

Making the Difference: Community Supports and Health for Older Adults in Alameda County

Recent Developments in Policy and Innovation

Convened by the **Senior Services Coalition** of Alameda County

♦ **Wednesday, November 12, 2014** ♦ **Nile Hall, Preservation Park, Oakland** ♦

Making the Difference will look at recent developments in policy, financing and innovative practice around key social determinants of health in older adults, and explore these topics in terms of their practical relevance in Alameda County.

A G E N D A

9:00am – Welcome and Opening Remarks – Wendy Peterson

9:15am – Plenary Speakers

Kimi Watkins-Tartt, Alameda County Public Health

Vandana Pant, Drucker Center for Innovation/PAMF

John Bauters, Housing California

Amber Cutler, National Senior Citizens Law Center

10:50 am – Stretch Break

11:00 am – Panel Discussion – Aimee Chitayat, moderator

Alex Briscoe, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency

Karen Grimsich, Fremont Aging & Family Services

Randy Morris, Alameda County Social Services Agency

Donna Griggs-Murphy, American Baptist Homes of the West

12:30 – 2:00 pm – Lunchtime Conversations

(Topics include Empowering Community, Service-enriched Housing, Strategies for Financing Supports & Services, Public Health Strategies)

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About Our Speakers

Kimi Watkins-Tartt

Kimi Watkins-Tartt serves as the Deputy Director of the Alameda County Public Health Department. Kimi is responsible for the oversight of the department's operational divisions which include Family Health Services, Community Health Services, Public Health Nursing and Communicable Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, Kimi oversees the management of internal department policies, budgetary and grant coordination and personnel management. Kimi has worked for over 25 years within the local public health community and brings a wealth of experience in public health administration, policy development, as well as community health planning and coordination.

Prior to taking on the role of Deputy Director, Kimi led the Division of Community Health Services, leading the Division's strategic initiatives including the launching of new efforts that aligned with the department's strategic direction to achieve health equity. Kimi co-led many department-wide initiatives including the department's 5-year strategic plan and the birth of the Place Matters Local Policy Initiative. More recently, Kimi led the department's Chronic Disease Prevention Planning process and is currently helping to drive its first ever pursuit of national public health accreditation.

Vandana Pant

Vandana is Senior Director Strategic Initiatives at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation's Druker Center for Innovation. She has broad-ranging experience with social sector practice in the US and India and specializes in creating and implementing sustainable models for organizational growth. Prior to joining the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, she led strategic development at The Health Trust, a Silicon Valley-based operating foundation advancing solutions for health equity and wellness. Vandana has also worked on strategic planning, fundraising, program design and board development with several Bay Area organizations and continues to serve in an advisory role to build scale and capacity for nonprofits.

At the Palo Alto Medical Foundation's Druker Center for Innovation, Vandana leads strategic initiatives to support deployment of the Center's work including partnerships, program modeling & implementation, evaluation, communications and an internship program. Vandana has a graduate degree in Mass Communications from the Mass Communications Research Center, Jamia University in New Delhi and an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Delhi University.

John J. Bauters

John Bauters joined Housing California in January 2014 as Policy Director - Homelessness, and is primarily responsible for the implementation of Housing California's homelessness policy objectives. Prior to joining Housing California, John spent the last six years working in legal aid defending tenants in eviction trials. His practice focused both on defending disabled tenants and seniors entitled to protections under the Fair Housing Act as well as public housing residents accused of violating HUD's "one strike" policy for drug and criminal-related activity. Prior to practicing law, John served as judicial clerk to the Superior Court of the United States Virgin Islands and worked as a disaster relief operations manager for the American Red Cross.

Amber Cutler

Amber Cutler is a staff attorney with the National Senior Citizens Law Center (NSCLC). Amber joined NSCLC's Health Care team in February 2013 and is based in Los Angeles, California. Her work focuses on the Coordinated Care Initiative and other health care changes in California. Amber formerly worked for Legal Aid of Western Missouri as Director of the Medical Legal Partnership at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri for six years. Prior to that, she worked as a legal intern for Legal Services of Eastern Missouri assisting with Medicaid appeals and as a social worker in a long-term care facility. Amber is admitted to the California, Missouri and Illinois bars and is a 2006 graduate of Washington University School of Law.

