

# Symposium Speakers



**KEYNOTE**  **SPEAKER**

**Dr. Kirsten Siegenthaler**  
**Director, Division of Family Health**  
**NYS Department of Health**



Kirsten Siegenthaler, PhD has been with the NYS Department of Health for over 22 years. Dr. Siegenthaler has served as the Director for the Division of Family Health for four years and been with the Division of Family Health for 15 years. As Division Director, Dr. Siegenthaler is responsible for oversight of over \$300 million in state and federal public health funding with initiatives that support New York State residents from birth through childbearing age. Promoting maternal and infant health is a top priority for the Department of Health.



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**Dr. Daniela DiMarco, MPH**



Dr. DiMarco is an infectious disease physician and Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Rochester Medical Center providing clinical care within the URM system and the Monroe County Sexual Health Clinic. She completed her Medical Degree at SUNY Stony Brook, internal medicine residency training at the University of Connecticut, ID fellowship at the University of Vermont, and Master's in Public Health at Dartmouth College. Dr. DiMarco's work is focused on STIs including HIV. She is the PI for the CDC-funded Capacity Building Assistance Program for HIV Prevention at the University of Rochester Center for Community Practice where she is Associate Medical Director and is faculty within the NYS AIDS Institute Clinical Education Initiative Sexual Health Center of Excellence.

**Dr. Aarathi Nagaraja, CPH**



Dr. Nagaraja is the Quality Medical Director of HIV and Hepatitis Programs at Sun River Health, a large FQHC that covers Hudson Valley, Long Island and NYC. She is an Infectious Disease physician who provides HIV, Hepatitis B/C care, and Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder within an integrated primary care model at Sun River Health. She works closely with her care teams to oversee the quality of the HIV and Hepatitis programs at Sun River Health. She is also the co-chair for the NYS Congenital Syphilis Elimination Strategic Planning group.

**Audrie King**



Audrie MacDuff King is the Director of STI Policy for the Bureau of Hepatitis, HIV, and STI at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. She is also the co-chair of New York State's Congenital Syphilis Elimination Strategic Planning Group. She previously worked as a Policy Analyst at the New York State Senate; Coordinator at the Health and Human Services Network; and as a Sex Educator for Planned Parenthood. Audrie serves on the Board of Directors for the National Coalition of STD Directors and is the current chair of their Public Policy Committee. She is a proud public-school graduate and holds a Master's Degree in Social & Public Policy and a Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology.

**Kelly McGowan, MPH**



Kelly McGowan is a Public Health Analyst at the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) in the Bureau of Primary Health Care's Center for Health Center Innovation. In this role, she supports program development and evaluation for health center quality improvement initiatives. Kelly also serves as a project officer for the Quality Improvement Fund – Maternal Health (QIF-MH) project, which provides one-time supplemental funding for a group of health centers to implement innovative maternal health initiatives. Prior to joining HRSA, Kelly completed the Presidential Management Fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC).



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**Dr. Gracie-Ann Roberts,  
DMSc, MPH, PA-C**



Dr. Gracie-Ann Roberts, DMSc, MPH, PA-C, CPHQ serves as the Chief Quality Officer at the Community Health Center of Richmond, a Federally Qualified Health Center in Staten Island, New York. She provides leadership and guidance for CHCR's Quality Division including PCMH, Joint Commission accreditation compliance, maternal and child operations, value-based care, and operations. Dr. Roberts is a licensed Physician Assistant and a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality. The maternal and child health division focuses on increasing breastfeeding rates, safe sleep practices, reducing infant mortality and maternal mortality and morbidity through providing doula services, group based prenatal care, safe sleep education, enhanced postpartum care, and breastfeeding education.

**Dr. Meleen Chuang**



Dr. Chuang is the NYU Langone Brooklyn Chief of Service OBGYN and also serves as the Medical Director of Women's Health for the Family Health Center at NYU Langone Brooklyn. Dr Chuang is a practicing full scope OB/GYN with a special interest in community-based quality improvement processes for pregnant patients.

Dr. Chuang and her team had the honor of working on a HRSA Quality Improvement Grant in Maternal Health over the last two years using a novel perinatal dashboard and community outreach to their patients using patient navigators, community health workers and doula services. She hopes to share some of her findings.

