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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 AGENDA: HEALTHIX BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

8:30 AM **Registration & Networking Breakfast Sponsored by Clear**

9:15 AM Welcoming Remarks, **Todd Rogow**, President & CEO, Healthix, Inc.

9:20 AM Opening Remarks, **Alexa Mikhail**, Senior Health and Longevity Writer, SHE Media's Flow Space

9:30 AM Keynote Remarks, **Cindy Hsu**, Anchor/Reporter, CBS News New York at Noon

Morning Sessions:

10:05 AM Legislative Insights, Assemblymember **Sam Pirozzolo**

10:15 AM **Panel #1: Behavioral Health and Substance Use**
Focus: Experts will address the growing need for integrated behavioral health services, emphasizing data-informed care coordination and community-based solutions that support long-term mental health and substance use recovery.
Moderator: **Joseph Conte**, Executive Director, Staten Island Performing Provider System
Panelists:
Jon R. Cohen, MD, President & CEO, Talkspace
Michael LaRocca, Founder and CEO, Ready Computing
Pamela Mattel, CEO, Coordinated Behavioral Care
Joshua Rubin, Vice President, Client Solutions, Health Management Associates
Eva Wong, Executive Director, NYC Mayor's Office of Community Mental Health

11:20 AM Legislative Insights, **Leslie Kennedy**, Legislator, Suffolk County

11:30 AM **Panel #2: Maternal Morbidity & Mortality**
Focus: With maternal health disparities on the rise, panelists will examine how targeted interventions, timely alerts, and cross-sector collaboration can improve outcomes for birthing people—particularly in underserved populations.
Moderator: **Vanessa Pino Lockel**, Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk
Panelists:
Shawnee Benton Gibson, CEO, Spirit of a Woman (S.O.W.), LLC
Isaac P. Dapkins, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Family Health Centers at NYU Langone
Patricia O. Loftman, CNM, LM, MS, FACNM, Member, NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene's Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee
Wendy Wilcox, MD, Chief Women's Health Officer, NYC Health + Hospitals

12:35 PM **Lunch, Sponsored by Intrepid Ascent**

1:30 PMKeynote Remarks **John D'Angelo**, MD, CEO-elect, Northwell Health

Afternoon Sessions:

2:05 PMLegislative Insights, **Oswald Feliz**, Council Member, NYC Council

2:15 PM**Panel #3: The Cost of Care**

Focus: As affordability continues to be a major barrier to access, this discussion will center on innovative approaches to reducing the financial burden on patients and health systems through value-based models and data-driven efficiencies.

Moderator: **Michael Costa**, SVP, Provider Network & Population Health, EmblemHealth

Panelists:

Avital Havusham, Vice President for Programs, New York Health Foundation

Paul Nagle, Executive Director, Stonewall Community Development Corporation

Eliza Ng, MD, Chief Medical Officer, CAIPA IPA & MSO

Errol Pierre, Chief Growth Officer, Healthfirst

Allison Sesso, President & CEO, Undue Medical Debt

3:20 PMLegislative Insights, **Gale A. Brewer**, Council Member, New York City Council

3:30 PM**Panel #4: Housing Crisis Impact on Chronic Conditions**

Focus: This session will explore the critical connection between housing insecurity and chronic disease management, highlighting how social determinants of health must be integrated into care planning and policy to deliver meaningful change.

Moderator: **Allan Clear**, Director, Office of Drug User Health, AIDS Institute, New York State Department of Health

Panelists:

Jeremy L. Kaplan, Executive Director, Encore Community Services

Laurie Lanphear, CCM, Executive Director, NY Health Home Coalition

Van Yu, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Center Urban Community Services (CUCS)

Virginia Shubert, Senior Advisor, Policy and Research, Housing Works Inc.

Cynthia Wilson, Senior Director, Homeless Security and Quality of Life Program, Metropolitan Transportation Authority

4:35 PM**Sessions Conclude**



TODD ROGOW

PRESIDENT & CEO
HEALTHIX, INC.

