Society, the Nevada Dental Association, the American Dental Association, and the National Network for Oral Health Access. He has served as the President of the City of Lights Dental Society. Additionally, he has served as Treasurer, Vice-President and President of the Board of Directors for the Western Clinicians Network. He has also served as a member of the Nevada State Advisory Committee for Oral Health and the State Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board.



**Agi Erickson, MS**

Ági Erickson is the Director of Project ECHO® at the Community Health Center, Inc's Weitzman Institute. Ági has overseen the replication and growth of CHCI's unique Project ECHO since 2012. She has presided over the rapid growth and spread of this program to over 57 health centers supporting over 275 providers across the US and Europe. Ági has ten years of project management experience at CHC.

Ági completed Clinical Microsystems\* training at the Dartmouth Institute and is a certified coach. She is currently coaching a School Based Health Center Interdisciplinary Clinical Microsystem\* Team focusing on health system improvement work specifically on the design and redesign of small, functional clinical units for a seamless, patient-centered, high quality, safe, and efficient health system. Ági received training in advanced facilitation by Ingrid Bens, an internationally recognized expert in facilitation skills, and completed lean training at Denver Health Lean Academy. She earned her Master's Degree from Quinnipiac University in Organizational Leadership concentrating in Health Care Management.



**Patti Feeney, MS**

Patti is an experienced Quality Improvement Coach and Educator at Community Health Center, Inc.'s Weitzman Institute. Patti has educated senior leaders, management teams and staff at various levels from Federally Qualified Health Centers and other community health centers across the country. She has an extensive background in change management and quality improvement strategies for community health organizations. Patti specializes in providing QI coaching education and leadership support to create a quality improvement structure and culture in order to implement new processes effectively and sustain them over time. Patti is Six Sigma Black Belt certified and has a certification from the Dartmouth Institute in Clinical Microsystems. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Corporate Communications from Southern Connecticut State University and a Master's Degree in Business Management from Albertus Magnus College.



**Carlos Gonzales, MD, FAAFP**

Carlos R. Gonzales, M.D. is the Assistant Dean for Curricular Affairs and Associate Professor of FCM at the UofA College of Medicine Tucson. Carlos is an Adviser on Traditional Indian-Western Medicine Collaboration at the College. He was Medical Director at the El Rio Neighborhood CHC, and a rural Family Physician in Patagonia, AZ. In 1997, he was Arizona Family Physician of the Year. He was on the AAFP Board of Directors and a Past-President of the AzAFP. In addition, he was initiated into the Association of American Indian Physicians. He received his B.A. from Carleton College- Northfield, MN in 1977 and M.D. from the University of Arizona, College of Medicine- Tucson, AZ in 1981. He completed a FM Residency at the UNMH- Albuquerque, NM in 1984, with Fellowships in Adolescent Medicine- UNM Department of FCM in 1985 and in Faculty Development- the UofA Department of FCM in 1986. Carlos is a sixth generation Tucsonan of Yaqui and Mexican descent. He is married to Debbie has four children (Michael, Evelinda, Carlos and Felipe) and 8 grandchildren. He participates in the Traditional Easter Ceremonies at the New Pascua Yaqui Pueblo. He also leads Yaqui-Inipi Way Sweat Lodge Ceremonies.



**Carl Heard, MD, MMM**

Carl Heard is a practicing Family Physician and a consultant in Medical Management. Dr. Heard also serves as a Western Clinicians Network (WCN) Board member and is the current President of the WCN board



**Katie Hirst, MD**

Katie Hirst, MD, trained in Family Medicine and Psychiatry at UCSD's Combined Residency Program. She established the UCSD Maternal Mental Health Clinic in 2007, treating women with perinatal mood and anxiety disorders. She left UCSD in 2013 and now works in private practice at Bold Health in Encinitas, CA, where she teaches Mindfulness Meditation and focuses her psychiatric practice on substance use disorders and women's reproductive mental health.



