

Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Children and Youth through Health Care System Transformation

Committee

Tina L. Cheng

Co-Chair

Tina L. Cheng (she/her) is the B.K. Rachford Professor and chair of Pediatrics, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, director of the Cincinnati Children's Research Foundation, and chief medical officer at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She was previously chair of Pediatrics and pediatrician-in-chief at Johns Hopkins University. Her clinical work, teaching, and research focus on child, adolescent, and family perspectives on improving health; community-integrated models to interrupt the intergenerational cycle of disadvantage; as well as innovation and transformation for excellent and equitable health outcomes. She has an MPH in epidemiology and preventive medicine residency from the University of California, Berkeley, and held a fellowship in academic general pediatrics at the University of Massachusetts. Cheng completed Brown University's seven-year program in Medicine. She also completed her pediatrics residency and chief residency at University of California, San Francisco and San Francisco General Hospital. She is a member of the National Academies Committee on Addressing the Long-Term Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Children and Families. Cheng currently is consulting editor for Pediatric Clinics of North America and is a member and past president (2008-09) of the Academic Pediatric Association (APA) and a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), serving as a liaison to two of its national committees: the Committee on Pediatric Research and the Committee on Federal Government Affairs.

James M. Perrin

Co-Chair

James M. Perrin (he/him) is a professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and was the former director of the Division of General Pediatrics at the MassGeneral Hospital for Children. Perrin currently holds the MGH John C. Robinson Distinguished Chair in Pediatrics. He has been on faculty at the University of Rochester as well as Vanderbilt University. His work has recently addressed how to improve Medicaid for younger people in Massachusetts and nationally. Perrin is a graduate of Harvard College and Case Western Reserve School of Medicine. He had his residency and fellowship at the University of Rochester, after which he developed a rural community health center between Rochester and Buffalo. He has been on several National Academies committees. A past president of the Academic Pediatric Association (1997-98) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (2014), he currently chairs the AAP Committee on Child Health Financing. Perrin's work emphasizes chronic health conditions and their impact on child development and family well-being.

Louis P. Appel

Member

Louis P. Appel (he/him) serves as the director of pediatrics at People's Community Clinic (PCC), a federally qualified health center in Austin, Texas. He previously served as chief medical officer of PCC. At PCC, Appel has championed the promotion of early relational health and projects on group pediatric well child checks, postpartum depression screening, lactation support, and childhood obesity prevention focused on the prenatal and immediate postpartum periods. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), a member of the American Public Health Association, and a member of the Harvard Center on the Developing Child's Pediatric Innovation Initiative. Appel received an M.D. from Harvard Medical School and obtained an MPH at the Harvard School of Public Health, with a concentration in public management and community health. He completed his pediatric residency at the University of Washington in Seattle. Appel serves on a Medicaid advisory committee for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas and currently serves as the president of the Texas Pediatric Society, the Texas chapter of the AAP.

Christina Bethell

Member

Christina Bethell (she/her) is a professor at Johns Hopkins University in the Bloomberg School of Public Health. Her research focuses on building and translating the science of healthy development to promote early and lifelong health of children, youth, families, and communities. With roots in national and state healthcare policy, financing reform and delivery system redesign to promote whole child and family health and integrated services, Bethell is the founding director of the Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative as well as the Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health. She led the design and national use of adult, child and family centered quality and outcomes measures in common use today, including measures of Medical Home, Children with Special Health Care Needs, Promoting Healthy Development, Adverse Childhood Experiences, Positive Childhood Experiences, Family Resilience, Child Flourishing, and the Integrated Child Risk Index. Her research has shaped policies regarding adverse childhood experiences, relational health promotion, including providing testimony to the US House Committee on Oversight and Reform on identifying, preventing, and treating childhood trauma. She earned an MBA and an MPH from the University of California, Berkeley and Ph.D. in public policy and health services research from the University of Chicago.

Ashleigh Ficarino Bowman

Member

Ashleigh F. Bowman (she/her) is currently employed as an assistant professor of maternal child health nursing in the College of Nursing at the University of South Alabama. She maintains an active practice as a pediatric nurse practitioner in the Pediatric Emergency Center at USA Health Children's & Women's Hospital in Mobile, Alabama, with a particular interest in caring for critically ill and medically complex children. Bowman's professional expertise in pediatric emergency medicine has recently focused to caring for children who have been physically and/or sexually abused. Her research interest is focused on healthcare policy, particularly how policy intersects with advanced nursing practice and how policy impacts child health outcomes. She is a member of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners where she serves on the Health Policy Committee and the International Association of Forensic Nurses. She received a DNP from the University of South Alabama and is a board-certified pediatric acute care nurse practitioner.