WELCOME REMARKS

Todd M. Rogow, MPA, CHCIO is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Healthix. Todd brings a wealth of knowledge, industry experience and innovation to the health information exchange space, where he has worked in leadership positions over the past fifteen years. At Healthix, Todd has driven the organization's growth and evolution and continues to fulfill the critical role of building and deploying leading edge services in support of value-based care throughout the New York region. It takes a community to make an impact on healthcare outcomes and at Healthix, this is done through work in support of New York State's 1115 Medicaid Waiver, enabling New Yorkers to have secure, easy access to their medical records, and providing actionable insights that impact quality measurements for providers, care managers and health plans. Healthix's mission, mobilizing health information across our communities to advance patient care, continues to be its guiding principle.



ALEXA MIKHAIL

SENIOR HEALTH AND LONGEVITY WRITER
SHE MEDIA'S FLOW SPACE

OPENING REMARKS

Alexa Mikhail is a senior health and longevity writer at SHE Media's Flow Space, based in New York, where she is leading coverage on women's healthy aging. She was previously a senior reporter at Fortune Magazine, covering workplace wellness, mental health, aging & longevity, and more. Her reporting has explored topics such as global health, men's mental health care, menopause care, and ageism in the workforce. Alexa has led lively discussions on health and wellness at HLTH U.S., HLTH Europe, Fortune's Most Powerful Women conference, and Fortune's Brainstorm Health conference, among others. She was also a fellow at the National Gerontological Association's Conference and moderated at the Longevity Investors Conference in Gstaad.

Alexa has also worked in video production at CNN during the CNN+ launch. Her bylines have appeared in The 19th, The Washington Post, and Good Morning America. She is a graduate of Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.



CINDY HSU

ANCHOR/REPORTER
CBS NEWS NEW YORK AT NOON



SAM PIROZZOLO

ASSEMBLY MEMBER
NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

KEYNOTE REMARKS

Cindy Hsu is an Emmy Award-winning anchor and reporter who has been at CBS News New York since 1993. Her passion is sharing stories about children, seniors, education, adoption, animals and mental health awareness.

Cindy has earned Emmy Awards for stories including “Smuggled from China,” exposing the horrific plights of Chinese refugees trying to make it to America. Her most poignant story was the two-part series “Bringing Rosie Home.” Through home videos, she brought viewers to China as she adopted her daughter Rosie as a single mother. The series won the New York AP Broadcasters Award for Best Feature and was nominated for an Emmy.

She spends much of her off-duty time in community work and is open about her struggle with depression, hoping to break down the stigma surrounding mental health. Some of her past and present philanthropic affiliations include: The Asian Professional Exchange, a big brother/big sister program. She’s also worked with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, The Humane Society of New York, The Children’s Miracle Network and the Museum of Chinese in America.

LEGISLATIVE INSIGHTS

Sam Pirozzolo was elected to the New York State Assembly on November 8, 2022. The 63rd Assembly District represents parts of Richmond County. He is a native Staten Islander and has successfully operated his family’s optical practice for 33 years. He is the past president of Community Education Council 31, where he served for seven years.

Some of his most notable accomplishments include the creation of a Gifted and Talented program for middle school students, the recommendation for the NYC Department of Education to hire retired police officers as school resource officers, and the successful fight for the immediate cleanup of toxic PCBs leaking from the light fixtures in school classrooms. As an education advocate, Sam has participated in historic litigation that led to the return of more than \$4 billion dollars to New York public schools. He also fought to ensure that co-located charter schools receive the same capital funding as their host public schools.

While serving in the Legislature, Sam will work to support law enforcement officers with proper funding, fix broken bail and parole policies, and help small businesses grow and thrive in a stronger, more resilient economy.



JOSEPH CONTE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
STATEN ISLAND PERFORMING PROVIDER
SYSTEM

PANEL #1 MODERATOR

Joseph Conte is the Executive Director of the Staten Island Performing Provider System, the preeminent population health organization on Staten Island focusing on health equity, addressing disparities and social determinants of health. As the PPS evolves from its DSRIP Medicaid origins it has expanded into training, workforce development and social determinants of health. At Northwell Health, formerly the NS-LIJ Health System, he served for over 15 years in roles like Senior Vice President for Quality, where his innovative strategies ultimately culminated in the NQF National Quality Healthcare Award and the Codman Award for Staten Island University Hospital. Previously, Joe was the Senior Vice President for Administration at Richmond University Medical Center and Executive Vice President at the Catholic Health Services of Long Island. He completed his doctorate at the Seton Hall University School of Health and Medical Sciences, Joe has given keynote talks throughout the United States and in international settings including the UK, Australia, and the Ukraine on healthcare innovation. He has published numerous peer review articles and will be teaching in the Wagner College PA program this Fall.



