

Standing Committee on Primary Care - March 2026 Open Meeting

Speaker Biographies

Debra J. Barksdale, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, FAANP, ANEF, FAAN, is the Dean at the UNC Greensboro School of Nursing. Dr. Barksdale joined UNCG in 2021. Previously, Barksdale was Professor and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University. She spent 13 years at UNC Chapel Hill leading both the Family Nurse Practitioner Program and the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program (as its inaugural director). She was the first Black faculty member to achieve the rank of Full Professor in Chapel Hill's School of Nursing.

Dr. Barksdale is a nationally recognized scholar, teacher, and practitioner. She is a fellow of the prestigious American Academy of Nursing and serves as its President for the 2025-2027 term. Additionally, her extensive credentials and honors include selection as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, the National League for Nursing Academy of Nursing Education, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Primary Health Care Policy Leadership Program, the Wharton AACN Executive Leadership Program and a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellow. In 2010, Barksdale was appointed by the U.S. Government Accountability Office under the Obama Administration to the Board of Governors for the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI).

Dr. Barksdale has a PhD from the University of Michigan, an MSN from Howard University, and a BSN from the University of Virginia. In addition, she obtained a Post-Masters Certificate in teaching from the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing.

Eric B. Bass, MD, MPH, FACP, has been the CEO of the Society of General Internal Medicine since 2017. He did fellowship training in general internal medicine at the University of Pittsburgh and the Johns Hopkins University before joining the faculty at Johns Hopkins in 1989. His research focuses on evidence-based medicine and the effectiveness, safety, and costs of medical interventions. In addition to being co-director of the Evidence-based Practice Center, he is the director of the medical school's course on Foundations of Public Health, and co-director of the school's Scholarly Concentration in Public Health Research. He was the director of the General Internal Medicine Fellowship for 15 years, Editor of *JGIM* for 5 years, and founding Editor-in-Chief of *Progress in Community Health Partnerships*. He has published 286 peer-reviewed articles and 72 evidence reports. He continues to practice as a general internist.

Robert A. Berenson, MD, is an Institute fellow at the Urban Institute. He is an expert in health care policy, particularly Medicare, provider payment, and provider market consolidation, having authored or coauthored 100 publications. He has practiced medicine, has served in senior positions in two presidential administrations, and helped organize and manage a successful preferred provider organization (PPO).

From 1998 to 2000, he was in charge of Medicare payment policy and managed-care contracting in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. In the Carter administration, he served as an assistant director of the White House Domestic Policy staff. He served on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, or MedPAC, from 2009 to 2012, the last two years as vice chair. He was an initial member of the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee created by the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015.

Berenson is a board-certified internist who practiced for 12 years in a Washington, DC, group practice. He helped found and was co-medical director of National Capital PPO, a rental model PPO that served 150,000 people in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area. With Walter Zelman, Berenson coauthored *The Managed Care Blues and How to Cure Them*, published in 1998, and with Rick Mayes he coauthored *Medicare Prospective Payment and the Shaping of U.S. Health Care*, published in 2008. He is an adjunct professor at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at the George Washington University. Berenson serves on the board of Catalyst for Payment Reform.

Diana Bianco, JD, oversees the Milbank Memorial Fund's primary care portfolio as a consultant. In this role, she works with Milbank's network of Medicaid primary care leaders and, in collaboration with the Primary Care Development Corporation and the Commonwealth Fund, with the Primary Care Investment Network, as well as other partners.

As a consultant for more than 30 years, Diana has supported clients in navigating the changing health care environment. She has developed health policy, facilitated collaborative processes that resulted in legislative action, helped health care organizations envision their future, and worked with state decision-makers to identify challenges and devise solutions to improve the health and health care systems.

