

Exploring the Power of Youth Leadership in Creating Conditions for Health and Equity: A Workshop

Committee

Tammy Chang

Member

Tammy Chang, Ph.D., is a health services researcher and practicing family physician with a passion for adolescent health, specifically, breaking the cycle of poverty and poor health among adolescent mothers and their children via community-engaged research. Her NIH-sponsored research is focused on improving access to reproductive health care and promoting healthy pregnancy weight gain among at-risk adolescents using text messaging, social media mining, and natural language processing (NLP). She is also the founding director of MyVoice (www.hearmyvoicenow.org) a national text-message poll of youth age 14-24 years. MyVoice engages youth and communities typically invisible to researchers, and uses mixed methods and NLP to inform local and national policies in real-time.

Sheri Johnson

Member

Sheri Johnson, Ph.D., is Director of the Population Health Institute and Professor of Population Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin Madison School of Medicine and Public Health. Dr. Johnson is a clinical child psychologist and has worked within multiple sectors to improve health and equity. She has dedicated her career to partnering with children, families, community organizations and systems to advance health and well-being. Awed by the resilience of individuals and communities, she is motivated to remove unfair obstacles and conditions that create and perpetuate health inequities. Dr. Johnson previously served as Administrator and State Health Officer for Wisconsin and Director of Behavioral Health Services at Milwaukee Health Services Inc., a federally qualified health center. Immediately prior to joining the University of Wisconsin, she was Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Medical College of Wisconsin Center for Advancement of Underserved Children.

Dr. Johnson is a member of the Roundtable on Population Health Improvement at the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine and a volunteer mentor for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Milwaukee. She completed undergraduate studies at Brown University; earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Boston University and served as a Clinical Fellow in Psychology at Harvard Medical School.

Jacqueline Martinez Garcel

Member

Jacqueline Martinez Garcel, M.P.H., is the CEO of the Latino Community Foundation (LCF). Martinez Garcel has led LCF through a critical stage of growth and expansion. Today, LCF leads one of the largest networks of Latino philanthropists in the country and it is the only statewide foundation solely focused on investing in Latino leaders. Martinez Garcel is driven by a sense of urgency, justice, and determination to create opportunities for Latinos to thrive economically and engage politically.

Previously, Martinez Garcel served as Vice President of the New York State Health Foundation (NYSHealth). As a founding staff member, she was a key advisor to the President and helped establish the foundation as a resource for policymakers and community leaders across the state. Prior to joining NYSHealth, Martinez Garcel served as the Executive Director of Community Voices in New York City. During her tenure, she developed, evaluated, and expanded programs to advance equity, improve health, and quality of life for communities of color.

Martinez Garcel has served as a NIH fellow for the Merida Department of Public Health in Yucatan, Mexico, a faculty member for the Social Science Department of the Borough of Manhattan Community College, and an adjunct professor at the New York University Global Institute of Public Health. Martinez Garcel has been appointed to several Boards, including the Institute for Civic Leadership, NAMI-NYC Metro, and Grantmakers in Health. She has served on the advisory board for KQED Community Advisory Panel and co-chaired the National Latino Funds Alliance (NLFA). Currently, she serves on the Board for Equis Institute, The Accountability Movement, Philanthropy Together, and Forward Stride. She also serves on the Leadership Council of California Forward. Martinez Garcel has published extensively on issues related to health equity, vulnerable populations, and community health workers. She holds a Master in Public Health from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Science from Cornell University.

Jason Purnell

Member

Jason Purnell, Ph.D., M.P.H., is vice president of community health improvement for BJC HealthCare. He is responsible for BJC's community health programs, and oversees BJC's connections with community-based programs. Prior to joining BJC, he spent over a decade focused on health equity and social determinants of health as a faculty member in the Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis, where he retains an appointment as an associate professor. Dr. Purnell is the founding director of Health Equity Works (formerly For the Sake of All), a research-based initiative that translates data and research on the social determinants of health into engaging products to accelerate community action. He and his team and collaborators have been responsible for raising awareness and facilitating action on issues ranging from school health to affordable housing in St. Louis and beyond. A native of St. Louis, Dr. Purnell graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University, with a bachelor's degree in government and philosophy. His doctoral degree in counseling psychology is from The Ohio State University, and his master's in public health is from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. He serves as a member of the Roundtable on Population Health Improvement of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; as chair of the steering committee of the COVID-19 Regional Response Team, which he helped to establish; and on the board of the Show-Me School-Based Health Alliance, which grew out of a Health Equity Works working group on school-based health centers.