JON R. COHEN, MD

PRESIDENT & CEO
TALKSPACE

PANEL #1

Jon R. Cohen, MD is Talkspace's Chief Executive Officer, charged with day-to-day leadership of the company, and has served as a board director since September 2022.

Dr. Cohen brings more than 30 years of healthcare experience as a seasoned strategic leader with extensive P/L and operational responsibility and a successful track record of growing existing business and developing new business ventures. Most recently as Executive Chairman and CEO of BioReference Laboratories, one of the nation's four largest commercial laboratories, he brought BioReference to national prominence during the pandemic as one of the country's largest providers of COVID-19 testing and as the nation's leader in surveillance testing. Dr. Cohen has extensive experience with IT-related initiatives for digital health and mobile health technology. In 2010, he was named as one of the nation's "50 Most Powerful Physician Executives in Healthcare" by Modern Healthcare. His 2012 TEDMED, "Why Don't Patients Act Like Consumers?" was ranked the #1 TEDMED talk that every healthcare executive needs to watch by Healthcare Dive.



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MICHAEL LARocca

FOUNDER AND CEO
READY COMPUTING

PANEL #1

Michael LaRocca leads the effort at Ready Computing, a passionate group of technologists exclusively focused on the creation, implementation, and management of innovative IT solutions. His expertise includes a thorough understanding of the healthcare IT standards, protocols, technologies, and architectures prescribed by the Office of the National Coordinator and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise, the Health Information Technology Standards Panel, Health Level 7, the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs, and the Accredited Standards Committee. Prior to starting Ready Computing in 2011, Michael worked at InterSystems Corporation for nearly 16 years. In addition to his focus on healthcare IT, Michael is also a “car guy”: In addition to owning Ready Computing, Michael is the owner of Ready Motorsports Corporation and is also a proud member of the National Corvette Museum board of directors, where he serves as both the secretary and the chair of the business integration and technology committee. Michael is a strong believer that all relationships are built on trust – this is a core value of Ready Computing.



PAMELA MATTEL

CEO
COORDINATED BEHAVIORAL CARE

PANEL #1

As the Chief Executive Officer of Coordinated Behavioral Care (CBC), a clinically integrated behavioral health network comprising 78 nonprofit organizations, her mission is to inspire change and drive the transformation of community care. With 38 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, including 15 years in executive leadership, Pam has focused on advancing integration and innovation across behavioral healthcare, primary healthcare, and housing. She firmly believes that innovation in healthcare and social services is most effective when it brings together diverse stakeholders, fosters collaboration, incorporates design thinking, and measures tangible results. Central to this approach is ensuring that the people we serve are integral to the process, sitting at the table with us as equal partners. This commitment has helped secure groundbreaking programs and models, including certified community behavioral health clinics, care transitions, technology-enabled care, opioid response initiatives, and the use of key performance indicators to drive improved community health outcomes.



JOSHUA RUBIN

VICE PRESIDENT, CLIENT SOLUTIONS
HEALTH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES

PANEL #1

Joshua Rubin is a Vice President in Health Management Associates' New York City office. He works with a wide range of government agencies, non-profits and corporations across the country to help them leverage changes in reimbursement methodologies to improve program models and healthcare outcomes. He has been deeply involved in New York State's behavioral health carve-in, DSRIP, CCBHCs, BHCCs, transition to Value Based Payments, and is currently working with a wide range of clients to leverage the opportunities presented by the Health Equity Reform 1115 Demonstration. Prior to joining HMA, Josh served as the Assistant Commissioner for Mental Hygiene Policy for the City of New York Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, as well as the Assistant Commissioner for Substance Use Disorder Services, and the Division of Mental Hygiene's Chief Policy Officer and Chief Administrative Officer. Josh has a Master of Public Policy degree from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and a bachelor's degree in religion and the humanities from the University of Chicago. He serves on the Board of Directors of Mental Health News Education.