**Leinaala Kanana**

Leinaala Kanana is the Director of Community Health Services at the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. The department she oversees provides valuable enabling services to their patients. Such services are case management, homeless outreach, care coordination, interpreter services, outreach and enrollment, and transportation. Leinaala has been with the health center for 15 years starting her career as a Perinatal Case Manager. Leinaala received her Bachelor's degree in Social Work from Brigham Young University-Hawaii and is a current graduate student at Boston University School of Social Work.



**Christina Lasich, MD**

After residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation, Dr. Christina Lasich, a graduate of the University California at Davis School of Medicine, returned to her hometown of Grass Valley, California. She held a private practice in both pain and addiction medicine for 15 years and is now employed by Western Sierra Medical Clinic as the Chief Medical Officer. She also worked as the Medical Director for Community Recovery Resources from 2013 to 2018. In addition to clinical work, Dr. Lasich has years of experience as a professional writer for Remedy Health Media and has a book titled, *High Heels to Hormones: A woman's guide to spine care*. In her leisure time, she enjoys the company of dogs, the sports of fly fishing and upland game hunting, and long drives in the countryside.



**Huong Le, DDS, MA**

Huong Le, DDS, graduated from Baylor University with a degree in Chemistry and obtained her Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston in 1984. She did her General Practice-Hospital Dentistry residency program at Jerry L. Pettis Veterans Memorial Hospital. After completion of her residency, she joined a private practice in northern California where she provided hospital dentistry to primarily pediatric, medically compromised, physically and mentally challenged patients at Rideout Memorial Hospital in Marysville, CA.

In 1989, Dr. Le joined a community health center in northern California where she worked as a dental provider then later became their dental director. In 2003, she joined Asian Health Services as their first Chief Dental Officer to help open their new dental program. Dr. Le is a member of the American Dental Association, California Dental Association and Alameda County Dental Society. Dr. Le currently serves on Board of Directors of National Network for Oral Health Access, Western Clinicians Network and Alameda County Dental Society. Dr. Le is also a grant reviewer for Health Resources and Services Administration. She has received numerous awards and recognition for her academic, clinical and community service, including the ADA Presidential Commendation and the Dr. Willard C. Fleming Meritorious Service Award. Dr. Le is a Fellow of American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists and Pierre Fauchard Academy.



**Dorit Leavitt, MPH**

Dorit Leavitt has more than 15 years of experience in public health and economic development, leading programs in the United States and internationally. She has a Master of Public Health from the City University of New York, with a special interest in the structural drivers that influence health equity. Dorit currently is a lead for JVS's (Jewish Vocational Service) career pathway programs, facilitating intersectional collaboration between healthcare and workforce. Prior to joining JVS, Dorit designed and managed training programs in support of social innovators and independent entrepreneurs dedicated to transforming their own underserved communities. Dorit has also led efforts in multi-sector collaboration, program incubation, and community health initiatives.



**Jay W. Lee, MD, MPH, FAAFP**

Jay W. Lee, MD, MPH, FAAFP, is Chief Medical Officer at Venice Family Clinic. Founded in 1970, Venice Family Clinic fulfills its mission to provide quality primary care to people in need by serving over 26,000 vulnerable patients at twelve sites in Los Angeles, CA. Before joining the leadership team at Venice Family Clinic, Dr. Lee was Director of Health Policy and Assistant Program Director at the Long Beach Memorial Family Medicine Residency Program and Associate Medical Director of Practice Transformation at MemorialCare Medical Group, where he led implementation of the patient-centered medical home model in practice sites from Long Beach to San Clemente. He is active in physician leadership having served as 2015-2016 President of the California

Academy of Family Physicians and is a member of Family Medicine for America's Health Core Tactic Team on Practice Transformation and Cross-Tactic Team on Health Equity. Dr. Lee is board-certified in Family Medicine and is an Assistant Clinical Professor at the UC Irvine School of Medicine.



