

Peer-to-Peer Conversation Series: End of the Federal COVID-19 Emergency Orders Session #2

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2022, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM ET

Purpose

The federal COVID-19 public health emergency and national emergency declarations in the United States will end on May 11, 2023, marking a shift in pandemic management. State and local decision-makers will face challenges related to public health measures, healthcare interventions, fiscal policy, workforce development, and social safety net programs, as well as preparing for future emergencies. To address these issues, the Societal Experts Action Network (SEAN) will host a peer-to-peer conversation on broad policy issues such as social services, fiscal management, workforce development, and economic development. The event will feature state and local leaders speaking to the challenges and opportunities in the pandemic's new phase, with facilitated dialogue among attendees.

3:00–3:05 pm

Welcome and Introductions

Dolores Acevedo-Garcia, Brandeis University
Member of the Societal Experts Action Network Executive Committee

3:05–3:25 pm

Part 1: Stage Setting

Somjita Mitra, Chief Economist of California
Jason McGill, Assistant Director, Washington State Health Care Authority, Medicaid Programs Division
Joy Moses, National Alliance to End Homelessness
Marianne Bitler, University of California, Davis
Marci Ybarra, University of Wisconsin-Madison

3:25–3:58 pm

Moderated Discussion

3:58–4:00 pm

Closing Reflections

Dolores Acevedo-Garcia, Brandeis University
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PANELIST BIOGRAPHIES

Dolores Acevedo-Garcia, Ph.D., MPA-URP is the Samuel F. and Rose B. Gingold Professor of Human Development and Social Policy, and Director of the Institute for Child, Youth and Family Policy at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University. Her research focuses on the social determinants of racial/ethnic inequities in health; the role of social policies in reducing those inequities; and the health and wellbeing of children with special needs. She is Project Director for diversitydatakids.org, a comprehensive research program and indicator database on child wellbeing and opportunity by race/ethnicity across multiple sectors (e.g., education, health, neighborhoods) and geographies, funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Dr. Acevedo-Garcia is an investigator and member of the Steering Committee on the Housing and Children's Healthy Development Study funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the MacArthur Foundation. She was a member of the MacArthur Foundation Research Network on How Housing Matters for Families and Children (2009-2014). Her professional activities include invited presentations at the White House Open Opportunity Project (2016), the National Conference on Housing Mobility (2015, 2012, 2010), the HUD/MacArthur Foundation "How Housing Matters" Conference (2011, 2012), and the White House conference on the Future of Rental Housing Policy (2010). She served on two national expert panels convened by the Centers for Disease Control (Housing and Health, and Social Determinants of Health), and on the expert panel for the award-winning PBS documentary series "Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making us Sick?" She is a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Social Problems*, and *Cityscape*. Dr. Acevedo-Garcia received her B.A. in public administration from El Colegio de Mexico (Mexico City), and her MPA-URP and Ph.D. in Public Policy with a concentration in Demography from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University.

Marianne Bitler is a professor in the Department of Economics at the University of California, Davis. Dr. Bitler's expertise lies in public economics, labor economics, health economics and applied microeconomics, with particular emphasis on the effects of government safety net programs on disadvantaged groups. Prior to arriving at UC Davis, she was a professor of economics at UC Irvine. She has worked at the Public Policy Institute of California, the RAND Corporation, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, and the Federal Trade Commission. Dr. Bitler is a research associate with the National Bureau of Economic Research and a research fellow at Institute of Labor Economics (IZA). She has served on HMD's Panel to Review the WIC Food Package and the just completed CNSTAT Panel to Review and Evaluate the 2014 Survey of Income and Program Participation's Content and Design. Dr. Bitler holds a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She is currently serving on a National Academies/Institute of Medicine/Food and Nutrition Board panel that is reviewing the new food packages for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and on a National Academies/CNSTAT panel that is evaluating the revised Survey of Income and Program Participation.

Jason McGill, JD serves Washington State through public leadership for the Medicaid program, including joint stewardship, management, and strategic efforts of the program key elements such as managed care. He previously served two Governors for Washington state as senior health policy advisor. He led the Governor's health and related strategic vision, goals and policy initiatives. He previously worked as a state agency Medical Administrator and as a state Assistant Attorney General. His service has spanned critical times during the deep recession to implementing the Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansion and now through the Covid 19 pandemic.

Joy Moses is the Vice President of Research and Evidence at the National Alliance to End Homelessness. For over 15 years, she has worked to reduce poverty and advance racial justice. Before joining the Alliance, she was a private consultant and analyst with the Center for American Progress. Within those roles, she managed projects and developed research reports and other forms of analysis. Joy began her career as a legal advocate, representing the interests of children and youth through her work at the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. She is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center and Stanford University.

Marci A. Ybarra is an associate professor in the University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice. Her research interests include poverty and inequality, social service delivery, work supports, and family well-being. Professor Ybarra conducts quantitative analysis of administrative and longitudinal survey data in addition to qualitative analysis through participant-observation and in-depth interviewing at social service agencies. She currently investigates three different areas of social policy and how these affect economically disadvantaged families by impacting both their work and family life: welfare reform policies, child care, and social insurance provisions. Professor Ybarra's research primarily focuses on single low-income mother families, immigrant families, and other historically marginalized groups. The Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse named Professor Ybarra an Emerging Scholar in 2015. She is also a faculty affiliate at University of Chicago's Center for Human Potential and Public Policy and Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture, the University of Notre Dame's Lab for Economic Opportunities, and is a faculty affiliate at the Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin. Professor Ybarra earned her BSW and MSW with a concentration in community practice from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. She holds a PhD in social work from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.