EVA WONG

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NYC MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY MENTAL
HEALTH

PANEL #1

Eva Wong is a visionary leader in mental health and community wellness, with over 15 years of experience in clinical care, nonprofit management, and behavioral health. As a senior official in the Adams Administration, she has led groundbreaking citywide initiatives to expand culturally responsive, community-based mental health care. Eva spearheaded the launch of the nation's first behavioral health worker apprenticeship and the first-ever U.S. adaptation of the World Health Organization's "Early Adolescent Skills for Emotions" program, training frontline staff of community-based organizations to deliver vital mental health skills to diverse youth and families.

A seasoned clinician and strategic innovator, Eva is deeply committed to equitable access for all, ensuring the provision of mental health services builds belonging and purpose within underserved communities. Born in Hong Kong and proudly of Chinese heritage, Eva was recently named a 2025 Asian Trailblazer by City & State Magazine.



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LESLIE KENNEDY

LEGISLATOR
SUFFOLK COUNTY

LEGISLATIVE INSIGHTS

Suffolk County Legislator Leslie Kennedy of Nesconset is a lifelong resident of Long Island, raised in Commack. As the daughter of a Marine, she was inspired to dedicate her life to serving her community. She has done this by working in public service, in healthcare and in the private sector.

Leslie worked for over 13 years, first as a legislative aide to Suffolk County Legislator Donald Blydenburgh and as an aide to Suffolk County Legislator John Kennedy before becoming a Suffolk County Legislator in 2015. A dedicated public servant, she is a constant presence throughout the Towns of Smithtown & Brookhaven, always working to protect the quality of life of all of her constituency.

While in office, Legislator Kennedy has focused on protecting taxpayers, preserving the Long Island environment and ensuring the safety of the constituents of her community.

Prior to her service in government, she worked in numerous hospitals and private service as an RN for 30 years. She has also worked in the private sector managing a business, and at a rehabilitation facility working with individuals who have substance abuse issues.



VANESSA PINO LOCKEL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF SUFFOLK

PANEL #2 MODERATOR

Vanessa Pino Lockel is a public-sector executive and women's health advocate with over two decades of experience leading programs and policies that support family well-being, maternal health, and equity. As Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, she oversees a \$20M+ organization advancing initiatives in community education, nutrition, agriculture, and youth development. Under her leadership, a team of 350 staff and 3,000+ volunteers delivers high-impact services that strengthen public health and family systems across the region. Her leadership reflects a longstanding commitment to maternal health and justice for women, particularly those navigating systemic and economic barriers. She serves on the Suffolk County Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Task Force, contributing to countywide strategies aimed at reducing disparities in maternal outcomes. As former Vice President of 100 Hispanic Women of Long Island, she supported leadership development and health advocacy for Latinas and other women across sectors. She also served as Board President of New Hour for Women and Children of Long Island.

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SHAWNEE BENTON GIBSON

CEO
SPIRIT OF A WOMAN (S.O.W.), LLC

PANEL #2

Shawnee Benton Gibson, LMSW / FLDC is the CEO of Spirit of A Woman (S.O.W.) Leadership Development Institute and the Co-Founder of the ARIAH Foundation. She has over 34 years of administrative, clinical and executive coaching experience and expertise in women's leadership, youth development, reproductive justice, racial equity, individual, couples, family and group counseling, trauma and bereavement. These skills, combined with her spiritual and artistic gifts, allow her to guide individuals through their lives. She employs a holistic, cultural and spiritual approach to her work and utilizes a social justice lens as a foundational principle for her service to community. Her primary healing tools consist of spiritual counseling, vision coaching, psychodrama, sociometry, sacred rituals, energy work, the performing arts and storytelling as mediums to ignite transformation and initiate catharsis. She is the subject of the Emmy-nominated documentary "Aftershock," which follows her fight for reproductive justice following the tragic and preventable death of Shawnee's eldest daughter, Shamony Makeba Gibson, due to a birth-related pulmonary embolism.



ISAAC P. DAPKINS, MD

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER
FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS AT NYU LANGONE

PANEL #2

Isaac Dapkins, MD became the Chief Medical Officer for the Family Health Centers at NYU Langone in November 2016. He was concurrently appointed as the Medical Director of NYU Langone Health's Medicaid Clinically Integrated Network. As a clinical leader, he focuses on quality improvement, provider productivity, and population health management. He leads change in practice transformation and integration of new technologies.

Dr. Dapkins also serves in the role of ACGME Designated Institutional Official for the Family Health Centers at NYU Langone where he collaborates with the Graduate Medical Education Committee to ensure FHC and its residency programs maintain compliancy with all ACGME program and institutional requirements.