**Viola Lujan**

The Director of Business Development & Community Relations, Viola Lujan, oversees community health education throughout the agency, works with partners to leverage community resources, explores opportunities to expand La Clínica's services to better meet the needs of the target population, and supervises the Community Health Education Manager. Ms. Lujan, joined La Clínica in September 1973. During the past 45 years, she has held various executive-level management positions at La Clínica, including Fiscal Officer and Regional Director. In her current position, she has led agency-wide community health education efforts and has been primarily responsible for providing community-based development and relationship management for La Clínica's internal and external stakeholders. Additionally, Ms. Lujan works across community, business, and functional lines to build and strengthen relationships.



**J. Javier Luna, PhD**

Dr. Javier Luna is a licensed clinical psychologist and the Director of Integrated Services at a Federally Qualified Health Center in Winters, California. There, he has implemented and sustained a successful model of integrated behavioral health and health coaching into primary care since 2012. His interest has now shifted towards development of the whole organization most evidenced by his current efforts to develop an internal coaches training program to enhance employee success and organizational adaptability. Dr. Luna received his Ph.D., from Seattle Pacific University in 2010 and has received advanced professional training from the Gestalt International Study Center in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. He currently lives in Sacramento with his wife Molly of 16 years and their 4 children.



**Anna Marjavi**

Anna Marjavi has worked with Futures Without Violence since 1999. As a Program Director, Anna provides technical assistance and program development consultation to cities, states and American Indian/Alaska Native communities across the U.S. on addressing violence against women, children and families. Working across public health and health care delivery systems, Anna has developed national campaigns, academic conferences and multi-state initiatives. She also provides training to professional athletes and coaches on violence prevention and healthy relationships. Currently, Anna manages a national statewide initiative funded by U.S. DHHS agencies to engage community health centers and domestic violence programs on IPV and human trafficking intervention and support. Prior to working with FUTURES, Anna worked with the Human Rights Campaign and the Alliance for Justice, and as a volunteer with Communities United Against Violence, Project Open Hand and Friends of the Urban

Forest. She is a volunteer coach for a San Francisco middle school girls softball team. Anna received her BA in political science from Lewis & Clark College in Portland, OR.



**Melissa Marshall, MD**



**Anitha Mullangi, MD, MHCM, FAAFP**

Dr. Anitha Mullangi is a family physician with extensive clinical and management experience. She works as the Chief Medical Officer at St. John's WellChild and Family Centers, a non-profit health organization comprising sixteen clinical sites in Los Angeles. She also serves on the Board of Directors of California State Primary Care Association, Western Clinician Network, where she is also serving as the treasurer. Dr. Mullangi has worked extensively in the areas of leadership development, clinician recruitment and retention, quality assurance and quality improvement. She developed an internship program to recruit and develop mid-level providers. She focused on improving health of the patients, reducing ER visits and hospital admissions; leading to starting the Department of Population health to improve the overall patient health. Dr. Mullangi has trained in Ob-Gyn in India and US, later switching to family medicine. Most recently, she earned masters degree in healthcare management from the Harvard School of Public Health. She was honored as a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians in 2014, and was inducted into the American College of Physician Executives in 2016.



**Keith Parker**

As the CIO, Mr. Parker is responsible for all information system functions at Health Current, which include core HIE services, as well as population health and data analytics. Mr. Parker Joined Health Current in November 2015 and has over 30 years' experience in healthcare. His area of expertise is in health information technology implementation and use, process improvement, along with change management methodology and implementation in healthcare. He holds undergraduate degrees in business administration, economics and an MBA from Saint Martin's University.



### **Patricia Patrón**

Patricia is a healthcare executive with a broad experience in all aspects of clinical and organizational management, quality assurance, risk management, strategic planning, building relationships and coalitions, fundraising, talent management, and non-profit financial and operational management. She started serving as the Chief Operations Officer at NATIVE HEALTH in August of 2015. NATIVE HEALTH is an Urban Indian Health Center and a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) serving individuals and families in the Phoenix Metropolitan areas. Patricia is also a board member with the Arizona Public Health Association and an advisory board member of the ASU- Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center.

Between 2004 and 2014, Patricia was actively engaged with Family HealthCare (FHC) in Fargo, ND. FHC is a non-profit FQHC with multiple programs and sites including homeless health, medical, dental, behavioral health, optometry services, pharmacy, and a lifestyle and wellness medicine program. Patricia was the Chief Executive Officer at FHC for seven years.