Diana started her career in health care studying Medicaid law, built expertise working on policies to improve the health care system, and, as a long-time consultant, has worked with government, foundations, non-profit advocacy groups, community health clinics, business groups, hospital and provider associations, insurers, state boards and taskforces, health care providers, and patients to improve the health system. The issues she has focused on include strengthening primary care through addressing investment and payment methodologies; the intersection of health care and public health; Medicaid policy; the integration of physical and behavioral health; and lifting up health-related social needs.

Prior to consulting, Diana served as a policy lead and lawyer working to improve health care access and quality at non-profit organizations. Diana also has represented children and adults with disabilities in health care matters and served as staff to elected officials.

Diana is a cum laude graduate of New York University School of Law. She received her BA from Brown University. Diana has served on the boards of several human services organizations in

Portland, Oregon, where she lives.

Jason M. Goldman, MD, MACP, is President of the American College of Physicians (ACP), representing internal medicine physicians, related subspecialists, and medical students. Dr. Goldman completed medical school at the University of Miami and residency in internal medicine at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, FL. He has managed his own private practice since 2002 and is a Clinical Affiliate Professor of General Internal Medicine in the Department of Medicine at the Florida Atlantic University, Charles E. Schmidt School of Medicine. Prior to managing his own practice, Dr. Goldman worked primarily in hospital medicine as an Attending at both Mt. Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach and Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida.

Dr. Goldman was elected to Mastership in 2025, which recognizes outstanding and extraordinary career accomplishments and notable contributions to medicine. He served as Governor of ACP's Florida Chapter from 2016-2020. He also served as Chair of ACP's Medical Practice Quality Committee and currently serves on ACP's Immunization Committee. He is actively involved with the Center for Disease Control as the ACP's liaison to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and serves on several vaccine workgroups including Pneumonia and COVID-19.

Dr. Goldman has authored several published case reports and policy papers and has received numerous honors and awards, including the ACP Richard Neubauer National Advocate for Internal Medicine in 2018, Florida Chapter Internist of the Year in 2013, and the Laureate Award in 2022.

Seiji Hayashi, MD, MPH, FAFAP, is Chief Medical Officer for CareFirst Community Health Plan Maryland (Medicaid) and Lead Medical Director for Government Programs (Medicare, Medicaid, DSNP) at CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (CareFirst), one of the nation's largest not-for-profit healthcare organizations. CareFirst serves 3.5 million individuals and groups in Washington, D.C., Maryland and Northern Virginia.

Dr. Hayashi is board-certified in family medicine and continues to care for patients. He is an experienced leader in primary care, quality improvement, and health policy at the local and national levels. Prior to CareFirst, he spearheaded health and social services integration and transformation at two federally qualified health centers. Hayashi's national health policy experience comes from his role as Chief Medical Officer for the federal Community Health Center Program at the Health Resources and Services Administration. He started his career at Georgetown University and at George Washington University teaching public health and conducting health policy research.

Dr. Hayashi graduated with honors in Studio Art from Vassar College, received his Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree with Alpha Omega Alpha distinction from the Albert Einstein College of

Medicine and completed his family medicine residency training at the University of California San Francisco. He received his Masters of Public Health (MPH) degree from the Harvard School of Public Health while a fellow with the Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy.

Wayne Jonas, MD, is a board-certified, practicing family physician, an expert in integrative health and whole person care delivery, and a widely published scientific investigator. Additionally, Dr. Jonas is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the Medical Corps of the United States Army. From 2001-2016, he was President and Chief Executive Officer of Samueli Institute, a non-profit medical research organization supporting the scientific investigation of healing processes in the areas of stress, pain and resilience.

Dr. Jonas wrote the best-selling book *How Healing Works*, laying out a revolutionary new way to approach injury, illness, and wellness. He also co-authored a second book with Alyssa McManamon, MD, *Healing and Cancer: A Guide to Whole Person Cancer Care*. This book is meant to be actively used by teams caring for people with cancer and by caregivers and patients to enhance healing, health, and wellbeing.

