

# **Oregon Health System Innovation Café**

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## **Plenary Session Speakers**

### **Marian Blankenship**

**Vice President of Government and Community Relations, PacificSource  
Executive Director, PacificSource Foundation for Health Improvement**

Marian Blankenship has nearly 20 years of experience working in the health and human service sector, promoting increased access to care for vulnerable populations and promoting community solutions to improve community health. Marian joined PacificSource in 2011, during Oregon's nascent CCO journey and has since been partnering in support of the state's transformative goals at both the policy and the philanthropic level. Marian is a member of the Lane County Early Learning Governance Consortium and is a director on the Volunteers in Medicine and the Slocum Research and Education Foundation Boards – both based in Eugene, Oregon.

### **Summer Boslaugh, MBA, MHA**

**Transformation Analyst, Transformation Center, Oregon Health Authority**

Summer Boslaugh has over 15 years of experience working to improve health and health care in Oregon, the United States and internationally. At the Transformation Center she facilitates learning opportunities to improve quality and achieve coordinated care. Prior to the Transformation Center she worked for the Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation where she managed activities to measure and improve the patient experience of care, engage patients and families in quality improvement within health care organizations and publicly report health care data. Summer earned a dual master's degree in business administration and health administration from the University of Washington.

### **Chris DeMars, MPH**

**Director of System Innovation, Transformation Center, Oregon Health Authority**

Chris DeMars is the Director of Systems Innovation at the Oregon Health Authority Transformation Center, where she manages a team that promotes innovation within Oregon's health system reform efforts. Before joining the Transformation Center, Ms. DeMars spent eight years as a Senior Program Officer at the Northwest Health Foundation, where she managed the Foundation's health reform work which included providing support for delivery system reform in Oregon and a multi-year health reform advocacy initiative. Prior to joining the Foundation, Ms. DeMars was a Senior Health Policy Analyst for the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), where she spent six years developing reports for Congress on Medicaid, Medicare and private health insurance payment policy. Ms. DeMars has also held positions at health-policy consulting firms where she focused on public health, health system design, and reimbursement, and she began her career as a Policy Analyst at Indiana's Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning. She has a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Michigan School of Public Health and a Bachelor's degree in English Literature from the University of Michigan.

**Sean Kolmer, MPH****Health Policy Advisor, Governor Kate Brown**

Sean Kolmer serves as health policy advisor for Governor Kate Brown. Prior to joining the Governor, Mr. Kolmer served as a senior policy advisor for former Governor Kitzhaber. Mr. Kolmer is a board member, and immediate past chair, of the Public Employees Benefits Board, which purchases health and other benefits for more than 130,000 state employees and family members. Mr. Kolmer served in a variety of leadership roles in the Oregon Health Authority, including the deputy administrator of the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research. Prior to his state service, Mr. Kolmer worked on several research projects funded by the National Institutes of Health at Oregon Health & Science University, including a partnership with the National Football League.

**David Labby, MD, PhD****Project Director, Health Commons Grant, Chief Medical Officer, Health Share of Oregon**

Dr. Labby's medical practice background is in primary care. While in clinical practice he held multiple medical director roles in primary care and multispecialty practice. Before transitioning to Health Share he was medical director at CareOregon where he focused on building programs to improve care for high needs members. He is the program director for the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation funded "Health Commons" initiative to build a regional system of care for high-needs Medicaid members. Dr. Labby is a general internist by training and received his Ph.D. in cultural anthropology.

**Steve Lesky****Program Officer, Cambia Foundation**

Steve Lesky has a diverse background in the philanthropy, nonprofit and local government fields. In his role at the Cambia Health Foundation, he directs strategy and implements plans to help transform population health through a lens of innovation and equity. Steve manages funding initiatives that support nonprofits, emphasizing collaboration and mission-related investing to help create an economically sustainable health system focused on positive outcomes. Prior to his 10 years of work in philanthropy, Steve held various positions in child welfare services. He continues to be committed to this work through volunteer activities in the community. Steve holds Master of Public Policy and Master of Public Administration degrees and a Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management. He considers his community-based work both a privilege and a valuable ongoing learning opportunity.

**Susan R. Mende, MPH****Senior Program Officer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**

Susan Mende, a public health professional with more than 25 years of experience working with underserved populations in the United States, Asia and Australia, joined the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in 2008. She is engaged in a national program effort through the foundation to help consumers take an active role in improving the quality of health care in their communities, and works to address the adverse impacts of language barriers in limiting access to quality health care.

Previously, Susan co-founded and was vice president for programs for the Tsao Foundation, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for older people in Singapore and the Asia Pacific region. While at the Tsao Foundation, she served as principal consultant for the World Health Organization Age Friendly Primary Health Care Project, which sought to adapt primary care delivery systems to the needs of older clients. Susan also developed health strategies for MBF Australia, a health care provider in Sydney, Australia, and was assistant director for risk management and quality improvement for the New York City Health and Hospital Corporation.

### **Lynne Saxton**

#### **Director, Oregon Health Authority**

Lynne Saxton previously held the role of executive director at Youth Villages Oregon, a nonprofit organization providing results-driven services to youth and families. She is active in community and civic leadership positions, including service on the Early Learning Council, the International Women's Forum and the Willamette University Board of Trustees. She also served on the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission and as chair of the Metropolitan Family Services Board. She recently received the Gordon and Sharon Smith New Freedom Award from the Oregon Chapter of NAMI. Lynne graduated from Willamette University and attended the University of Michigan Business School Executive Program.

### **Ron Stock, MD, MA**

#### **Director of Clinical Innovation, Oregon Health Authority**

Dr. Stock is a geriatrician, family physician, clinical health services researcher, and currently the director of clinical innovation at the Oregon Health Authority Transformation Center and an associate professor of family medicine at Oregon Health & Science University.

Dr. Stock previously served as executive medical director of geriatrics and care coordination services, and medical director of education and research at PeaceHealth Oregon Region. A graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, he completed his residency and faculty development fellowship in family medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina and University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

### **Ed Wagner, MD, MPH**

#### **Group Health Research Institute Senior Investigator, Director (Emeritus), MacColl Center**

Dr. Wagner is a general internist/epidemiologist and Director Emeritus of the MacColl Center for Health Care Innovation at the Group Health Research Institute. He and his MacColl colleagues developed the Chronic Care Model (CCM), an integral part of the Patient-centered Medical Home Model (PCMH), and are involved in multiple efforts to use these models to improve ambulatory care nationally and internationally. He has written two books and over 300 peer-reviewed publications. He is currently the co-Director of PCT-LEAP, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation directed at helping primary care practices build high-functioning teams. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine, and his honors include the 2007 Picker Institute Award for Excellence in Patient-centered Care, the 2011 William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research, and the Lifetime Achievement Award of the National Association of Community Health Centers, 2012.