Nathan T. Chomilo

Member

Nathan T. Chomilo (he/him) is the medical director for the State of Minnesota's Medicaid & MinnesotaCare programs, is an adjunct assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Minnesota Medical School, and practices as a general pediatrician with Park Nicollet Health Services/HealthPartners. He served as the State of Minnesota's COVID-19 vaccine equity director and as a senior advisor on equity to the Minnesota Commissioner of Health. Chomilo received an M.D. from the University of Minnesota Medical School where he also completed his combined residency in internal medicine and pediatrics and was a pediatric chief resident. Chomilo is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and currently serves in an uncompensated advisory role for some of the organization's expert committees, including the Medicaid & CHIP Expert Advisory Panel, the Section on Minority Health Equity & Inclusion, and the Council on Early Childhood. He is a board member of the AAP chapter in Minnesota that operates independently from AAP.

Ashleigh D. Coser

Member

Ashleigh D. Coser (she/her) is a health service psychologist with the Cherokee Nation. She oversees and provides integrated behavioral health services across multiple clinics and serves as an internship and practicum supervisor. Coser currently serves as a board member with the Oklahoma Psychological Association and recently served as chair for the Native American Special Interest Group with the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies. She is a member of the Choctaw Nation and is a descendant of the Creek and Chickasaw Nations. Her research interests include examining the parent-child relationship among American Indian (AI) families and maternal mental health. Her recent publications have focused on conducting behavioral research in AI communities and examining psychometric properties of widely used measures with the AI population. Coser earned her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Oklahoma State University and completed her internship at the Indian Health Care Resource Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She completed her postdoctoral training at University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Alison E. Cuellar

Member

Alison E. Cuellar (she/her) is professor of health administration and policy at George Mason University and a research associate with the National Bureau of Economic Research. She serves as chair of the Community Preventive Services Task Force, an independent, nonfederal panel of public health and prevention experts that provides evidence-based findings and recommendations about community preventive services, programs, and other interventions aimed at improving population health, as well as an elected member of the National Academy of Social Insurance. Cuellar has extensive research experience in evaluation including the impact of new organizational forms, such as hospital systems and physician alliances and their effects on quality, efficiency, costs, prices, and equity. She also studies Medicaid and private payer initiatives, payment and coverage policy related to primary care and behavioral health and the intersection with the legal-carceral systems. She received a Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley. Cuellar published the article Value-based Payment, the Safety Net, and Rethinking Risk in the American Journal of Managed Care.

Hala H. Durrah

Member

Hala H. Durrah (she/her) is an independent patient family engagement consultant. Her passion for patient family engagement work stems from her experience as a mother of a chronically ill child who has undergone two liver transplants and a bone marrow transplant. As a subject matter expert and policy analyst in patient partnership and engagement, Durrah serves as a consultant on projects focused on patient centered measurement, quality improvement, patient safety, health equity, child health, healthcare transformation, medical education and board certification, patient partnered research, and patient experience. In 2020, Durrah was elected to the American Board of Emergency Medicine as their first public member director and recently selected to serve as the public member on the Committee for Certification to the American Board of Medical Specialties. Durrah has advised and provided her expertise to many organizations including, but not limited to, the American Institutes for Research, National Association of Community Health Centers, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Community Catalyst, National Quality Forum, American Hospital Association, MedStar Health, and Anne Arundel Medical Center. Durrah received a B.A. in international affairs from George Washington University and her M.A. in Tourism Administration, also from George Washington University. Durrah currently serves as core faculty and family advisory lead for the Accelerating Child Health Transformation initiative led by the Center for Health Care Strategies with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She has also published the article "My Child Is Sick; Don't Call Her A 'Consumer'" in Health Affairs.

Carole R. Gresenz

Member

Carole Roan Gresenz (she/her) is a professor of public policy and health at Georgetown University and currently holds the Bette Jacobs Endowed Professorship. Previously, she was the interim dean of the School of Nursing & Health Studies and senior advisor for Strategic Health Initiatives at Georgetown and served in various roles at the RAND Corporation, including as senior economist; director of the Economics, Sociology and Statistics Department; and director of the Health Economics, Finance, and Organization program. Her research background is broad-based and includes work on children's health insurance, access to health care among uninsured children, children's behavioral health care, gun violence, provider payment policies, and local health care policymaking. She received an M.A. and Ph.D. in economics from Brown University and a bachelor's degree in economics from Loyola University Maryland. Gresenz serves on the MedStar Healthcare Delivery Research advisory board and previously served on the scientific council for Georgetown/MedStar Health.

Kelly J. Kelleher

Member

Kelly J. Kelleher (he/him) is the inaugural ADS chair of innovation and vice president for community health at Nationwide Children's Hospital and distinguished professor of Pediatrics, Psychiatry and Public Health at The Ohio State University. He is founding director of the Center for Child Health Equity and Outcomes Research at NCH and the developer of the Healthy Neighborhood/Healthy Family program in Columbus, Ohio where his research and leadership focus on population health for children and young families, financing mechanisms that facilitate population health, and public/private collaborations for local community development on behalf of children. Kelleher is the recipient of the national Hearst Population Health Prize and Steering Committee Chair for the national PEDSnet research consortium. Kelleher received his B.S. and M.D. degrees from The Ohio State University, his pediatric residency training from Northwestern University, his MPH degree from Johns Hopkins, and his fellowship training through the Epidemiology Training Program at the National Institute of Mental Health. He has also served on three previous consensus committees of the National Academies and the Forum on Promoting Children's Wellbeing and was a founding participant in the pediatric Digital Learning subcommittee of the NAM Leadership Consortium for a Value and Science-Driven Health System which led to the formation of PEDSnet. Kelleher is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He published the article "Promoting Children's Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral (MEB) Health in All Public Systems, Post-COVID-19" in Administration and Policy in Mental Health.