Dr. Jonas was the Director of the Office of Alternative Medicine at the National Institutes of Health from 1995-1999, and prior to that served as the Director of the Medical Research Fellowship at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

His research has appeared in peer-reviewed journals such as the Journal of the American Medical Association, Nature Medicine, the Journal of Family Practice, the Annals of Internal Medicine, and The Lancet. Dr. Jonas received the 2015 Pioneer Award from the Integrative Healthcare Symposium, the 2007 America's Top Family Doctors Award, the 2003 Pioneer Award from the American Holistic Medical Association, the 2002 Physician Recognition Award of the American Medical Association, and the 2002 Meritorious Activity Prize from the International Society of Life Information Science in Chiba, Japan.

Dr. Jonas is currently the President of Healing Works Foundation, a not for profit organization dedicated to the integration of healing and curing in routine health care delivery.

Ali Khan, MD, MPP, FACP, is a practicing general internist and the Chief Medical Officer, Medicare at Aetna, a CVS Health company, where he advances strategies, policies and programs that drive the delivery of clinical excellence, clinical impact and superb member experience for Aetna's over 11 million Medicare members nationally.

He joined Aetna from his prior role as Chief Medical Officer, Value Based Care Strategy at Oak Street Health, where he led efforts in managed care strategy, medical management, clinical design, workforce development and public policy. Ali joined Oak Street Health in 2019 as

Executive Medical Director of the eight-state, 60+-center Heartland Division and continues to practice general internal medicine at Oak Street's clinics on Chicago's West Side. Prior to Oak Street, he served as CareMore Health's Clinical Design Officer and in leadership roles at Iora Health.

Dr. Khan serves on the faculty of the Yale School of Medicine and Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management, on the Harvard Kennedy School Healthcare Policy Leadership Council and as a Director on the American Board of Internal Medicine's Internal Medicine Specialty Board, the American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation, the Better Medicare Alliance and AcademyHealth.

Lisa Kirsch, MPAff, is the senior policy director at the Dell Medical School at the University of Texas at Austin. She conducts health policy research and analysis to support innovations in health care delivery and payment. She holds a Master of Public Affairs from the LBJ School of Public Affairs. Prior to joining Dell Med, Kirsch worked for more than 13 years at the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) on Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program policy issues.

She served as the chief deputy Medicaid/CHIP director, where she oversaw the policy department and the development and implementation of the more than \$10 billion Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program under Texas' 1115 health care transformation waiver. Prior to joining HHSC, Kirsch worked for a Texas home health and community care services provider and the Arizona Joint Legislative Budget Committee.

Lauren Kuenstner, MPH, develops and oversees strategic investments for the Medicare Sustainability and Provider Payment Incentives portfolios as part of the Health Care team at Arnold Ventures. Before joining Arnold Ventures, she worked at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), where she led the design and development of the ACO Primary Care Flex Model, which is the first test of population-based payments for primary care in the Medicare Shared Savings Program. Prior to the ACO Primary Care Flex Model, she led the implementation of the Next Generation ACO Model. Lauren holds an MPH in health management and policy from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's in economics from Wake Forest University.

Corinne Lewis, MSW, currently serves as the assistant vice president in the Commonwealth Fund's Improving Care Delivery program. Prior to this role, she served as the senior research associate for the program, during which time she conducted research and authored publications on a variety of topics including the impact of the payment and delivery system reforms of the Affordable Care Act, the value of primary health care, and innovative models to address the drivers of health for patients.

Before joining the Fund, Lewis was an analyst with Mathematica, where she assisted with the

evaluation of federal and state value-based payment initiatives, and held an internship at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services' New York regional office. She also has frontline experience in the health care system, having served as a social worker at a subacute rehabilitation facility and nursing home, NYU Lutheran Augustana Center. Lewis holds a BA in psychology from Boston University and an MSW in social policy from Columbia University's School of Social Work.

