

## 2024 CHEAC Annual Meeting Workshop Session Biographies Unite Us

### **Karen Ostrowski, Director of Regulatory Affairs**

Karen Ostrowski currently serves as Director of Regulatory Affairs at Unite Us. A born problem-solver, Karen believes in the power of information to transform our health care system. With 25 years of industry experience, she is a recognized thought leader on health policy, data governance, and privacy. Her expertise includes the legal and regulatory landscape for data sharing, stakeholder engagement and governance, Medicaid and safety net programs, and use of technology to improve the business of health and social care. Karen earned an MBA with a concentration on health care analytics from California State University, Sacramento and a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Services Administration from California State University, Chico.

### **Kadin Caines, Northern California Regional Strategic Implementation Leader in Social Health**

Kadin Caines has had a diverse and impactful career in health policy and management. He began his professional journey in 2004 as a fellow at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), where he gained experience in various areas including the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, Bureau of Primary Care, Health Center operations, and the Office of Communications & Public Affairs. In 2013, Kadin transitioned to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Office of Strategic Planning. There, he played a key role in implementing the Affordable Care Act, focusing on price transparency initiatives and CMS Program Statistics. His work in evaluation and program development included managing the Million Hearts Stroke research project with the CDC, contributing to the Cardiac Bundled Payment for Care Improvement Model, coordinating the redesign of the Maryland state all payer model, and supporting the development of State Innovation models in Vermont and Pennsylvania.

Returning to Kaiser Permanente, Kadin now serves as a Northern California Regional Strategic Implementation Leader in Social Health. His current role involves implementing and promoting Social Determinants of Health technologies across Northern California, drawing on his extensive experience from over 15 years at Kaiser Permanente and his work across California and the Mid-Atlantic region. Kadin holds a Master of Public Health from Yale University and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Rollins College.

### **Jessica Osborne-Stafsnes, Chief Operating Officer**

Jessica Osborne-Stafsnes is the Chief Operating Officer at the North Coast Health Improvement and Information Network (NCHIIN). Jessica received her BA in English from Humboldt State University (now CalPoly Humboldt) and Masters in Health Sciences from the George Washington University. Jessica has provided strategic leadership for numerous cross-sector, collective impact initiatives in Humboldt County, including Aligning Forces for Quality (a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded initiative to address health care quality in Humboldt County), the Humboldt Community Health Trust (Humboldt County's Accountable Community for Health), and North Coast Care Connect (the County's innovative effort to establish a community information exchange). Her passion is to work on system transformation efforts to improve the health and wellbeing of the community in which she was born and raised.

**Amanda Gibbs, Chief Probation Officer, Napa County Probation Department**

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