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Dr. Adriana Matiz is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Columbia University Medical Center. She is also the medical director of the New York Presbyterian Community Health Worker and Patient Navigation program. She developed and directed the original WIN for Asthma program, a nationally recognized CHW program to strengthen community-wide asthma management for children in N. Manhattan. More recently she has worked on expanding the CHW model to adult conditions and children with special health care needs in an effort to decrease health disparities and to expand the delivery of culturally competent care.

**Sergio Matos**  
Executive Director, CHW Network of NYC  
Sergio Matos is the cofounder and executive director of the Community Health Worker Network of NYC – a professional association of CHWs with over 700 members that works to advance the CHW workforce while preserving its integrity. The Network has established workforce standards for the CHW practice, including scope of practice, and recommendations for training, credentialing and financing. Sergio has trained and helped establish CHW programs in Washington, DC, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, and New York in addition to several Caribbean nations. Sergio served as the Chair of the CHW Section of the American Public Health Association, during which time he worked to secure a Department of Labor Standard Occupational Classification for CHWs and helped develop the CHW SPG into a Section of APHA. Most recently, Sergio has been working with emerging health reform innovations and DSRIP to help integrate CHWs in their inter-professional healthcare teams and continues his work to support emerging professional associations of CHWs across the country.

**Patricia Peretz, MPH**  
Manager, Community Health and Evaluation at NewYork Presbyterian Hospital  
Patricia Peretz is the Manager of Community Health and Evaluation at NewYork Presbyterian Hospital where, for the last 8 years, she has worked alongside health care providers, program staff, and community partners to design, implement, and evaluate community health initiatives aimed at reducing the burden of chronic illness in the local community. In this capacity, Patricia leads the peer-based community health worker and emergency department-based patient navigator programs designed to improve the health and well-being of patients and their caregivers through culturally sensitive education, on-going support, and links to clinical and social resources. In addition, Patricia leads multiple evaluation and strategic planning initiatives. Prior to this role, Patricia worked at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene where she refined and evaluated strategies to improve the delivery of care for children with special needs and where she conducted research on the prevalence of overweight and obesity amongst low income, pre-school aged children in New York City. Patricia is a graduate of the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University.

**Chad Shearer, JD, MHA**  
Director of Medicaid Institute, United Hospital Fund  
Chad Shearer is the Director of the Medicaid Institute at United Hospital Fund where he leads work to provide information and analyses explaining New York’s Medicaid program in order to help all stakeholders improve the program. Previously, Mr. Shearer was at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs at Princeton University, where he served as deputy director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s State Health Reform Assistance Network, a project coordinating technical assistance to 11 states implementing the Affordable Care Act’s coverage expansion provisions. He was also a lecturer in public affairs at the university, teaching a capstone policy workshop. Mr. Shearer also previously spent time at the Center for Health Care Strategies, where he helped shape its Medicaid Leadership Institute, and before that, he served as legislative director for Congressman Pete Stark, who was Chairman of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health, in the United States House of Representatives. Mr. Shearer holds both a law degree and a master’s of health administration from the University of Iowa.

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Jacqueline serves as a key advisor to the President, and has a central role in developing the foundation’s program areas and identifying emerging opportunities and strategic niches. Prior to joining NYSHI, Jacqueline served as Executive Director for the Northern Manhattan Community Voices Collaborative (Community Voices). The mission of Community Voices, funded by the Kellogg Foundation, is to improve access and quality of care for vulnerable populations. She has served as an NIH fellow for the Meridian Foundation and the National Association of Community Health Centers in New York City.

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Gail Hirsch, MEd, is the Director of the Office of Community Health Workers at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, where she has coordinated state public health efforts to support community health workers for over 20 years. As a long-time leader in CHW organizing efforts in the state, she has served on the Advisory Board of the Massachusetts Association of Community Health Workers (MACHW) since its inception in 2000. Nationally, Gail is an active leader in the CHW Section of the American Public Health Association (APHA), a steering committee member of the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP), and has served as an advisor to other states, federal agencies and national organizations on CHW workforce development.

Dr. Erin Kane is a family physician at Baylor Community Care at Worth Street. Additionally, she is the medical director for two community health worker driven programs: Chronic Disease Education and Community Care Navigation. Dr. Kane’s professional interests include working with underserved patient populations and advancing the role of the CHW within the health care team.

Shreya Kangovi is an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, and the Executive Director of the Penn Center for Community Health Workers. She led a multi-stakeholder team that designed IMPaCT, a model of care in which CHWs support high-risk patients to set and achieve health goals. Dr. Kangovi led a randomized controlled trial of 446 patients, published in JAMA Internal Medicine, which showed that IMPaCT improved access to care, mental health, patient activation, and quality of communication while also reducing recurrent hospital readmission. Dr. Kangovi founded the Penn Center for CHWs to support further research, development and implementation of evidence-based CHW models of care. PCHW, fully supported by Penn Medicine, has 40 full-time employees who deliver IMPaCT to 1,500 high-risk patients annually. PCCHW has been featured in news media such as The New York Times. Since February 2014, 350 organizations across the country have accessed PCHW’s IMPaCT toolkit for program implementation tools. Dr. Kangovi has authored numerous scientific publications in publications such as NRJM and JAMA.

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