HEALTH REFORM AT THE CROSSROADS: HOW WE GOT TO THE ACA AND WHERE WE GO FROM HERE

Date: Thursday, March 13, 2014, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Topic:
HOW WILL WE KNOW IT IS WORKING: MONITORING THE IMPACT OF THE ACA

Speakers:
Marian Mulkey, MPP, MPH, Director, Health Reform and Public Programs Initiative, California HealthCare Foundation
Marian Mulkey is director of the foundation's Health Reform and Public Programs Initiative, which is working to support implementation of health reform and to advance the effectiveness of California's public coverage programs. Mulkey leads CHCF’s work in analyzing complex reform legislation and informing policymakers, state and local government, private stakeholders, and the public on ways to implement the law that will improve and expand coverage. Mulkey was most recently senior program officer in the foundation's Market and Policy Monitor program, where she led work to monitor California's private health insurance markets and insurance oversight. Prior to joining CHCF, Mulkey worked as an independent health policy consultant and at Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, where her responsibilities included pricing, utilization data reporting, and policy development. Mulkey received a bachelor's degree in biology and economics from Reed College in Portland, Oregon, and master's degrees in public policy and public health from the University of California, Berkeley.

William H. Dow, PhD, Associate Dean for Research and Henry J. Kaiser Professor of Health Economics, University of California, Berkeley
William H. Dow is Associate Dean for Research and health economics professor at the University of California–Berkeley’s School of Public Health, where he is Head of the Division of Health Policy and Management. He received his PhD in economics from Yale University. Dow’s research analyzes economic aspects of health insurance, health behaviors, and health and demographic outcomes. He has worked with both Democratic and Republican groups on health sector reform proposals at the federal, state and local levels. He is also a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research, and previously served as senior economist for health at the White House Council of Economic Advisers.

Kenneth Jacobs, Chair, Labor Center, University of California, Berkeley
Ken Jacobs is chair of the UC Berkeley Center for Labor Research and Education, where he has been a Labor Specialist since 2002. His research focuses on health care coverage, low-wage work, the retail industry and labor standards policies. Jacobs is co-principal investigator on a multi-campus project to provide research and technical
assistance to consumer stakeholders and policy makers on implementation of the Affordable Care Act. His work on ACA implementation includes a collaborative project with the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research on the development of the California Simulation of Insurance Model (CalSIM) which is used to predict changes in insurance coverage in the state under reform. Along with colleagues at UC Berkeley and UCLA he is consulting with the California Health Benefit Exchange on issues related to reform implementation. In addition to his work on health reform, Jacobs is the co-editor with Michael Reich and Miranda Dietz of When Mandates Work, an edited volume on the impacts of labor standards policies in San Francisco from University of California Press.

Claire D. Brindis, DrPH, Director, Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies and Professor, Health Policy, Pediatrics, and Obstetrics-Gynecology-Reproductive Medicine, UCSF

Claire D. Brindis, DrPH, is the director of the Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies and professor of pediatrics and health policy in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Adolescent Medicine and the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Health Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). She is also a director of the Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health and Executive Director of the National Adolescent and Young Adult Health Information and Innovation Center (NAHIC) at UCSF. Incorporating a variety of quantitative and qualitative methodologies, as well as community participatory research, Dr. Brindis’ research focuses on program evaluation and the translation of research into policy at the local, state, and national level. Woven throughout her research is a focus on the impact of social, health, and economic disparities on a wide variety of multi-ethnic/racial populations, and how these disparities impact health outcomes, including issues of health insurance coverage, access to care, as well as health damaging behaviors, such as teenage pregnancy. Dr. Brindis’ specific content expertise is in the areas of: women’s, young adult, adolescent and child health policy, and analyses of a wide-ranging array of health policies, including improving health care access for under-served communities. Her research portfolio include policy analyses and quantitative and qualitative evaluations of California’s Family PACT program (the largest Medicaid-Waiver family planning program in the country), the impact of health care reform on women’s, adolescents and young adults’ access to health care, the incorporation of clinical preventive guidelines aimed at improving the health of adolescents and young adults as part of health care reform, the state of California’s comprehensive teenage pregnancy prevention programs, and the University of Southern California’s Annenberg School of Journalism’s Health Disparities Media Fellowship Program. Along with colleagues at UC Berkeley and UCLA, Dr. Brindis has recently completed a study on the health and health care needs of young undocumented young adults living in Northern and Southern California who have recently qualified to reside legally in the U.S. for two years as part of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. She also recently completed a study of states’ efforts at implementing the “expanded coverage of up to age 26”, one of the initial elements of the Affordable Care Act. As part of her research, Dr. Brindis’ focuses on pursuing strategies for closing the gap between the emergence of evidence-based innovation and its application to policy and programs.
Moderator:
Ruth Brousseau, PhD, Principal, Learning Partnerships

Ruth Brousseau, PhD currently leads Learning Partnerships, a consulting group evaluating the impact of foundation and nonprofit investments. Prior to starting Learning Partnerships Dr. Brousseau worked for 20 years in health philanthropy both awarding and evaluating grants and initiatives focused on California’s safety net populations and institutions. Areas of specialization included mental health, foster care, and the interface of work and health. Immediately prior to starting Learning Partnerships, Dr. Brousseau was Director of Learning and Evaluation for The California Wellness Foundation. Since starting a consulting career in 2007 she has worked for more than 25 foundations and nonprofits including the California HealthCare Foundation, the Conrad Hilton Foundation, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Health, the Ford Foundation, the Simon Foundation (NY), the San Francisco Foundation and SEIU’s Education Fund. A number of projects have focused on evaluating health innovation and reform projects in California’s public hospitals including to improve access and efficiency; develop palliative care programs; and implement Lean management (based on the Toyota Management System). She has also analyzed public hospitals’ progress meeting innovation benchmarks for the State’s Medicaid 1115 waiver program for the Safety Net Institute, the innovation arm of the California Association of Public Hospitals. Current health projects include a focus on California children needing long-term care services, a tele-medicine pain management project, and community-based approaches to end of life planning. Ruth received her PhD in Social Relations from Harvard University.

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