Alison A. Moore, MD, MPH, FACP, AGSF, is President-elect of the American Geriatrics Society (AGS). She is a Professor of Medicine and Chief of Geriatrics, Gerontology, and Palliative Care, and Director of the Sam and Rose Stein Institute for Research on Aging and the Center for Healthy Aging at the University of California San Diego (UCSD). Dr. Moore is a geriatrician who provides primary care and consultative care to older adults and a public health researcher whose work focuses principally on older adults who use alcohol, cannabis, and other substances. She also has interests in gerontechnology, health equity, and aging and HIV. Dr. Moore has a passion for research training and mentorship and in 2019, she was awarded the UCSD Health Sciences Faculty Excellence in Mentoring Award. She is also deeply committed to caring for older adults and mentoring others to do the same.

Warren P. Newton, MD, MPH, currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) and the ABFM Foundation. During his tenure, ABFM launched longitudinal assessment, the ABFM National Journal Club, a new examination blueprint, and the Center for Professionalism and Value in Health Care. Additionally, ABFM expanded its performance improvement activities and conducted major revisions to its Professionalism Guidelines and lifelong learning activities. In recent years, he has led ABFM in a major residency redesign and the development of a broad research enterprise focusing on board certification, the spread of family medicine quality measures, and a national primary care registry.

Dr. Newton served as the William B. Aycock Professor and Chair of Family Medicine (1999-2016), Chief Academic Officer (2008-2013), and Vice Dean and Director of the North Carolina Area Health Education Centers (2013-2018) at the University of North Carolina (UNC). He has led practice and educational transformation at the practice, region, and state level and in undergraduate, graduate, and continuing medical education. He has served on the North Carolina State Health Plan BOD and as senior advisor to the North Carolina Secretary of Health and Human Services.

With more than 180 articles in peer-reviewed publications, Dr. Newton's scholarship has focused on the organization and effectiveness of health care. He has been the principal investigator on grants totaling more than \$50 million. In addition, he has won numerous awards at the local, state, and national level. Dr. Newton served as President of the Association of Departments of Family Medicine and was the Founding Chair of the Council of Academic Family Medicine. Nationally, he has served on the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and the

Planning Committee for the National Academies Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professions Education.

Dr. Newton graduated from Yale University with a double major in biology and history and earned his medical degree from Northwestern University Medical School. After residency and chief residency in family medicine at UNC, he completed the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program and earned a Master of Public Health at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. In 2012-13, he was selected as a Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) Bishop Fellow, during which time he also completed the American Council of Education Fellows program. Dr. Newton is certified by ABFM in Family Medicine and is participating in continuing certification.

Kathryn E. Phillips, MPH, is an associate director for the California Health Care Foundation, which works to improve coverage and care for Californians with low incomes and strengthen Medi-Cal, the nation's largest Medicaid Program. Kathryn supports strategy across the Access to Care Team; develops strategic priorities and new initiatives to build the future health care workforce in California - with focus on medicine, nursing, and pharmacy; and fosters alignment of workforce activities across the foundation. Her current priorities include expanding education and training in rural and community-based settings, improving diversity and representation, and assuring accountability in statewide planning and action. In her previous role as senior program officer, Kathryn led the foundation's efforts to advance primary care, including increasing investment in primary care through purchaser and state action, modernizing payment for Federally Qualified Health Centers and public health care systems, accelerating the adoption of integrated behavioral health care, and improving population health management capabilities among providers that serve Medi-Cal members.

Before joining CHCF, Kathryn was the program director for practice transformation at Qualis Health (now Comagine Health), a nonprofit population health consulting firm. She directed regional and national quality improvement projects, including the landmark Safety Net Medical Home Initiative, which developed and tested an evidence-based framework to guide primary care redesign efforts. Her portfolio also included initiatives to advance care integration and the capacity of primary care practices to deliver behavioral health and oral health services.

Previously, Kathryn worked at the National Business Group on Health, where she built public-private partnerships to create evidence-based purchasing guidelines and workplace health programs to advance clinical preventive services, maternal and child health, and behavioral health. Kathryn holds a bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Oregon and a master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan.