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PATRICIA O. LOFTMAN

MEMBER

**NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & MENTAL
HYGIENE'S MATERNAL MORTALITY AND
MORBIDITY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

PANEL #2

Patricia O. Loftman, CNM, LM, MS, FACNM, is an unwavering, and unapologetic maternal child health, mental health, public health, quality of life, and midwifery advocate, who unselfishly makes herself available as a teacher, clinical and political navigator and historian to the many who are blessed enough to receive her counsel. She received a BSN from Skidmore and a CNM, MS in midwifery from Columbia. She is a Certified Nurse-Midwife and past Midwifery Service Director at Harlem Hospital Center who provided primary and reproductive health care to women developing an expertise in providing care to women whose pregnancies were complicated by chemical dependency and/or HIV infection. She did this when many clinicians refused to care for these women. She testified around Unblinding The Results of HIV Testing of Newborns in New York City and participated in discussions about mandatory testing of pregnant women and partner notification with the Center for Women's Policy Studies as a member of the Planning Workshop of The Office of AIDS Research at the National Institutes of Health.



WENDY WILCOX, MD

**CHIEF WOMEN'S HEALTH OFFICER
NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS**

PANEL #2

Wendy Wilcox, MD, MPH, MBA, FACOG, is the Chief Women's Health Officer for NYC Health + Hospitals. She has also been recently appointed Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology at NYC Health+ Hospitals/Woodhull. A board-certified OB/GYN, Dr. Wilcox has been a driving force in the health system's commitment to improving maternal and infant health. In her new role, she will oversee the expansion and renovation of the hospital's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, including a new Labor and Birthing Unit, operating room suite, post-anesthesia care unit, and an alongside Birthing Center. With more than 15 years in leadership, she is a leading expert on maternal mortality, co-chairing the New York State Maternal Mortality Review Board and serving on several state and city task forces. She is also an Associate Professor at CUNY School of Medicine and a nationally recognized Castle Connolly Top Doctor.

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JOHN D'ANGELO, MD

CEO-ELECT
NORTHWELL HEALTH



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KEYNOTE REMARKS

John D'Angelo, MD, is Chief Executive Officer-elect of Northwell Health and Executive Vice President, Market President for Northwell's Central Market. Dr. D'Angelo will succeed Michael Dowling as Northwell President & CEO on October 1, 2025 when Mr. Dowling transitions to his new role as CEO Emeritus. As Market President of Northwell's central region, Dr. D'Angelo leads a dynamic health care network serving 2.8 million residents in western Nassau County and Queens. This includes North Shore University Hospital, Long Island Jewish Medical Center, Cohen Children's Medical Center, LIJ Forest Hills Hospital, LIJ Valley Stream Hospital and Zucker Hillside Hospital, as well as Northwell's more than 270 ambulatory practice locations and a dedicated team of 24,000 employees.

In addition, Dr. D'Angelo served as Senior Vice President and Executive Director of Northwell's Emergency Medicine Service Line, where he was responsible for leading the clinical and operational performance of Northwell's emergency departments, observation units, and a growing network of urgent care centers, serving nearly 1.5 million patients annually.

LEGISLATIVE INSIGHTS

Councilmember Oswald Feliz is a lifelong resident of the Bronx who proudly represents the 15th Council District, which includes the neighborhoods of Fordham, Belmont, East Tremont, West Farms, Van Nest, and Allerton. Oswald is a proud graduate of public schools in the Bronx, including P.S.46, M.S.45, Walton High School, Bronx Community College, and Lehman College. He received his JD from CUNY School of Law. Prior to becoming a City Councilmember, Oswald worked as a tenant lawyer, and successfully defended Bronx residents in eviction and landlord harassment cases. Oswald represented a tenant association in a building-wide case against a landlord who failed to keep their building in good condition, and negotiated a settlement wherein tenants received approximately \$100,000 from their landlord. In addition to working as a lawyer, Oswald served as an adjunct professor at Hostos Community College. Oswald is dedicated to improving his home of the Bronx. He is committed to ensuring that access to good schools, safe streets, and opportunities for growth not be determined based on the neighborhood that one resides in.



