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Transformation - Meeting 2**
Speaker Biographical Sketches

Renée Boynton-Jarrett is a pediatrician and social epidemiologist. She is also an associate professor at Boston Medical Center and Boston University School of Medicine as well as the founding director of the Vital Village Networks. Vital Village uses a trauma-informed lens to improve community capacity to promote child wellbeing and advance equity through dedicated collaborative partnerships, research, data-sharing, and community leadership development in Boston and nationally through the NOW Forum and CRADLE Lab. Her scholarship has focused on early-life adversities as life course social determinants of health. Boynton-Jarrett is nationally recognized for work on the intersection of community violence, intimate partner violence, and child abuse and neglect and neighborhood characteristics that influence these patterns. She has received numerous awards for teaching, clinical care, and public health including the Massachusetts Public Health Association Paul Revere Award for outstanding impact on public health. Boynton-Jarrett received her AB from Princeton University, her M.D. from Yale School of Medicine, and Sc.D. in Social Epidemiology from Harvard School of Public Health and completed residency in Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Jacey Cooper is the governor-appointed state Medicaid director and chief deputy director for health care programs at the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), California. Cooper is responsible for the overall leadership of benefits, eligibility, delivery systems, financing, behavioral health, quality, population health, and legislative and governmental affairs. Cooper represents California's Medicaid program (Medi-Cal) with federal partners at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Prior to her work at DHCS, Cooper was vice president of administrative services at Kern Medical Center and a health care consultant. Through that work, she gained experience in health care policy, operations, integrated delivery models, managed care, business development, and quality monitoring.

Sherry Glied is an economist and dean of the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University. Prior to this role, she was a professor and chair at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. She previously served as Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and as senior economist for health care and labor market policy on the President's Council of Economic Advisors, under Presidents Bush and Clinton, and participated in the Clinton Health Care Task Force. Glied's principal areas of research are in health policy reform and mental health care policy. Glied is a member of the board of directors of the New York State Urban Development Corporation, Geisinger, the Milbank Fund, and NRXP. She is a nonresident senior fellow of the Brookings Institution and has been elected to the National Academy of Medicine, the National Academy of Social Insurance, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Neal Halfon is the founding director of the Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities, and distinguished professor of pediatrics in the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, health policy and management in the Fielding School of Public Health, and public

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policy in the Luskin School of Public Affairs at the University of California, Los Angeles. For more than three decades, Halfon has been instrumental in advancing research, policy and systems innovations focused on the healthy development of children at local, national and international levels. He has spearheaded the development of new conceptual models and measurement frameworks focused on life course health development and directs the Life Course Research Network and the Life Course Intervention Research Network established by the Maternal Child Health Bureau. Halfon has also led the development of the 3.0 Health System Transformation Framework, to guide the transformation of the current 2.0 Health Care System into a 3.0 Health System designed to optimize the equitable health development of the entire population. The 3.0 Transformation Framework has informed U.S. and international health system transformation initiatives, as well as All Children Thrive, an emerging national learning network focused on advancing the innovations that will result in a 3.0 health system for children.

Kay Johnson is a policy analyst, advocate, and consultant in the area of maternal and child health. Reducing the impact of poverty and racism and increasing access to services for women, children, and their families have been two of her lifelong goals. Johnson has been active in Medicaid and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment at the federal and state levels and has served as a consultant advisor to more than 45 states regarding child health care policy. Her program and policy expertise encompasses a wide range of women's, children's, and family health issues, including: perinatal and preconception care; early childhood development and mental health; home visiting; immunization; oral health; newborn screening; adolescent health; and services for children with special needs and disabilities. She leads a national health policy consulting firm based in Vermont. Her work at the Children's Defense Fund, March of Dimes, George Washington University, and Johnson Consulting have helped to shape the direction of MCH and Medicaid policy. Prior to her policy career, Johnson provided direct services to low-income families in early care and education programs. Johnson holds a M.P.H. from the University of North Carolina, as well as a M.Ed. from the State University of New York at Buffalo where she studied early childhood development.

Tamela Milan-Alexander is the newly hired director of community engagement with EverThrive in Illinois. The mission of EverThrive Illinois' is to achieve reproductive justice in the health care ecosystem through community-driven partnership, policy action, and systems change. Milan-Alexander came into the maternal and child health field because of her history of opioid use disorder which led to a high-risk pregnancy. With the Westside Healthy Start program, she provided care coordination for her child experiencing neonatal abstinence syndrome. After working with her pediatrician and others, she was able to attain needed services for her family which led to the reunification of all her children. Milan-Alexander also serves on the AAP Family and Partnerships Network Executive committee and is board chair at Health Connect One, Chicago Foundation for Women Willies Warriors and fellow and founder of Bridges to Bond LLC. Milan-Alexander completed her master's degree in Public Policy and Administration from National Louis University.

Nikki Montgomery is the program and communications manager with Family Voices. Montgomery's passion for empowering youth and families spans two decades, during which she has been an educator, a health literacy specialist, and a patient advocate. Montgomery identifies as neurodivergent and is also the parent of a child with autism and complex healthcare needs.

She is the author of the *Super Safe Kids* pediatric patient education series and currently serves on the editorial board for the journal *Pediatrics* and on the Global Patient & Family Advisory Board for The Beryl Institute, among many other health advocacy roles. In addition to a graduate certificate in patient advocacy, for which her research focused on increasing engagement with parents of medically fragile children, Montgomery earned a M.A. in English and a M.Ed. in educational psychology, with thesis research on critical thinking and health literacy for parents of children with disabilities.

Edward Schor is a retired pediatrician and an independent consultant providing advice on child health, health care systems, and child policy. Previously, he served as senior vice president at the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health whose grantmaking focuses on health care system improvement for children with chronic and complex health conditions. There he initiated a variety of projects on health care systems standards, care coordination and family engagement. Schor has held senior positions with the Commonwealth Fund, the Kaiser Family Foundation and the Iowa Department of Public Health, and has worked in pediatric practice, academic pediatrics, and health services research. Early in his career he helped establish and operate a health maintenance organization that centralized the care of children in foster care in Baltimore and served as medical director for a large congregate facility for children with severe developmental problems. He has a special interest in the social determinants of child health and family functioning. Schor received post-doctoral training in school health, family systems therapy, and social and behavioral sciences.