Stephanie Quinn is senior vice president of external affairs and practice experience at the American Academy of Family Physicians where she oversees the AAFP Divisions of Government Relations, Practice Advancement, Strategic Engagements and the Robert Graham Center. Prior

to joining the AAFP, Stephanie Quinn was vice president of federal government affairs at CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield where she led the company's federal legislative agenda on issues such as market stability, drug pricing policy, and social determinants of health. Before CareFirst, Stephanie was assistant director of congressional relations for the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) and served as deputy director of federal government affairs for Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. Stephanie holds a combined degree in linguistics and Spanish from the Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Jacob Quinton, MD, MS, MPH, is the current Chief Medical Officer for the Center for Medicare, Parts A & B and is in active clinical practice at a local Maryland federally qualified health center. He received his medical degree from Louisiana State University School of Medicine New Orleans, his public health degree from Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at Yale New Haven Hospital, and following completed a masters in health services research as part of the National Clinician Scholars Program at UCLA. He is a previously NIH funded health services researcher focused on high-cost high-need care and explored novel care delivery models following the COVID-19 pandemic. After joining CMS he served as a physician advisor in the CMS Innovation Center in the Patient Care Models Group, then Policy and Programs Group where he designed alternative payment models focused on advanced primary care and specialty care and designed quality strategies for models across the CMMI portfolio.

Victoria Russo, MPH, is a Program Officer at the New York Health Foundation (NYHealth), where she works on the Foundation's primary care priority area. Her work focuses on expanding access to high-quality primary care, strengthening the primary care workforce, and advancing racial health equity across New York State. She holds a Master of Public Health from the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health.

Patricia Sharpnack, DNP, RN, CNE, NEA-BC, ANEF, FAAN, is the immediate past Chair of the National League for Nursing Board of Governors and Dean and Strawbridge Professor at Ursuline College, The Breen School of Nursing and Health Professions. She has held numerous leadership and board positions on regulatory bodies, served as the Chief Nursing Officer for several healthcare agencies, and as leader in professional organizations at regional, national, and international levels. She was appointed to the Ohio Board of Nursing and served as president for three terms, supervisory member, nursing education chair, and NCSBN delegate and committee member from 2014 through 2022. She is on the editorial board and reviewer for several refereed journals, has extensively published and presented at national and international conferences, and received numerous awards and recognition. She is a Fellow of both the NLN Academy of Nurse Educators and the American Academy of Nursing. Dr. Sharpnack received a diploma in nursing from St. Vincent Charity School of Nursing, a BSN from Ursuline College, an MSN from The University of Akron, a DNP from the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University and a post-graduate certificate in Health Policy and Media Engagement from George Washington University.

Raymond Tsai, MD, MS, is Vice President of Advanced Primary Care at Purchaser Business Group on Health (PBGH), where he leads the strategic initiative to implement advanced primary care in markets across the country, ensuring PBGH members and their employees have access to high-quality, cost-effective primary care. He is a family medicine physician and also boarded in clinical informatics, which he also uses to lead work on making health care price transparency actionable by employers and purchasers.

Prior to joining PBGH, Raymond most recently worked as the clinician executive who was part of setting up primary care clinics for agriculture workers in Central California on behalf of an employer as both the clinical leader advising employee benefits, as well as a practicing primary care physician. Through this work he saw first hand how advanced primary care that emphasizes interdisciplinary care teams and whole person care can help achieve the quintuple aim of health care.

Raymond is an alumnus of the California Health Care Foundation Leadership Program and was recognized for his work in 2020 as a Presidential Leadership Scholar, a partnership among the presidential centers of George W. Bush, William J. Clinton, George H.W. Bush and Lyndon B. Johnson. He is a graduate of Stanford University School of Medicine, Harvard University T.H. Chan School of Public Health and the UCLA Family Medicine residency program.