

## Medicaid in New York: Charting a Path to Equitable Integration

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### Speakers



**Melinda Abrams, MS** is Executive Vice President for Programs at the [Commonwealth Fund](#), where she has responsibility for the development and management of the Fund's grant programs. Since joining the Fund in 1997, Melinda has worked on the Fund's Task Force on Academic Health Centers and the Child Development and Preventive Care program, led the Patient-Centered Coordinated Care Program, and most recently was the Senior Vice President of the Delivery System Reform and International Health Policy programs. She has served on many national committees and boards for private organizations and federal agencies and is a peer-reviewer for several journals. Melinda was the recipient of a Champion Award from the Primary Care Development Corporation and a Primary Care Community/Research Leadership Award from the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative. Melinda holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Cornell University and a Master of Science degree in Health Policy and Management from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.



**Adam Aponte, MD, MS, FAAP** is Chief Medical Officer of [Boriken Neighborhood Health Center](#), an FQHC serving the East Harlem community. He has extensive experience holding academic positions where his focus is to increase mentorship of, and opportunities for, underrepresented minority students with an interest in medicine. Adam has served as Chief Medical Officer of the Community Care Division and ACO at NYC Health + Hospitals, Medical Director of the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, Medical Director of the Brownsville Community Development Corporation, and founding Medical Director of the North General Diagnostic & Treatment Center at North General Hospital. Adam was named one of *Crain's New York Business's* "40 under 40" rising stars, inducted into the Hispanic Scholarship Fund's Alumni Hall of Fame and awarded the "Brillante" award, and recognized by the National Hispanic Health Foundation. Adam received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the City College of the City University of New York, his Doctor of Medicine degree from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, and his Master of Science degree in Clinical Research from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. He completed a residency in Pediatrics at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.



**Emily Arsen, MPH** is Senior Health Policy Analyst in the [Medicaid Institute at United Hospital Fund](#). She produces data analyses, writes policy memos, and facilitates convenings that support the improvement of the New York State Medicaid program. Before joining UHF in 2019, Emily worked on system process improvement at Mount Sinai Health System and provided technical assistance and program evaluation on grants for federal agencies including the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Office of Minority Health. She holds a Master of Public Health degree from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Barnard College.



**Oxiris Barbot, MD** is President and CEO of [United Hospital Fund](#). She is a nationally recognized physician, public health practitioner, and innovative leader at the intersection of public health, social justice, and health care delivery. Her career has been defined by service, scholarship, and a commitment to community health equity. Having stepped into her role at UHF in September 2022, Oxiris is the first woman to lead the organization since its founding in 1879. She has held a variety of leadership roles in healthcare, philanthropy, and public health, most notably Health Commissioner of two of the nation's largest cities – New York City and Baltimore City. She is a recipient of the Hispanic Health Leadership Award from the National Hispanic Medical Association and was named to the *Crain's New York Business's* "Notable Women in Health Care" list and *City & State New York's* "Health Power 100" and "Nonprofit Power 100." Oxiris received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University and her Doctor of Medicine degree from New Jersey Medical School. She holds an Honorary Doctorate of Science from the City University of New York, Lehman College.



**Amr Bassiri, MSW** is Medicaid Director of the [New York State Department of Health \(DOH\)](#). He joined the Department of Health in 2019 as Chief of Staff to the Medicaid Director and recently served as the Deputy Medicaid Director, overseeing the operation and performance of nine Medicaid Divisions. Collectively, these nine divisions are comprised of more than 750 State staff, over 500 contracted staff, and management of over 300 contracts, including some of the State's largest technology, actuarial, and financial audit contracts, along with health plans. Prior to his work with the Department, he worked as a Senior Policy Advisor for Health in the Governor's Office under the Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in both Economics and Psychology from the University of California, Davis, before earning a Master of Social Work degree from Columbia University.



