



Improving Continuity of Coverage & Care for Pregnant & Postpartum Women

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Speaker Information

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Dania's work at the National Women's Law Center focuses primarily on implementing health reform and expanding access to quality, affordable health care for women and their families. Prior to joining the Law Center, Dania worked for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) as Deputy Administrator of a health benefit program working to provide affordable health insurance to previously uninsured low wage workers and their families and as Associate Director of Health Policy. She is an expert in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) with particular knowledge on the health insurance marketplaces, private insurance and employment based coverage. Dania currently serves as a member of the Advisory Board and chairs the Plan Management Advisory Committee for the DC Health Link, the District of Columbia insurance exchange. She is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Karen Shea, MSN

Vice President, Maternal & Child Health Services, Anthem Inc.

Karen's career has been devoted to meeting the health care needs of women and children. Prior to joining Anthem, Karen held clinical and administrative leadership positions in leading academic medical centers including: Massachusetts General Hospital, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, NH, and Children's National Medical Center, DC. In her most recent prior position she was responsible for operations at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital of Tampa. In her current role, Karen provides strategic oversight for enterprise Maternal and Child Services and operational leadership for the Government Business Division's Maternal and Child programs and services at Anthem, Inc. She oversees an obstetric and neonatology program that serves more than 180,000 pregnant women and newborns annually and is active in 18 states. She received her Bachelors in nursing from Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island and Masters in Nursing from University of California, Long Beach with certification as a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner.

Todd Slettvet, MA

Section Manager, Division of Health Care Services, Washington State Health Care Authority

Todd has a Master's degree in marriage, family and child counseling. In 1999 he became a manager with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and was responsible for creating and managing an intensive case management program called Safe Babies, Safe Moms (SBSM) to serve high-risk pregnant and parenting chemically-dependent mothers. From 2005-2008 he also managed Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) contracts with 23 federally recognized Tribes and Washington State's Department of Health. In 2008, as supervisor of Family Healthcare services, he was responsible for managing the First Steps Maternity Support Services and Infant Case management, School Based Health Care Services, Family Planning/Take Charge and the Chemically Using Pregnant Women's Hospital-based Inpatient program. From 2010 to present he has served as Manager of Community Services at the Health Care Authority. Todd has 16 years of experience in Medicaid and has worked extensively with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and other stakeholders to develop Waiver and State Plan Medicaid programs to provide services to the state's most vulnerable populations including pregnant women, families and children.

Moderator Information**Carolyn McCoy, MPH**

Senior Policy Manager, Health Reform Implementation, AMCHP

Carolyn has over 11 years of professional experience in politics, policy and public health. Carolyn is the Senior Policy Manager working primarily on the AMCHP National Center for Health Reform Implementation and related work through the W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant. She previously worked for NACCHO and the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization, as well as the political polling firm Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research. She also completed internships with both the Venice Family Clinic and the office of U.S. Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-CA). Carolyn received her undergraduate degree in political science with a concentration in international relations and American government from the University of California, Los Angeles. She also earned her MPH with a concentration in maternal and child health from UCLA and is certified in public health informatics. She is proficient in written and spoken Spanish.

Kathryn Santoro, MPP

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Kathryn currently leads NIHCM's *Driving Value* webinar series and directs the organization's maternal and child health programs. Under these projects, she conducts research and analysis on health policy issues in support of improving practices used by health care decision makers and industry leaders. She also leads NIHCM's Journalism Awards and Grant programs. Kathryn joined NIHCM Foundation in September 2004 after receiving her Master's degree in Public Policy from the George Washington University with a focus on women's health policy. Ms. Santoro previously served as a Project Consultant for Women in Government where she was responsible for compiling a state-by-state report card on access to cervical cancer screening. While pursuing her Master's degree, Ms. Santoro was a Communications Assistant for a health policy consulting firm and a Graduate Intern for a Washington, D.C. based women's and children's policy research organization. Ms. Santoro attended Villanova University in Villanova, PA and graduated with a BA cum laude in Political Science.