MICHAEL COSTA

SVP, PROVIDER NETWORK & POPULATION HEALTH
EMBLEMHEALTH

PANEL #3 MODERATOR

Michael Costa, SVP, Provider Network & Population Health serves as the Senior Vice President of Provider Network, Vendor Management and Population Health at EmblemHealth. He is responsible for developing, planning, and executing the enterprise's network and value-based care strategy. He oversees EmblemHealth's overall population health, risk contracting, and vendor management efforts. Before EmblemHealth, Mike was the Executive Vice President of Strategy and Business Development at DocGo, a leading provider of last-mile mobile care services. He also served in executive positions with CVS/Aetna, including Vice President for the North Atlantic Territory. Mike oversaw Aetna's largest markets and was responsible for all network and value-based care strategy and operations for eleven million members across multiple products. Mike holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master's in Healthcare Administration from the University of Scranton. He proudly volunteers on various local boards, including the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) of New Jersey, as well as product advisory councils for TeleDoc, and Evolent Health. Mike also spends time coaching youth sports.



AVITAL HAVUSHAM

VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMS
NEW YORK HEALTH FOUNDATION

PANEL #3

As Vice President of Programs at the New York Health Foundation (NYHealth), Avital Havusha, M.P.H., oversees the Foundation's programs and priority areas, Healthy Food, Healthy Lives and Primary Care, as well as its Special Projects Fund and focus on Veterans' Health. Avital plays a leadership role in developing and implementing the Foundation's goals and strategies and its proactive policy agenda. Prior to NYHealth, Avital held leadership roles in the public health and health care sectors in New York State. At the Primary Care Development Corporation (PCDC), Avital oversaw operations, strategy, and business development for PCDC's capacity-building and technical assistance programs. At Public Health Solutions, Avital managed large-scale health and human service programs in the areas of food and nutrition, reproductive health care, maternal and child health, and health care access. Earlier, at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, she played a lead role in coordinating the department's response to federal and State health care reform. Avital holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Washington University in St. Louis and a Master of Public Health degree from Yale University.



PAUL NAGLE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
STONEWALL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

PANEL #3

Paul Nagle has over 30 years in both nonprofit administration and LGBTQ+ activism and currently serves as the Founding Executive Director of Stonewall Community Development Corporation since 2015.

Before joining Stonewall CDC, Paul was the Founding Director of Cultural Strategies Initiative Inc. (CSI), established with a major grant from the Rockefeller Cultural Innovation Fund. Originally envisioned as a two-year project, it operated for four years, with one of its projects, Musicians United to Protect Bristol Bay, lasting six years, and playing a role in helping to defeat the creation of the Pebble Mine in Alaska.

Before that, as Director of Communications & Cultural Policy for NYC Councilmember Alan Gerson (2002-2010), Paul organized the hard-hit cultural community in District 1 and engaged them in crafting strategies to help preserve and revitalize the arts in Lower Manhattan in the wake of the 9/11 attacks. The community-generated plan, Campuses & Corridors, served as the blueprint for a partnership between the Mayor, the Council Speaker and the Councilmember that was very successful in providing targeted capital and programmatic investments to restore the sector.



ELIZA NG, MD

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER
CAIPA IPA & MSO

PANEL #3

Dr. Eliza Ng is a double-board-certified physician leader whose career bridges payers, providers, and healthcare technology companies. Renowned for her expertise in population health, alternative payment models, quality, and digital health, Dr. Ng has consistently driven innovation and transformation. As Chief Medical Officer at CAIPA IPA & MSO, she oversees medical and quality operations for approximately 350,000 patients under value-based care arrangements. She is responsible for care management, quality improvement, population health, and clinical strategy, and has championed numerous transformative initiatives in clinical and technology integration. She has enabled the organization to achieve unprecedented levels of quality and cost efficiency. Previously, she led population health strategies and operations as a senior leader at major health systems and payers, including RWJ Barnabas Health System, Montefiore Care Management Organization, and Emblem Health. A recognized digital health innovator, she was founding Chief Medical Officer of Curio Digital Therapeutics, where she directed the clinical development of the nation's first FDA-approved, AI-driven digital therapeutic for postpartum depression.