**Giovanna Braganza, MPH** is Research Analyst in the [Medicaid Institute at United Hospital Fund](#). Giovanna analyzes public data and Medicaid claims data to inform health policy recommendations guiding New York State Medicaid programs. Prior to joining UHF in 2022, Giovanna provided patient education and assessments to explore systemic health disparities in genomic medicine at the Mount Sinai Institute for Genomic Health. She earned a Master of Public Health degree from the SUNY Downstate School of Public Health and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Rochester.



**Alex Brandes, JD, MPH** is Director of the [Medicaid Institute at United Hospital Fund](#). In this role, she leads UHF's team of research and policy staff in analysis, convening, and policy development, partnering with the New York State Department of Health and other stakeholders to improve the State's Medicaid program. Before joining UHF in 2020, Alex worked for five years as a legal services attorney at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House. Alex earned both a Doctor of Law degree and a Master of Public Health degree from Tulane University. She is licensed to practice law in New York and Massachusetts. Alex provides pro bono legal assistance to children applying for special immigrant juvenile status and asylum with the Safe Passage Project.



**Dan Brillman, MBA** is Co-Founder and CEO of [Unite Us](#). He graduated from Yale University in 2006 and worked in finance and consulting before joining the Air Force Reserves as a combat pilot, where he still serves today. After earning his Master of Business Administration degree from Columbia Business School in 2012, Dan worked in venture capital in NYC, where he focused on investing and technological innovation. Dan co-founded Unite Us in 2013. He is passionate about the critical role technology and community infrastructure plays in connecting health and social care to support communities and moving the needle towards value-based, person-centric care. Dan is a recipient of the Jefferson Award for Public Service and was included on *Business Insider's* "30 People Under 40 Changing Healthcare" in 2019. A sought-after, passionate public speaker, Dan frequently speaks on panels and conferences focused on veteran issues, healthcare, community-based care, and entrepreneurship.



**Shonny Capodilupo, LCSW** is Senior Director of Behavioral Health at [Open Door Family Medical Center](#), where she leads their Behavioral Health Programs and is responsible for advancing the integrated care model for behavioral and physical health. Throughout her career, she has worked in community-based not-for-profit settings. She has served as adjunct faculty at both the Post Master's Certificate Program in Child and Family Therapy at New York University – Silver School of Social Work as well as Fordham University's Post-Master's Certificate Program in Child and Adolescent Therapy. She currently serves as Chair of the Behavioral Health Subcommittee at the Community Health Center Association of New York State. She also serves on Westchester County's Coordinated Children's Services Initiative (CCSI), the Regional Suicide Safety in Schools Leadership Team, and the Co-Occurring System of Care Committees in Putnam and Westchester Counties. Shonny graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a focus on Nonprofit Management from Alliance University and received her Master of Social Work degree from Fordham University.



**David Collymore, MD, MBA** is Chief Medical Officer of [Acacia Network](#). Since March 2011, David has provided clinical leadership to this dynamic multi-faceted organization that offers primary and specialty healthcare services, substance abuse services, mental health services, housing, day care, and economic development to communities throughout New York City. David has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors including receiving commendations from the New York State Senate and the Comptroller of New York City, serving as the keynote speaker for the National Health Services Corp, being named one of America's Top Pediatricians, and being named as a "Top 40 Under Forty Achiever" by *The Network Journal*. He is a member of the Clinical Committee of the Community Health Care Association of New York State, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Clinical Affairs Committee of the Affinity Health Plan. David received his Bachelor of Science degree and Doctor of Medicine degree through Howard University's BS – MD Accelerated Medical Program. He was awarded a National Health Service Corps Scholarship and a W.K. Kellogg Community Medicine Fellowship while in medical school. David also earned a Master of Business Administration degree with a Focus in Health Care from George Washington University.