William Martinez

Member

William Martinez (he/him) is an associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and the director of the Child and Adolescent Services clinic in the Division of Infant, Child, and Adolescent Psychiatry at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital. He is currently the director of pediatric mental health for the UCSF Health and Human Rights Initiative, a multidisciplinary group across several departments and hospitals focused on improving the health of asylees and their families. Martinez is also the principal investigator of the Fuerte program, a school-based group prevention program targeting newcomer immigrant youth at risk of behavioral health concerns. Martinez's overall clinical and research aims are concentrated on reducing behavioral health disparities among ethnic minority youth, with a specific focus on Latinx and immigrant populations. He takes a socio-ecological approach to understanding these concerns across three areas of inquiry: 1) the impact of social determinants on behavioral health disparities; 2) implementation and dissemination of evidence-based prevention and intervention programming for traumatic stress; and 3) informed policy focused on improving conditions for asylee youth. Martinez received a Ph.D. in clinical-child psychology from DePaul University. He also has a certificate in implementation science through UCSF. He is retained by Psychological Assessment Resources, Inc. as a compensated member of an expert panel on a revision of the Trauma Symptom Checklist for Children.

Philip O. Ozuah

Member

Philip O. Ozuah (he/him) is the president and CEO of Montefiore Einstein Medicine, the umbrella organization for Montefiore Health System and Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He previously served as president and chief operating officer of Montefiore Health System and professor and university chairman of pediatrics and physician-in-chief of the Children's Hospital at Montefiore. In these roles, Ozuah expanded access for underserved communities, advanced programs of excellence, fostered innovations, and improved financial and operational performance. His research focuses on addressing disparities in pediatric asthma and obesity. Ozuah is a member of the National Institutes of Health study sections; a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Academic Pediatric Association (APA), Society for Pediatric Research, and American Pediatric Society; and most recently he was elected as chair of the Health Systems Committee of the American Hospital Association. Ozuah earned a M.D. from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, a M.Sc., with a specialization in medical education, from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and a Ph.D. in educational leadership and administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he has published articles in the New York Times and the U.S. News & World Report Best Hospitals issue on health inequities.

Sarah A. Stoddard

Member

Sarah A. Stoddard (she/her) is an associate professor of nursing and health behavior health education at the University of Michigan. Her career has focused on promoting the health and well-being of youth living in communities characterized by substantial health and social disparities. Stoddard's prior professional experience includes a public health nurse focused on maternal-child health, a nurse practitioner in community- and school-based clinics, as well as the State Adolescent Health Coordinator for the Minnesota Department of Health. Her research aims to improve our understanding of youth development within adverse contexts, and the application of strengths-based approaches to prevention in school and community settings. Stoddard serves on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Community Preventive Services Task Force. She has held leadership positions for the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science and the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine and served as a member of the executive committee for the National Network of State Adolescent Health Coordinators. She is a fellow of the Society of Adolescent Health and Medicine and the American Academy of Nursing. Stoddard received her undergraduate degree in nursing from Minnesota State University at Mankato, and a M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

Lequisha S. Turner

Member

Lequisha S. Turner (she/her) is currently a predoctoral psychology intern with the University of Nebraska Medical Center Munroe Meyer Institute. She is also a licensed mental health professional and faculty member in the University of Nebraska Omaha Grace Abbott School of Social Work. Turner specifically works with children, adolescents, and families from historically underserved communities. She has provided behavioral healthcare in a federally qualified health center, a school-based health clinic, and in multiple integrated primary care locations. She is also a member of American Psychological Association's Division 17 Society of Counseling Psychology and Division 45 Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity, and Race. Turner obtained both her BA and MSW from the University of Nebraska Omaha and is currently completing her Ph.D. in educational psychology at the University of Nebraska Lincoln.

Jennifer R. Walton

Member

Jennifer R. Walton (she/her) is the section chief of developmental behavioral pediatrics at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine's Department of Pediatrics, and is part of the leadership of the university's Mailman Center for Child Development. She is a champion of health equity, diversity, inclusion, and intersectionality. She recently completed her term on the board of directors for the Society for Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics and completed her term on the executive committee of the Pediatric Section of the National Medical Association. She also serves on the professional advisory board for the Williams Syndrome Association. Dr. Walton received an M.D. from the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (now called NEOMED) and an MPH from University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine. She is a member and fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and serves voluntarily on the executive committee for the member section on developmental behavioral pediatrics. She has been interviewed and contributed to articles on priorities for developmental and behavioral pediatrics and racism in pediatric health.

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