ERROL PIERRE

CHIEF GROWTH OFFICER
HEALTHFIRST

PANEL #3

As Chief Growth Officer, Errol Pierre leads product, sales and retention across the company's Medicare, State Programs and Integrated Care teams. In this role, he is responsible for aligning the Enterprise Growth organization's efforts to drive innovation and sustainable growth. Most recently, Errol served as Senior Vice President, State Programs from 2019 – 2025. As SVP of State Programs, Errol was responsible for leading Healthfirst's Medicaid and Long-Term Care portfolios and advancing Healthfirst's mission through impactful community engagement initiatives.

Prior to re-joining Healthfirst in 2019, Errol served as Chief Operating Officer for the commercial business unit of Empire BlueCross BlueShield, where, over the course of his 12-year tenure, he held various leadership roles in Sales, Product Development, and Strategy. Earlier in his career, he held several roles at Healthfirst, initially as Assistant Vice President of Product Management, overseeing Affordable Care Act implementation before being promoted to Vice President in 2015.

Errol is also an adjunct professor at New York University.



ALLISON SESSO

PRESIDENT & CEO
UNDUE MEDICAL DEBT

PANEL #3

Allison Sesso became the President / CEO of Undue Medical Debt, also known as RIP Medical Debt, in January of 2020. Undue Medical Debt is a nonprofit, charitable institution that relieves medical debt across the U.S., providing financial, physical, and emotional relief to people saddled with medical debt. Undue has relieved \$22,849,672,373 to date for over 14.72 million people.

Under Allison's leadership, Undue Medical Debt has expanded its reach by working with a wide range of health care providers to purchase medical debt, working in partnership with states, counties, and cities on local medical debt relief initiatives, developing its capacity to highlight the impact of medical debt on families, and contributing effectively to the larger conversation around the root causes of medical debt. She is a key voice on the topic of medical debt and has been interviewed by CBS Sunday Morning, NPR, the New York Times, and others.

She previously served as the Executive Director of the Human Services Council of New York (HSC), an association of 170 nonprofits delivering 90% of human services in New York City.



GALE A. BREWER

COUNCIL MEMBER
NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL

LEGISLATIVE INSIGHTS

Gale A. Brewer represents the 6th Council District, located on Manhattan's Upper West Side. Brewer chairs the Committee on Oversight and Investigations, which has a mandate to examine the mayoral administration, its policies, and its delivery of city services. Under her leadership, the committee assessed costs of the migrant crisis, studied operational challenges in family court, examined responses to climate emergencies and more.

Brewer is working towards solutions to citywide issues from micromobility safety to unlicensed cannabis shops to affordable housing. She recently passed legislation to establish composting facilities in city parks, restrict the sale of e-bikes that fail to meet safety standards, and improve reporting requirements for cannabis enforcement.

Previously, she served as Manhattan Borough President from 2014-2021 and represented the 6th Council District from 2002-2013. She also served as Chief of Staff to Council Member Ruth Messinger, NYC Deputy Public Advocate, Director of the city's Federal Office, and Executive Director of the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women.



ALLAN CLEAR

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF DRUG USER HEALTH, AIDS
INSTITUTE
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

PANEL #4 MODERATOR

Allan Clear is a prominent American public health advocate and harm reduction activist, renowned for his leadership in drug user health initiatives since the early 1990s. He serves as the Director of the Office of Drug User Health at the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute, where he oversees programs addressing overdose prevention, and access to medical and mental health services for people who use drugs.

Clear's commitment to harm reduction began in the Lower East Side of New York City, where he was the founding Executive Director of the Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center—one of the first syringe exchange programs in the state. He later led the Harm Reduction Coalition, a national organization promoting harm reduction as a framework for working with drug users in the U.S. His work has been instrumental in shaping drug policy and advocating for public health approaches to drug use.



JEREMY L. KAPLAN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ENCORE COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Jeremy Kaplan joined Encore Community Services as Executive Director in July 2018 and has led the organization in creating its Encore For Life Strategic Plan. Jeremy has significantly expanded Encore's public and private partnerships and has established Encore as the sector leader in the areas of food security and social connections for older New Yorkers. He has leveraged Encore's rich history in the theater district to deepen relationships with local unions and theater owners alike, rejuvenating Encore's reputation as Broadway's longest-running act of loving care.