Patricia is originally from Colombia, South America. She received her bachelor's degree in Health Care Administration from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN in 2004. She also received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia in 1994. Patricia has a passion for diversity issues and access to healthcare for all. She was selected as the YWCA's "2010 Woman of the Year in Advocating for Equality." In 2009, she received the "Latino Leadership Award for Woman of the Year" from Mujeres Unidas/Women United for outstanding community leadership. Patricia also received the "Star Award" from Dakota Medical Foundation for exceeding goals in ensuring the provision of healthcare services to noninsured/underinsured individuals and positively impacting the health of people in ND. She enjoys reading, spending time outdoors hiking and running, and cooking and having conversations at the dinner her husband, Roberto. Patricia has two children, Camilla and Sebastian, both college students.



### **Eladio Pereira, MD, MBA, FACP**

Eladio Pereria is an Internal Medicine physician who currently serves as the CMO at Mariposa Community Health Center in Nogales, Arizona. Dr. Pereria earned his MBA at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and has served as a National Health Service Scholar and a American College of Physicians Fellow. Dr. Pereira has a strong interest in mentoring students and young physicians.



**Caleb Sandford, MBA**

Caleb Sandford joined the executive leadership team at Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center in September 2016. In his role as Chief Operations Officer (COO), Caleb is responsible for the operational success of the organization, and for improving access to health services for patients. He has successfully led initiatives in empanelment, reducing appointment no-shows, bi-directional texting with patients, call center optimization, team-based care, and pre-visit planning.



**Terri Stratton, MPH**

Ms. Stratton has been the CEO of the El Dorado Community Health Center since January 2014. Under her oversight, the Center has expanded from 2 locations, to 4 locations with a fifth location to open soon to accommodate our expanding MAT program. Ms. Stratton has a Masters in Public Health degree and prior management experience with El Dorado County Public Health and the State of California where she worked in various programs including policy and adoption of state legislation for the roll out of the ACA and Covered CA, the CA Exchange.



**Jackie Wong, LCSW**

Jackie Wong is the Behavioral Health Manager at Asian Health Services, a Federal Qualified Health Clinic in Oakland, CA. She oversees the Integrated Behavioral Health Department: the Integrated Behavioral Health Program, the Case Management and the Care Neighborhood Program which is an intensive case management program targeting patients who have complex needs. Prior to working at Asian Health Services, Jackie was the Social Work Manager at On Lok Lifeways, the original Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), a MediCal waiver program, in San Francisco working under the inter-disciplinary team model to provide comprehensive care to the frail elderly.

Jackie served on the Executive Board and the Board of Directors at the Chinese American Coalition of Compassionate Care. She's a member of the Alameda County Behavioral Health Consortium and is a Catalyst Alum from the Center for Care Innovation. She has appeared as a guest lecturer at various universities and a conference speaker on topics such as behavioral health integration, health disparity, cultural diversity, dementia, advance care planning and end of life issues.

Jackie is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who is bicultural and bilingual in 3 Chinese dialects.



**Jessica Yanow, MPH**



**Ron Yee, MD, MBA, FAFAP**

Dr. Yee received his medical degree from Oral Roberts University School of Medicine and completed his Family Practice residency and Chief Resident position through UC San Francisco, Fresno, CA. Ron was employed by United Health Centers in Parlier, California, an eight-site Community-Migrant health center for the past two decades. He obtained his MBA from Golden Gate University, San Francisco. Dr. Yee achieved the distinguished Degree of Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He served as faculty and team coach for two BPHC Patient Visit Redesign Collaboratives and two Institute of Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Redesign-Finance Collaboratives. Ron is a graduate of the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) EXCELL Leadership Program and was elected to the Executive Committee as Treasurer. He was a member of the National Advisory Council for the National Health Service Corps. Through his 20-year health center service Dr. Yee has developed a passion for patient care and communicates a unique blend of clinical practice style efficiency, care team focus, practical financial applications and organizational transformation. He is the Chief Medical Officer for NACHC and serves in the Bethesda, MD office.