Veronica Terriquez

Member

Veronica Terriquez, Ph.D., is the professor and director at the Chicano Studies Research Center at the University of California, Los Angeles College of Letters and Science. Often taking an intersectional approach, her research focuses on social inequality, immigrant incorporation, and transitions to adulthood. She is interested in understanding how institutional policies and practices can be responsive to the needs of low-income immigrant, Black, and Indigenous communities. She has published widely in journals and disseminated research in collaboration with schools, unions, community organizers and local governments. Dr. Terriquez's publications include award-winning work recognized by the American Sociological Association. Dr. Terriquez has also received major grants from the Irvine Foundation, the California Endowment, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, as well as fellowships from the Ford Foundation and the Stanford Center for the Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences. Dr. Terriquez received her Ph.D. in Sociology at UCLA, her Master's degree in Education at University of California, Berkeley, and her B.A. in Sociology at Harvard University.

Jonathan Todres

Member

Jonathan Todres, J.D., is Distinguished University Professor and Professor of Law at Georgia State University College of Law, where his research focuses on children's rights and child well-being. He is interested in exploring how law and policy shape the lived experience of children, how they can be employed to help prevent children's rights violations, and how law—specifically children's rights law—can elevate children. His primary research areas include: the implementation of children's rights law; child trafficking and other forms of violence against children; human rights education; human rights and the social determinants of health; and legal and cultural constructs of childhood. Todres has authored numerous publications on these topics as well as other children's rights issues. He also serves as a regular advisor to nongovernmental organizations working on children's issues and is a member of the Board on Children, Youth, and Families of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. Todres is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and previously served as a Fulbright Scholar in Ireland. He received his B.A. in International Development from Clark University and his J.D. from Columbia Law School, and he served as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand.

Teal Van Lanen

Member

Teal VanLanen, M.S., is co-founder of Kinect M1, which is dedicated to connecting communities and supporting them in creating the conditions for all to thrive. For 14 years, she worked for the Algoma School District in Wisconsin, starting off as a fifth grade teacher and serving the last half of her career as the Director of Improvement and Community Engagement. VanLanen holds a master's degree in Educational Leadership with an emphasis on Social Justice and Equity. She has focused heavily on the vital conditions of health and cross-sector collaboration while expanding the capacity of staff, students, and community members through social change and improvement science tools.

In 2015, VanLanen co-founded the grassroots initiative Live Algoma, which earned international recognition including the Robert Wood Johnson Culture of Health Award and the National Civic League's All America City Award. In 2020, she co-founded the first public charter school, in Kewaunee/Door County, Algoma Venture Academy, based on the Live Algoma model. VanLanen currently serves as a board associate for the National Academies Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice.

Hanh Cao Yu

Member

Hanh Cao Yu, Ph.D., is the Chief Learning Officer of The California Endowment (TCE) where she oversees learning, strategic development, evaluation, and impact activities, and ensures that local and state grantees, board and staff understand the results and lessons of the Foundation's investments in its 10-year Building Healthy Communities (BHC) initiative. BHC focused on health equity, policy systems change through a community-driven, community power building approach. Dr. Yu's work spans the research, evaluation, philanthropic sectors. Prior to joining TCE, served as Vice President at Social Policy Research Associates (SPR). Dr. Yu has more than 25 years of experience in equitable evaluation and research in the areas of health and racial equity social change philanthropy, leadership development, organizational effectiveness, policy advocacy, community organizing, and vulnerable populations. As a researcher at Stanford University and SPR, Dr. Yu is the author of numerous publications, including *The Handbook on Leadership Development Evaluation* (Jossey-Bass, 2006). Dr. Yu is the Chair of the Board of Grantmakers for Effective Organizations and is a member of the National Academy of Science on Population Health Improvement.

Adrianna Zhang

Member

Adrianna Zhang is a 17-year-old student at Stanford University. She currently serves as the Executive Chair of the San Francisco Youth Commission. On the commission, she helped lead the Vote16SF/Prop G campaign to 207k+ votes in 2020, successfully advocated for Free Muni for Youth, and several pieces of legislation that reached the SF Board of Supervisors on a range of topics from addressing anti-AAPI hate crimes to increasing affordable housing and climate action. As the district 7 appointee, she has also hosted the YC's annual participatory budget town hall to increase understanding and voice on the city's budget.

Zhang is also the founder and Executive Director of San Francisco Communities who Help Advance the New Generation of Education, or SF CHANGE, a nationwide organization that has presented free educational workshops to over 30,000 students around the United States. Passionate about education equity, she has led SF CHANGE to partner with organizations such as UNICEF, SF Public Libraries, and more to sponsor and provide resources for the organization. Zhang is a member of the National Vote16 Advisory Board and was a speaker at TEDxCity of San Francisco 2021.

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