Jeremy secured Encore's position as the city's lead provider of Home Delivered Meals in Manhattan's community districts 4, 5, and 7 and led the organization's successful bid to launch a Network Older Adult Center in Midtown, including Encore's Aging Through Arts Center and its Life Long Learning Center. Encore serves over 750,000 meals a year to older New Yorkers through its Meals on Wheels and Older Adult Center Programs. Prior to Encore, Jeremy served as Senior Director at Phipps Neighborhoods, leading 25 programs serving more than 4,500 children and their families in the South Bronx.



LAURIE LANPHEAR

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NY HEALTH HOME COALITION

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Laurie Lanphear, CCM is the Executive Director of the Coalition of NYS Health Homes. The Coalition of NYS Health Homes seeks to improve the health and lives of all individuals served in Health Homes by enabling providers to deliver the highest quality, most cost-effective care management to all.

For over 25 years Laurie has dedicated her career to serving the most marginalized and vulnerable New Yorkers in Medicaid Care Management.

Laurie's expertise lies in addressing social determinants of health and health disparities for those living with HIV/AIDS, mental illness, substance use disorders, poverty, individuals that are homeless, food insecure, LGBTQ+ communities, and people of color. Laurie brings extensive experience in care management and client advocacy, strategic vision and execution, population health, program implementation, quality assurance and analytics, and the ability to lead through change.

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VAN YU, MD

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER
CENTER URBAN COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Dr. Yu is Chief Medical Officer of the Center Urban Community Services (CUCS) and its healthcare affiliate Janian Medical Care, which provides on-site health care to people lived experienced homelessness at outreach programs, drop-in centers, shelters, safe havens and supportive housing programs.

Dr. Yu earned his medical degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1995 and completed residency training in psychiatry in 1999, including serving as a chief resident, at New York University Medical Center. After residency, Dr. Yu was an Attending Psychiatrist in the Bellevue Hospital Center Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program for two years before becoming Assistant Director from April 2001 to March 2003. He joined the Project for Psychiatric Outreach to the Homeless, the precursor of Janian Medical Care, as a Staff Psychiatrist in April 2003. He also served as Medical Director of the Manhattan Outreach Consortium from 2007 to 2013. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the New York University School of Medicine.



VIRGINIA SHUBERT

SENIOR ADVISOR, POLICY AND RESEARCH
HOUSING WORKS INC.

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Virginia (Ginny) Shubert co-founded and now acts as Senior Advisor on Policy and Research for Housing Works, a New York non-profit established in 1990 to end the dual crises of homelessness and AIDS through relentless advocacy, the provision of lifesaving services, and entrepreneurial businesses to sustain its efforts. Ms. Shubert has over 35 years' experience as an attorney, advocate, service provider, consultant and community-based researcher working on poverty and health issues including homelessness and access to housing, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and drug user health. A graduate of the Harvard Law School, she has been counsel in landmark lawsuits involving access to care and services, including federal and state class actions to establish the rights of New Yorkers with HIV to safe, medically appropriate housing and to reasonable accommodations necessary to ensure access to public entitlements. In 1988, Ms. Shubert founded the AIDS Project of the Coalition for the Homeless, and when Housing Works formed in 1990, she established its Advocacy and Public Policy Department. For the last thirty years Ms. Shubert has worked as a consultant on housing, health, and economic justice issues.



CYNTHIA WILSON

SENIOR DIRECTOR, HOMELESS SECURITY AND
QUALITY OF LIFE PROGRAM
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

PANEL #4

Cynthia Wilson is Senior Program Director, Homeless Security and Quality of Life Program with over 20 years of expertise in cultivating multi-agency relationships to develop initiatives and partnerships to administer and manage MTA homeless mitigation efforts across MTA properties.

Responsible for developing organizational collaboration plans, mitigation tools and resources for reducing homeless populations on MTA properties to improve safety, reduce quality of life related crimes and align efforts with MTA's overall mission. Cynthia develops and organizes logistical strategies to address outreach in a complex transportation system negotiating and overseeing federal, state, and local mitigation partnership efforts. Cynthia holds a B.B.A in Management Information Systems, an M.S. in Information Systems and an MDIV in Practical Theology.

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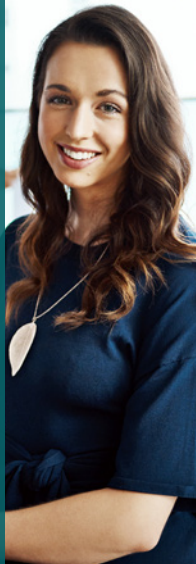


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