About Our Moderator

Aimee Chitayat

Aimee Chitayat is a consultant with twenty years' experience in cross-sector regional collaborations in public, nonprofit and philanthropic sectors. She facilitated planning efforts throughout California to design new models for senior services, including the In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority and countywide acute and long-term care integration. She was also the Senior Policy Analyst in Medi-Cal long-term care at the California Healthcare Foundation.

As the founding Executive Director of the Community Clinic Consortium of Contra Costa & Solano, Aimee improved the system of care and helped clinics integrate behavioral health and acute care. She also led the Insight Center for Community Economic Development's efforts on the social determinants of health along with racial equity work on public procurement for minority- and women-owned businesses.

About Our Panelists

Alex Briscoe

Alex Briscoe was appointed director of the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency in January 2010, where he leads the design and development of health services county-wide. Alex manages an Agency budget of more than \$670 million dollars and oversees the departments of Indigent Care, Behavioral Health Care, Environmental Health, and Public Health.

Alex is one of the Bay Area's leading experts in the design and delivery of adolescent health and youth development services. His recent work has focused on the intersection of public health and public education through the creation of school-based adolescent health and youth development centers in partnership with Alameda County, The City of Oakland, Oakland Unified School District, Children's Hospital and Research Center at Oakland and Federally Qualified Health Centers. Alameda County will open the 26th Federally Qualified School-Based Health Center this year.

Alex's clinical background has focused on the effects of trauma on healthy development and strategies to impact the social determinants of health. Alex has been awarded the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency School Based Administrator of the Year Award and the Insure the Uninsured Projects' Innovators Award.

Alex's past work includes leadership in school reform and the charter school development. Alex has also worked in the foundation community as a Program Officer for the Greater Philadelphia First Foundation and the Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition. Alex specializes in revenue producing social justice programming, youth voice, and crisis counseling. Alex earned a BA from Vassar College in Sociology and a Masters of Arts in Counseling Psychology from the University of San Francisco.

Karen Grimsich

Karen Grimsich, MPH, is the Administrator for the City of Fremont's Aging and Family Services Division, which provides supportive services to older adults in the Tri-City Community. The programs she manages range from general wellness and health promotion services to intensive case management and behavioral health interventions. She believes it is important to strengthen the community's role to be part of the solution in assisting older adults as they age.

Randy Morris

Randy Morris is the Assistant Agency Director of the Adult, Aging, & Medi-Cal Services Department of the Alameda County Social Services Agency. Randy was promoted to this position in 2011 after working in the Agency's Child Welfare Department since 1994. The Department administers a number of county programs serving seniors and people with

disabilities including In Home Supportive Services, Adult Protective Services, Public Guardian, Public Conservator, Public Administrator, Veteran Services and the Area Agency on Aging. In addition, Randy's department manages the Medi-Cal program and in that capacity had lead responsibility implementing changes to the eligibility & enrollment components of the Medi-Cal program under the Affordable Care Act.

Randy has a Masters degree in Social Welfare from UC Berkeley, undergraduate degree in psychology from University of Notre Dame, and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

Donna Griggs-Murphy

Donna Griggs-Murphy is Service Coordinator at Allen Temple Arms Senior Housing, managed by American Baptist Homes of the West. Prior to joining ABHOW, Donna worked at Sojourner Truth Manor for 11 years as Social Services Coordinator, and previously worked as a nurse for 20 years. She is passionate about policy that supports affordable housing with services, and has worked on community collaborations to provide resources and services for seniors and disabled residents to Age in Place for over 15 years. She is active in resident organizing, working with Leading Age of California's Senior Advocacy Days to bring residents to Sacramento to lobby legislators on housing issues and also serves on their housing and home and community based services subcommittees. She is a current member of The Public Policy Committee for American Association of Service Coordinators. She is the current chair of Oakland's Mayors Commission on Aging and appointed by Supervisor Keith Carson to The Alameda County Commission on Aging where she serves as the Chair of Legislative Advocacy Committee.

Conference presentations and other materials will be available on our web site at

<http://seniorservicescoalition.org/events/event/making-the-difference-community-supports-health-for-older-adults/>

The Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County represents nonprofit and public organizations who are working together to ensure that Alameda County seniors can rely on an easily accessible, coordinated system of social, medical and supportive care.

SSC has been a unifying and collaborative force in Alameda County for 18 years. SSC works to strengthen the aging services voice in policy making; increase funding for senior services and strengthen the safety net for economically disadvantaged seniors; make the case for community-based supportive services that help seniors live independently; and promote greater flexibility within our County to connect individuals with the services they need.