



**BEYOND THE NUMBERS:  
ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE FOR LOW-INCOME WOMEN IN FIVE COMMUNITIES**

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The Barbara Jordan Conference Center

**Speaker Biographies**

**Keshee Dozier-Smith**

**Chief Executive Officer, Rural Health Medical Program, Inc., Selma, AL**

Mrs. Keshee Smith is the Chief Executive Officer of the Rural Health Medical Program, Inc., a Federally Qualified Health Center in Selma, Alabama, offering primary healthcare, dental, optometry, podiatry, and behavioral and mental health services in the Black Belt region of Alabama. Since coming to the Rural Health Medical Program in 2006, she has led the organization in the purchase of a new building to expand primary and preventative healthcare services, opened two new facilities, created four new revenue streams, and rebranded the organization. Mrs. Smith holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Spelman College. She is a loving wife and mother of four, and is active in her community.

**Caity Meader**

**Chief Executive Officer, Family Services of Tulare County, Visalia, CA**

Caity has served as the Chief Executive Officer at Family Services of Tulare County since May 2012, returning to her hometown of Visalia after living in San Diego, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from San Diego State University and a Master of Arts in Nonprofit Leadership & Management from the University of San Diego. Family Services of Tulare County is a local nonprofit, supporting over 100 employees and more than 5,000 clients per year with the mission “to help children, adults, and families heal from violence and thrive in healthy relationships.”

**Katie Plax, MD**

**Medical Director, the SPOT, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO**

Dr. Katie Plax focuses on improving health for youth and is the co-founder of the SPOT, (Supporting Opportunities with Teens), a one-stop, drop-in center for youth ages 13-24 that provides health and social services free of charge. The SPOT team reaches and serves youth that rarely access traditional medical services including runaway and homeless teens, youth aging out of foster care, and youth who are HIV positive. In its 11 years of operation, the SPOT has served over 20,000 youth in the greater St. Louis region. These clinical efforts have led Dr. Plax and her SPOT team to advocate for children and youth at the federal, state, county, and city levels, to protect Medicaid and CHIP, advocate for youth in foster care, and combat the spread of STDs and HIV.

**Usha Ranji, MA****Associate Director, Women's Health Policy, Kaiser Family Foundation**

Usha Ranji is Associate Director for Women's Health Policy at the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. Her work addresses the impact of major health policy issues on women and girls, with an emphasis on insurance coverage, access to care, and low-income populations. In particular, her work aims to understand how federal, state, and local policies, including national health care reform and reproductive health policies, influence health and access to services for women.

**Alina Salganicoff, PhD****Vice President and Director of Women's Health Policy, Kaiser Family Foundation**

Widely regarded as an expert on women's health policy, Alina has written and lectured extensively on health care access and financing for low-income women and children. Her work at KFF focuses on health coverage and access to care for women, with an emphasis on challenges facing underserved women throughout their lifespan. Dr. Salganicoff was also an Associate Director of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured and worked on the health program staff of the Pew Charitable Trusts. She has served on numerous federal, state and non-profit advisory committees focusing on improving the quality of and access to health care for women, including the HHS Office on Women's Health, AHRQ, HRSA, CDC, and the VA. She was also a member of the IOM Committee on Women's Health Research, the IOM Committee on Preventive Services for Women, and the NASEM Committee on Abortion Quality and Safety. She currently is a member of the Advisory Panel of ACOG's Women's Preventive Services Initiative, the Public Policy Advisory Committee of Power to Decide, and the Advisory Board of the Hope and Grace Fund. Dr. Salganicoff holds a Ph.D. in Health Policy from The Johns Hopkins University and a B.S. from Penn State University.

**Susan Scriven, Nurse Practitioner, Adagio Health, Erie, PA**

Susan Scriven graduated as family nurse practitioner and nurse midwife from the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing in Hyden, Kentucky, in 1977. She practiced as a certified nurse midwife for nearly 30 years, primarily in central and western Pennsylvania, working both in private practice and for a federally qualified health center, and has delivered over 3,700 babies. For the past 12 years she has been a family nurse practitioner at Adagio Health, a family planning provider, in Erie, Pennsylvania. Susan lives in the woods in Westfield, New York, overlooking Lake Erie with her husband Richard and their golden retriever Franklin. She has two grown children and a 7-year-old granddaughter who all live in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For fun, Susan enjoys her book club, downhill skiing, and volunteering on the board of her local library.

**Brocade Stops Black Eagle, Maternal/Child Care Coordinator, IHS Crow/Northern Cheyenne Hospital, Crow Tribal Reservation, MT**

Brocade Stops Black Eagle has worked as a Registered Nurse at Crow/Northern Cheyenne Hospital since 2007, starting in the Inpatient and Outpatient department, and now as the Maternal/Child Care Coordinator. She attended Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2006. Brocade is Crow, Mandan, and Hidatsa, and was born and raised on the Crow Reservation, where she currently resides with her husband and three sons.