



2023 CHEAC Annual Meeting Workshop Session Biographies

The Critical Role of Public Health in a Countywide Integrated Service Delivery Program

Dr. Geoffrey Leung, Public Health Officer

Dr. Geoffrey Leung serves as the Public Health Officer for Riverside County. At Riverside University Health System, he has previously served as the Ambulatory Medical Director, Family Medicine Department Chair, and Medical Staff President. Dr. Leung is a Health Sciences Clinical Professor of Family Medicine at the University of California Riverside School of Medicine. He is currently involved in community wellness, integration of health services, and whole person strategies for promoting health. Dr. Leung is passionate about Community Health, Health Equity, Social Determinants of Health, and Population Health. He believes that the experience of the pandemic has reminded us that we are all connected and that we must move upstream in order to effectively protect and promote health. Dr. Leung completed his medical degree at Baylor College of Medicine, his Family Medicine training at Kaiser Orange County, and his Master of Education at Harvard. On a personal note, Dr. Leung is married and has two children (ages 11 and 13) who help ground and inspire him daily.

Danielle Huntsman, Deputy Director

Danielle Huntsman has worked in public health for over 20 years and currently serves in the role of Deputy Director with RUHS-Public Health over Maternal, Child, Adolescent, and Family Health programs. She is a licensed clinical social worker and started her career working in HIV/STD services. In addition, Danielle has worked in acute hospital settings and has provided outpatient services to individuals with traumatic brain injury. She is an adjunct professor for Loma Linda University, School of Social Work where she teaches behavioral health integration and social work in public health. Her passion is to build systems that integrate and collaborate to ensure clients and their families have access to services. When not working she is busy with her two teenagers at their sporting and social events, enjoying some peace wherever she can find it with her daily Starbucks.

Jennifer Claar, Integrated Health & Human Services Director

Dr. Pabustan-Claar is currently the Integrated Health & Human Services Director for Riverside County's Office of Service Integration. She is responsible for coordinating the work of a multi-disciplinary leadership team to plan, implement and evaluate the countywide Integrated Services Delivery initiative for health and human services. Previously, she was the Managing Director for the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) for three years, where she oversaw operations and planning for human services in the nation's tenth largest county. Dr. Pabustan-Claar also headed Riverside County's Adults Services, which included Homeless, Adult Protection and In-Home Supportive Services programs. Dr. Pabustan-Claar received her bachelor's degree from the University of California, Riverside and obtained her Master's and PhD degrees in Social Welfare from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Michelle DeArmond, Executive Director

Michelle DeArmond is an executive director at the Riverside University Health System, where she oversees teams engaged in process improvement work, population health management, marketing & communications and government relations. She works closely with partners across the health system, the County of Riverside and the community to integrate person-centered care.

Michelle began her government career as a chief of staff for an elected leader in Riverside County and later ran the Office of Foreign Trade and Workforce Development Centers for the County of Riverside Economic Development Agency. She then worked again as a chief of staff for another elected leader in Riverside County.

Prior to her time in government, Michelle had an extensive career as a journalist for the world's largest news organization and several newspapers. She worked in locations across the country and covered a wide range of topics including criminal justice, politics, tribal governments and numerous high-profile national and international stories.

After completing her master's degree in science and organizational leadership, Michelle made her latest career shift and started work for Riverside University Health System less than two years ago. She enjoys having an opportunity to use her diverse experiences and skills to rethink how we integrate care and communicate inside and outside our system.

Michelle enjoys boxing, running and spending time with her two daughters and pets.