

Background on speakers

Dr. Craig Jones- Speaker and Sustainability Panel

Dr. Jones is the Director of the Vermont Blueprint for Health, a program established by the State of Vermont, under the leadership of its Governor, Legislature and the bi-partisan Health Care Reform Commission. The Blueprint is intended to guide statewide transformation of the way that health care and health services are delivered in Vermont. The program is dedicated to a high value, high quality health care system for all Vermonters, with a focus on prevention.

Currently, Dr. Jones serves on several committees and workgroups including the Institute of Medicine's Consensus Committee on the Learning Healthcare System in America, and the Roundtable on Value and Science Driven Healthcare. Prior to this he was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California, and Director of the Division of Allergy/Immunology and Director of the Allergy/Immunology Residency Training Program in the Department of Pediatrics at the Los Angeles County + University of Southern California (LAC+USC) Medical Center. He was Director, in charge of the design, implementation, and management, of the Breathmobile Program, a program where mobile clinics deliver ongoing care to inner city children in at their schools and at County clinics. This program evolved from community outreach to a more fully integrated Pediatric Disease Management Program for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, and has spread to several other communities across the country.

He has published papers and abstracts in Pediatric Research, Pediatrics, Journal of Pediatrics, Pediatrics in Review, Journal of Clinical Immunology, Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, Annals of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, CHEST, and Disease Management. Dr. Jones was an Executive Committee and Board Member for the California Chapter of the Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America, as well the chapter President. He is a past president of the Los Angeles Society of Allergy Asthma & Immunology, and a past President and a member of the Board of Directors for the California Society of Allergy Asthma & Immunology. Dr. Jones received his undergraduate degree at the University of California at San Diego and his MD at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas. He completed his internship and residency in pediatrics at LAC + USC Medical Center, where he also completed his fellowship in allergy and clinical immunology.

Christine Burke

Christine Burke is the Executive Director of the Maine Education Association Benefits Trust. The Trust is a sister organization to the Educators' Union, the Maine Education Association. The Trust has been providing the health insurance benefit to the educators in the State of Maine since 1993. Christine came to this position from a very robust background: she is a Registered Nurse, having graduated from Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing in 1978. She also served in the Maine State Legislature, after which she attended law school, graduating in 1993. She lobbied in the State of Maine for many years. She has been with the MEA Benefits Trust for more than 8 years, during which time she has worked with the Maine Health Management Coalition in its quest to improve the quality and reduce the cost of the healthcare delivery system in Maine. She has served as its Board Chair in 2010 and is currently serving as the Vice Chair of the Maine Health Management Coalition.

Frances Jensen

Frances Jensen, MD, MS, is the Deputy Director and Medical Officer of the State Innovations Group (SIG) at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI). She also serves as the Project Officer for the state of Maine State Innovation Model cooperative agreement. Prior to joining SIG, CDR Jensen was a contracting officer representative for 4 Hospital Engagement Networks for the CMMI Partnership for Patients initiative. Before coming to the Innovation Center in 2011, Dr. Jensen was the EMTALA technical lead for the Division of Acute Care Services in the Survey and Certification Group in the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality at CMS. CDR Jensen joined the United States Public Health Service Office of the Commissioned Corps as a Medical Officer in 2009. She came to CMS in 2008 from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore where she was on the clinical faculty in the Department of Emergency Medicine. While in the Department of Emergency Medicine, Dr. Jensen completed the first-in-the-nation fellowship in “Emergency Medicine and the Law. She is a board-certified internist and received her MD from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. Prior to joining the faculty at Hopkins, she worked as a hospitalist and primary care physician in the community. Dr. Jensen also holds a M.S in Zoology from the University of Idaho and has a B.A in Physics from Bowdoin College in Maine.

Evaluation Panel:

David Hanig

David Hanig is a VP in the Lewin Group and has over 30 years of experience in health care policy and operations. At Lewin, he worked on the state innovation model (SIM) plan for the state of California, and is currently conducting Lewin’s 3-year evaluation of the State of Maine’s SIM project and an evaluation of Indiana’s 1115 Medicaid expansion waiver. Prior to Lewin, Mr. Hanig worked as an independent health care policy consultant, where he drafted a State Innovation Model (SIM) proposal and consulted on the Affordable Care Act with unions and foundations. Prior to 2013, he served six years as Senior Policy Analyst to the Health and Long-Term Care Committee of the Washington State Senate, where he worked on legislation, including bills implementing the Affordable Care Act, establishing the state’s health benefit exchange, downsizing DD institutions, instituting a public-private administrative simplification program and establishing the state’s Health Information Exchange.

Mr. Hanig worked for over 20 years for the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services – primarily at the state Medicaid agency. He helped oversee implementation of Medicaid managed care and the expansion of programs, including CHIP. Hanig supervised customer service operations and the Eligibility Policy Office, which developed Medicaid policies and procedures for the state’s Community Services Offices and developed an award-winning Medicaid outreach program that enrolled an additional 130,000 children in two years.



Prior to his work in Medicaid, Mr. Hanig worked extensively in mental health, managing implementation of the Washington State Mental Health Reform Act of 1989. Before coming to the state, his positions included administering a psychiatric inpatient program, conducting evaluations for a mental health center and managing a residential facility.

Andy Paradis

Andy Paradis is a Managing Consultant at The Lewin Group and has 15 years of healthcare analysis experience across a wide range of domains including, claims payment policy, utilization, fraud, pricing, patient safety and outcomes research. He has extensive experience in prospective and retrospective measurement of cost reduction strategies. This work has included most major parts of the healthcare system including, Medicaid, Medicare, commercial payers, and a large integrated delivery system composed of hospitals, physician practices, and home and community services. Mr. Paradis is an expert in using large sets of data to reach meaningful, succinct conclusions.

Poppy Arford

Poppy serves as a patient partner and consumer advocate working to realize affordable, safe, quality care for all Maine people. She is passionate about and committed to patient engagement within the PCMH model, Choosing Wisely, and health information transparency including patient access to their clinical records and public access to health cost, quality, and safety information. Over the past seven years she has represented health care consumers and provided the patient perspective statewide through service on the SIMS Healthcare Cost Work Group and Evaluation Sub Committee, the Maine Health Data Organization's Board of Directors and Consumer advisory group, the Maine Quality Counts PCMH Work Group and Consumer Advisory Groups, and the HealthInfoNet Consumer Advisory Group. On a community level she has served on the Spectrum Generation's Health Advisory Council. Poppy was honored in 2013 with the Quality Counts Patient Partner award and is a Hanley Health Leadership Development program alumnus.

Jim Leonard

Jim Leonard is Deputy Director of MaineCare, Maine's Medicaid Program. In this capacity Jim oversees MaineCare's Health Information Technology Program and healthcare reform strategies, including value based purchasing and health reform under the State Innovation Model Initiative. He is a member of the Maine Leadership Team which oversees the SIM grant. Jim is active on several Boards including the New England States Consortium Systems Organization (NESCSO), Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO), and The State Employee Health Commission. Jim holds both undergraduate and graduate degrees in Social Work.