



Sacramento Area Regional Market Study

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Speaker Biographies

Ann Boynton is the executive director of strategic planning at the UC Davis Medical Center. In this role, Boynton is responsible for the development and periodic refinement of the enterprise strategic plan and departmental strategic operating plans, continual strategic market surveillance, payer and governmental strategies, and strategic facilitation for the enterprise. Previously, she was the director of care services and innovation, overseeing value-based contract implementation and payer strategies.

Boynton earlier served as deputy executive officer of benefit programs, policy, and planning for the California Public Employees' Retirement System, providing executive leadership for the health benefit program, including health plan benefit design and development and health plan negotiations. She served as undersecretary at the California Health and Human Services Agency and was Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's chief deputy cabinet secretary. Her experience includes almost 20 years as a management consultant in the private sector, including employment with IBM and PricewaterhouseCoopers and owning her own management consulting business.

Len Finocchio, DrPH, is a principal consultant at Blue Sky Consulting Group, where he leads the health care practice. He has more than 25 years of health policy research and implementation experience in government, academia, advocacy, and philanthropy. Finocchio was part of Governor Jerry Brown's administration team as associate director at the California Department of Health Care Services, leading the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

While a senior program officer at the California Health Care Foundation, Finocchio led program strategy, grantmaking, and research in the areas of health services for the uninsured, Medi-Cal, and safety-net capacity. He has also held senior health policy positions at Mathematica Policy Research, Institute for Health Policy Solutions, Children Now, and UCSF's Center for the Health Professions (now known as the Healthforce Center at UCSF) has published articles in *Health Affairs*, *Academic Medicine*, the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, and the *American Journal of Public Health*.

Britta Guerrero is the chief executive officer of the Sacramento Native American Health Center, Inc. (SNAHC), a nonprofit urban Indian health center accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care and certified as a patient-centered medical home. In economically challenging times, SNAHC has emerged as a leader in providing quality health care through a culturally competent, family-centered, wraparound delivery system. Guerrero began her health care career in nonprofit clinics; she has extensive experience working in nonprofit hospital systems and comprehensive knowledge of quality improvement systems. Her passion for health care for the underserved brought her back to service in her own community. She takes the responsibility of representing a Native organization very seriously and has made it her personal and professional mission to ensure access in urban areas, such as Sacramento, to health care for Native Americans, a population that is often overlooked, tremendously underserved, and still suffering from disproportionate health disparities.

Guerrero is a founding member of the California Consortium of Urban Indian Health; she is a member of the boards of directors of the Central Valley Health Network and the California Primary Care Association and is CPCA's board-chair elect. She also serves on the board of directors of The California Endowment and is committed to social justice and health equity. Guerrero is a member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe and attended Humboldt State University.

Ryan Quist, PhD, is the behavioral health director in Sacramento County. He previously worked in Riverside County Behavioral Health, where he held various roles for 16 years. While there, he worked to implement the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) from its inception and served on state-led committees relating to the MHSA implementation.

Quist remains very active in statewide advocacy on behavioral health topics and was elected as an officer for the County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA), where he cochairs the CBHDA Medi-Cal Policy Committee. In Sacramento County, his focus is on mental health and substance use disorder services for the homeless and criminal justice populations and bolstering the crisis continuum of care to prevent psychiatric hospitalizations. For children's services, he is dedicated to promoting field-based and school-based services and collaborating to support the foster youth and probation populations.

Kristof Stremikis, MPP, MPH, is director of the California Health Care Foundation's Market Analysis and Insight team, which promotes greater transparency and accountability in California's health care system. He oversees the foundation's work to provide research and analysis to policymakers and other health leaders across the state to give a market-wide view of the complex health care ecosystem and to support informed decisions about California's health care landscape.

Stremikis previously served as associate director for policy at the Pacific Business Group on Health, where he also oversaw the Purchaser Value Network. Earlier, he spent six years at the Commonwealth Fund as senior researcher to the president. He received a bachelor's degree in economics, political science, and history from the University of Wisconsin–Madison; a master's degree in public policy from UC Berkeley; and a master's degree in health policy and management from Columbia University.

Liza Thantranon, JD, is the regional counsel for health at Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC), a nonprofit legal aid organization providing free direct legal services to people with low incomes in 23 counties and health consumers in 32 counties. In this role, Thantranon oversees and coordinates LSNC's systemic health care advocacy and impact litigation across LSNC's eight field offices throughout urban and rural Northern California. She and her legal team focus on expanding access to health care for low-income and other marginalized communities and work closely with local partners to provide community education and advocacy. Thantranon oversees LSNC's medical-legal partnerships with the Gender Health Center and the Sacramento County Health Center. In 2017, she was recognized by the National LGBT Bar Association for her legal work on behalf of transgender and gender-nonconforming people. Thantranon received her law degree from UC Davis School of Law.