An Evaluation of Permanent Supportive Housing Programs for Homeless Individuals

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KENNETH W. KIZER (NAM) (Committee Chair) is a Distinguished Professor in the University of California (UC), Davis, School of Medicine and the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, and Director of the Institute for Population Health Improvement, UC Davis Health System. Among other positions, he also serve as Director, California Cancer Reporting and Epidemiologic Suvveillance Program and Chief Quality Improvement Consultant, California Department of Health Care Services. Dr. Kizer is a highly seasoned physician executive whose professional experience includes positions in the public and private sectors, academia and philanthropy. His previous positions include: founding President and CEO, National Quality Forum, a Washington, DC-based quality improvement and consensus standards setting organization; President, CEO and Chirman, Medsphere Systems Corporation, a leading provider of open source health information technology; Under Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and chief executive officer of the nation’s largest healthcare system; Director, California Department of Health Services; and Director, California Emergency Medical Services Authority. He has served on the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and as Chairman of the Board, The California Wellness Foundation, as well as on the governing boards of managed care and health IT companies, foundations, professional associations and non-profit organizations. He is an honors graduate of Stanford University and UCLA, the recipient of two honorary doctorates, and a fellow or distinguished fellow of 11 professional societies, including being an elected fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. He is board certified in six medical specialities and/or subspecialities, and has authored over 400 original articles, book chapters and other reports. He has been selected as one of the ‘100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare’ by Modern Healthcare magazine on several occasions, and his work has been featured in Time, BusinessWeek, Fortune, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times and numerous other magazines, newspapers and national television shows. He has served on numerous National Academy of Medicine (NAM) committees and Boards.

Barbara Brush

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BARBARA L. BRUSH is the Carol J. and F. Edward Lake Professor in Population Health, Department of Health Behavior and Biological Sciences, University of Michigan School of Nursing. Her interests include family homelessness, community-based participatory research, health disparity/inequity, international nurse migration, and nurse workforce policy. The author of two books and over sixty peer-reviewed journal articles, Dr. Brush has focused her research on promoting health and reducing health inequality among vulnerable and community-based populations. An advanced practice nurse (APN) and proponent of interprofessional primary care practice, she created one of the nation's first clinical practice models utilizing APNs and ministers to care for homeless men. She has also been part of a longstanding team designing APN care delivery models and measuring their outcomes in nursing home settings. Her current research with homeless families in Detroit utilizes a community-based participatory research (CBPR) approach to address the health and social needs of this vulnerable population. A nurse historian with advanced policy training, Dr. Brush also examines important issues in nurse workforce development and capacity building. She is a leading expert in nurse migration and has explored the United States' long practice of recruiting internationally educated nurses to fill nurse shortfall in hospitals and nursing homes. This work has informed national and international policies on the ethical recruitment of internationally educated nurses and approaches to measure safety and quality care practices. Dr. Brush received her Ph.D. and M.S.N. from University of Pennsylvania and her B.S.N. from Southeastern Massachusetts University.

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SEIJI HAYASHI is Executive Vice President for Transformation and Innovation at Unity Health Care, Inc., one of the largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) in the U.S. Unity serves over 100,000 patients, including 11,000 persons experiencing homelessness, at 25 clinics throughout the District of Columbia. Prior to coming to Unity, Dr. Hayashi served as Chief Medical Officer and Senior Advisor for Special Populations (Homeless, Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Workers, Residents of Public Housing) for the Bureau of Primary Health Care at the Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He oversaw the clinical quality strategy for the federal Health Center Program that supports care for 23 million people across the U.S. He also spent many years as faculty at Georgetown University and George Washington University (GWU). At GWU, Dr. Hayashi directed the Masters of Public Health Program in Community Oriented Primary Care and conducted research on Medicaid policy, quality improvement, and the use of HIT at FQHCs. Dr. Hayashi is a board certified family physician and continues to care for patients. Dr. Hayashi graduated with honors from Vassar College and received his medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. He completed his Family and Community Medicine Residency Program at the University of California at San Francisco and received his Master of Public Health degree from the Harvard School of Public Health while serving as a fellow for the Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy.