**Davina A. Moss, PhD.,  
C.R.C., C.A.S.A.C**



Dr. Moss, a native of Buffalo, NY, has been a substance use disorder counselor focusing on women's health for 31 years. Dr. Moss completed her undergraduate degree and PhD from the State University of NY at Buffalo, and Master's Degree from New York University. Dr. Moss is the president and founder of Positive Direction and Associates, Inc.® and Positive Direction Foundation. She is a Volunteer Faculty Member at State University of New York at Buffalo's Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Family Medicine Department, and an Adjunct professor at New York University's Mental Health Counseling and Wellness. She is the author and creator of the Positive Direction Model®, which is integrated in OBGYN offices, Outpatient facilities, Recovery / Family Support Programs and Federally Qualified Health Centers throughout New York State.

**Disha Patel, MPH**



As the Manager of Health Policy, Disha Patel, MPH, plays a key role in developing and implementing CHI's policy strategy at the state and federal levels. With eight years of experience in policy development, program implementation, and advocacy for value-based payment programs, she brings her expertise to CHI, driving efforts to support the Centering model and improve maternal health outcomes.



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**Chiquita S. Brake, RHIT,  
CPC, AHIMA**



Chiquita S. Brake, RHIT, CPC, AHIMA Approved ICD-10 CM/PCS Trainer is a healthcare policy professional with a passion for improving maternal and child health outcomes. With 23 years of experience in Health Information Management and a focus on group prenatal care, has successfully led policy initiatives across multiple states, including Arizona, North Carolina, Michigan, and Maryland.

One key accomplishment has been expanding group prenatal care coverage for reimbursement in these states, ensuring that more women and families have access to comprehensive, patient-centered care, and has worked closely with state Medicaid programs and MCO payers to establish sustainable policies that support implementing group prenatal care models like CenteringPregnancy®.

**Mary Fitzmaurice,  
CNM, MSN**



As the Senior Director of Business Development for Centering Healthcare Institute, Mary is responsible for leading the growth and expansion of Centering, with a particular focus on New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, and Unified Women's Healthcare affiliates through collaborations with healthcare providers and systems, funders and government agencies. She is the lead on a number of key Centering initiatives. Her journey with Centering started as a provider facilitator, coordinator and in-house trainer at a large hospital outpatient clinic in North Carolina. A Certified Nurse-Midwife, Mary comes to CHI with over 25 years of healthcare experience and is passionate about providing care for the whole person and improving health outcomes with the Centering model. She completed her bachelor's degree in nursing at Boston College, and her master's degree in nursing at the University of Rhode Island,.

**Jillian Maccini MBA, PCMH CCE**



Jillian Maccini has more than a decade of experience working closely with health centers across the country as the project director of the HITEQ center, which supports health centers with data, health IT, EHR, and telehealth use; through the UDS, as a trainer, reviewer, and analyst; and as a PCMH certified content expert.

**Franklin Smith**



Frank Smith has worked in data analysis and process improvement for 10 years and holds a certification in Change Management from Cornell University. He currently serves as the Senior Director of Quality for Neighborhood Health Center of WNY, located in Buffalo, New York. Frank is responsible for all components involved in organizational and medical staff quality of care, safety, measurement, informatics, and performance improvement.



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**Rachel Schwartz, MPH,  
MSW, RN**



Rachel is the Senior Director of Maternal Child Health (MCH) at Public Health Solutions (PHS), the largest public health non-profit serving NYC, where she works to identify and eliminate barriers in support systems for pregnant and parenting families. The MCH unit at PHS consists of 10 home visiting teams for pregnant and parenting families, the NYC Breastfeeding Warmline, the Queens Diaper Bank, and Family Connect, which is a coordinated community resource network for families to easily access perinatal resources and the NYS Social Care Network. She is the Community Principal Investigator for the CHIME study. Rachel earned her Master of Public Health and Master of Social Work degrees from the University of Washington, is a Registered Nurse, and puts her maternal child health experience into practice every day as the mother of three.

**Claire Reid, MDP**



Claire Reid is the Chief Impact Officer at the United Way of the Greater Capital Region. Claire collaboratively sets the vision and strategy for the organization's approach to community and systems impact. She represents the organization on regional and state-wide advocacy coalitions including NYS Can End Child Poverty, Steering Committee of NYS Cash Alliance, Albany County Maternal and Infant Health Coalition, and the Regional Food Bank's Advocacy Committee. Claire developed the Region's first social innovation incubator program and the Region's first direct pregnancy income support pilot, a strategy that builds on the success of guaranteed basic income initiatives, applied specifically to addressing maternal outcomes for all. She has presented extensively and published findings on the state of financial hardship in the Capital Region. Prior to joining the UWGCR Claire was the Director of the Master's in Development Practice: Indigenous Development at the University of Winnipeg (Canada), a professional graduate degree program focused on Indigenous social innovation and community-led social change.



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