**Kathleen Noonan, JD** is President and CEO of the [Camden Coalition](#). Previously, Kathleen spent 10 years working at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). In 2008, Kathleen co-founded PolicyLab at CHOP to connect clinical research with real-world health policy priorities; she later served as an Associate Vice President managing the board and other special projects for the CEO. She continues to serve as adjunct faculty in the Division of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine and serves as mediator in numerous public-impact litigations concerning health, behavioral health and human service issues. Kathleen received her Doctor of Law degree from Northeastern University School of Law and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Barnard College, Columbia University.



**Paulo Pina, MD, MPH, FAAP** is a board-certified pediatrician and Network Pediatric Medical Director of the [Family Health Centers at NYU Langone Health](#). He is also Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics at NYU Grossman School of Medicine. Paulo's goal is to engage in projects that address community/population wellness and health equity in order to ensure that every child reaches their full potential. He has extensive experience in medical education and previously served as Program Director of the Pediatric Residency at SBH Health Systems in Bronx, NY. Paulo has been a practicing pediatrician for almost 20 years and has substantial experience in practice management. His scholarly and advocacy activities have focused on improving pediatric care quality, addressing the social determinants of health during medical visits, promoting health equity, and increasing HPV vaccination rates, use of community health workers (CHWs) in pediatric practice, and PrEP use among adolescents. Paulo also serves on the NYS AAP Chapter 3 Executive Committee. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree from New York University School of Medicine and completed Pediatric training and Chief Residency at New York University Langone/Bellevue Medical Center. Subsequently, he received a Master of Public Health degree from SUNY Downstate.



**Daniel Schatz, MD, MS**, is the Medical Director for Substance Use Disorder Services at NYC [Health + Hospitals](#), NYC's public health system. In this role, he oversees all clinical aspects of addiction care through the system, including SUD specific clinics as well as intersectional care across all departments and settings of a large hospital system. He is passionate about education, low threshold, and harm reduction care, and he understands the complex biopsychosocial impacts of stigma, trauma, and loneliness. He cares about implementation and quality improvement to provide needed assistance to this vulnerable population. Daniel received his Bachelor of Science degree and Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Rochester. He completed his Internal Medicine residency training at Yale Primary Care and a fellowship in Addiction Medicine at New York University.



**Ken Shatzkes, PhD** is Program Director for the [Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts \(FORE\)](#). Ken leads FORE's grantmaking, programmatic, and communications activities and helps to identify new funding opportunities with a focus on patient-centered, evidence-based solutions addressing the nation's opioid crisis. Ken has over 15 years of experience performing biomedical research in academic, government, and non-profit settings. In 2017, Ken served as the Science Policy Advisor in the Office of the New Jersey Governor, providing evidence-based recommendations on state opioid initiatives and leading the Governor's efforts as Chair of the *President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis*. Previously, he was a Rutgers-Eagleton Institute of Politics Fellow, placed in the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, where he researched, tracked, and informed senior leadership of innovative state-led opioid crisis-related initiatives. Prior to joining FORE, Ken was an Associate Program Officer at the Helmsley Charitable Trust. Ken earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Biomedical Sciences (Immunology and Infectious Disease) from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology (Molecular Genetics and Development) from McGill University.



**Stephanie Wang, MD, FACP** is a primary care physician and Senior Medical Director of Care Transitions & Population Health at [Mount Sinai Morningside](#) and [West Hospitals](#). She is also Assistant Professor of Medicine at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Medical Director at the Mount Sinai Doctors Faculty Practice (MSDFP) at W 91st Street, and a clinical informaticist at the Mount Sinai Health System. Stephanie is passionate about community-based medicine and finding innovative ways to address the social determinants of health, and she is committed to transforming practices into best-in-class population health managers with a focus on quality and patient centered team-based care. As the Senior Medical Director of Care Transitions & Population Health, she leads quality improvement and practice transformation initiatives to implement and oversee interdisciplinary programs serving vulnerable populations. Stephanie was one of the founding members of Mount Sinai Doctors at 147th St. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and her Doctor of Medicine degree from New York University Langone/Bellevue Medical Center, where she subsequently completed her residency training in Primary Care/Internal Medicine.