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STEPHEN HWANG is the Director of the Centre for Urban Health Solutions, St. Michael’s Hospital, and a Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto. Dr. Hwang holds the Chair in Housing, Homelessness and Health at St. Michael’s Hospital and the University of Toronto. He practices general internal medicine at St. Michael’s Hospital and at Seaton House (one of Canada’s largest homeless shelters). Previously, he was a physician with the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program from 1992 to 1996. Dr. Hwang joined the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto in 1996 and served as the Director of the Division of General Internal Medicine at the University of Toronto from 2005 to 2016. Dr. Hwang’s research focuses on improving the health of people who are homeless or vulnerably housed and deepening our understanding of housing as a social determinant of health. His current research projects include an observational cohort study of health and housing transitions among homeless and vulnerably housed adults in Toronto, Ottawa, and Vancouver; and the At Home/Chez Soi study, a randomized controlled trial of rent subsidies and mental health supports for individuals who are homeless and have mental health issues. His research has brought attention to the severe health risks faced by people who are homeless and vulnerably housed in Canada. Dr. Hwang completed his undergraduate training at Harvard University, his medical degree at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and his master of public health degree at the Harvard School of Public Health.

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MITCHELL KATZ (NAM) is the Director of the Los Angeles County Health Agency, an integration of the Departments of Health Services, Mental Health, and Public Health. He oversees a $7.0 billion dollar annual budget and 28,000 employees, and is focused on development of integrated care models for persons with mental illness, substance use, and physical illness. He was appointed Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) in 2011 and oversaw the transformation of that system from an emergency and episodic based system, to a system focused on longitudinal outpatient care with strong linkages to the four inpatient hospitals. Under his leadership DHS has enpaneled 450,000 personss into patient centered medical homes, created an electronic consultation system to decrease waiting times for specialty care, and housed more than 1,500 chronically homeless persons in supportive housing. Prior to joining DHS, Dr. Katz served as Director of Health and Health Officer for the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) from 1997 to 2010. There, one of his signature accomplishments was creation of the ‘Healthy San Francisco' initiative that established primary care medical homes for the city’s vulnerable residents that improved health outcomes. Earlier, he served as SFDPH Director of Community Health and Safety from 1996 to 1997 and Director of the AIDS Office from 1992-1997. Dr. Katz received a Bachelor’s Degree from Yale University and Medical Degree from Harvard Medical School. He completed his residency in Primary Care Internal Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, and is a practicing internist.

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MAHASIN MUJAHID is an Assistant Professor of Epidemiology in the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley. As a social epidemiologist, Dr. Mujahid employs interdisciplinary and community-based approaches to investigations of racial/ethnic and place-based health disparities. Her primary area of research examines how features of neighborhood environments impact cardiovascular health. Using data from several U.S. based cardiovascular cohorts, Dr. Mujahid seeks to improve the measurement of specific features of neighborhood physical and social environments and employs novel statistical methods to estimate neighborhood health effects. Her research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and has been published in leading public health and medical journals. Prior to joining the faculty at UC Berkeley, Dr. Mujahid earned a B.S. in Mathematics from Xavier University, New Orleans LA, and an M.S. in Biostatistics and Ph.D. in Epidemiology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI. She was also a Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar at Harvard University.

James O'Connell

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JAMES O’CONNELL is the President of the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program. Dr. O’Connell graduated summa cum laude from the University of Notre Dame in 1970 and received his master’s degree in theology from Cambridge University in 1972. After graduating from Harvard Medical School in 1982, he completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). In 1985, Dr. O’Connell began fulltime clinical work with homeless individuals as the founding physician of the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program (BHCHP), which now serves over 12,000 homeless persons each year in two hospital-based clinics (Boston Medical Center and MGH) and in more than 70 shelters and outreach sites in Boston. With his colleagues, Dr. O’Connell established the nation’s first medical respite program for homeless persons in September 1985, with 25 beds in the Lemuel Shattuck Shelter. This innovative program now provides acute and sub-acute, pre- and post-operative, and palliative and end-of-life care in BHCHP’s free-standing 104-bed Barbara McInnis House. Working with the MGH Laboratory of Computer Science, Dr. O’Connell designed and implemented the nation’s first computerized medical record for a homeless program in 1995. From 1989 until 1996, Dr. O’Connell served as the National Program Director of the Homeless Families Program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Dr. O’Connell has been featured on ABC’s Nightline and in a feature-length documentary entitled “Give Me a Shot of Anything.” He has received numerous awards, including the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Award in 2012 and The Trustees’ Medal at the bicentennial celebration of MGH in 2011. Dr. O’Connell’s book, Stories from the Shadows: Reflections of a Street Doctor was published in 2015 and was featured on NPR’s Fresh Air with Terri Gross. Dr. O’Connell is an assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and staff physician at Massachusetts General Hospital.

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Ping Wang

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