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Speakers

Ryan Argentieri, MBA
Deputy Director, Office of Technology
The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)



Ryan Dempsey Argentieri serves as the deputy director of the Office of Technology at ONC. In this position, she supports ONC’s Certification & Testing, Standards, and Technical Strategy & Analysis portfolios. She also leads the coordination of cross-functional programs promoting interoperability and standards harmonization for high priority areas such as public health data modernization and social determinants of health. Before joining ONC, Ryan was Principal of Silver Mountain Solutions, a global advisory firm focused on the launch of new products and initiatives in cleantech, infrastructure and health information technology, as well as public-private partnerships, focused on environmental preparedness and economic resiliency. Ryan has worked as a founder, co-founder and advisor to more than a dozen start-ups and has a specialization in building public private partnerships in health care and within the built environment. She started her career at United Technologies corporation (now Raytheon Technologies) where she managed both the U.S. and international government relations across the commercial and aerospace/defense portfolio before moving on to lead the company’s integrated building and district level energy solutions work in emerging markets. Ryan holds a master’s degree in Business Administration from Johns Hopkins University’s Carey School of Business, a master’s degree in Arts in Conflict Resolution, International Relations and Human Rights from the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice at the University of San Diego, and a bachelor’s degree in Arts in Government and Politics with a specialization in Leadership Studies from the University of Maryland.

La Keita D Carter, PsyD, LD
CEO
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Dr. La Keita D. Carter is a licensed psychologist in Maryland specializing in trauma, sexual wellness and relationships, addictions, women’s issues, and cultural barriers to treatment. A native Baltimorean, Dr. Carter completed her bachelor's degree at Temple University as well as master's and doctoral degrees at Loyola University Maryland. In addition to being a licensed psychologist, she is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) and Licensed Clinical Alcohol & Drug Counselor (LCADC) in Maryland. Dr. Carter is the owner and CEO of the Institute for HEALing, LLC (iHEAL), an award-winning, nationally accredited wellness agency based in Owings Mills, MD that specializes in the treatment of mental health disorders in children, teens, and adults. In addition to her practice, she is a core faculty member and Director of Clinical Training for doctoral-level students at Capella University. Affectionately known as "Dr. C" by her patients and graduate students, she has authored three psychology textbooks. Over the past two years, she was recognized as one of Maryland’s Most Admired CEOs, Maryland’s Top 100 Women (in 2021 and 2023), and Top 40 under 40 by The Daily Record and a Leader in Diversity by The Baltimore Business Journal. She has been featured guest discussing mental health topics like stress, trauma, and depression in media outlets like The Afro, Fox45, WBAL, NewYork Times, Washington Post, WJZ13, and Baltimore Sun.

Sarah C. DeSilvey, DNP, FNP
Director of Terminology, Gravity Project
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Sarah C. DeSilvey balances practice as a rural family nurse practitioner with advocacy for addressing the social determinants of health in clinical and community practice. Her area of focus is developing the terminology to capture the process of caring for patients’ social needs. Over the last decade she has collaborated with diverse colleagues on medical and social care integration and interoperability projects. Her work has now evolved into Gravity Project – a national consensus initiative to develop the data and data standards to address social needs. She serves as the Terminology Director helping to weave the practice of social care, community-based approaches, and the literature of social risk into health care terminology. In line with her focus on social care terminology, she was Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra’s 2023 selection for the US Health Information Technical Advisory Committee (HITAC) and currently co-chairs the HITAC Interoperability Standards Workgroup.

Bradley Malin, PhD

Accenture Professor of Biomedical Informatics, Biostatistics, and Computer Science
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Dr. Bradley Malin is the Accenture Professor of Biomedical Informatics, Biostatistics, and Computer Science, as well as Vice Chair for Research Affairs in the Department of Biomedical Informatics. His research is funded through grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF), National Institutes of Health (NIH), and Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). His research is on the development of technologies to enable artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI/ML) in the context of organizational, political, and health information architectures. He has made specific contributions in several areas, including distributed data processing methods for medical record linkage and predictive modeling, intelligent auditing technologies to protect electronic medical records from misuse in the context of primary care, and algorithms to formally anonymize patient information disseminated for secondary research purposes. His investigations on the empirical risks to health information re-identification have been cited by the Federal Trade Commission in the Federal Register and certain privacy enhancing technologies he developed have been featured in popular media outlets and blogs, including Nature News, Scientific American, and Wired magazine. Dr. Malin completed his education at Carnegie Mellon University, where he received a bachelor's in biological sciences, a master's in machine learning, a master's in public policy and management, and a doctorate in computer science (with a focus on databases and software systems).

Chinonye Onwunli, MPH

Senior Policy Analyst and Branch Chief
The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)



Chinonye Onwunli is a Senior Policy Analyst and Branch Chief at the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Her work involves Health IT regulation and policy development, as well as policy coordination and advisement across HHS operating divisions. Prior to her work at HHS, Ms. Onwunli was a Senior Analyst at the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) a non-partisan legislative branch agency that provides policy and data analysis and makes recommendations to Congress, the Secretary of HHS, and the states on issues affecting Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Before moving to Washington D.C., she was a Medicaid expenditure analyst with Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration where she worked on implementing the state's Long-Term Care Managed Care program and evaluating Florida's long-term care waivers. She was

an American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow 2019-2020. Ms. Onwunli holds a master's degree in Public Health with a concentration in health policy from the University of South Florida. She also holds a master's degree in Political Science and a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Florida State University.

Moderator

Lenel James, MBA

**FHL7, Business Lead – Health Information Exchange & Innovation
Market Solutions, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association**



Lenel James is the Business Lead for Health Information Exchange and Innovation at the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association (BCBSA), in the Health Information Technology department. He has been with the Association for 20 years and has been the Health Level Seven (HL7) voting representative for 19 years. At BCBSA, Mr. James has been engaged with various initiatives and roles. He was the planning and execution lead for the BCBSA HIPAA Conference. He has held various leadership, management and senior analyst positions which have built upon experience with Health IT standards, information technology & strategy consulting, project management, business development/marketing, training, healthcare, and systems implementations. Mr. James has led a wide variety of payer/provider/vendor-focused projects toward successful productive outcomes that advanced health data interoperability through pilots and standards development.

As part of his more than 35 years of experience in clinical information systems and information technology strategic planning, Mr. James also spent five years as the acting director of Clinical Systems for the IT Department of the third largest public hospital in the United States—giving him both a health system and payer perspective on the challenges of the health care industry.

James was a member of the Executive Committee of the Great Lakes Regional Health Equity Council (RHEC). The RHEC was part of an HHS (Health and Human Services) Office of Minority Health initiative, the National Program for Action to End Healthcare Disparities, where Lenel co-chaired the Social Determinates of Health Committee. He also co-founded and co-chaired the Cross-RHEC Community Health Worker Coalition—representing four regions across over 25 states.



RAISE FDA & FDA Foundation Team

Christine Lee-Flemming, PhD, PharmD
FDA OMHHE Strategic Research Engagement Lead
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Dr. Christine Lee-Flemming serves as the Lead for Strategic Research Engagement for the Office of Minority Health and Health Equity (OMHHE) in the Office of the Commissioner at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. She leads minority health and health disparity focused research and develops strategic partnerships to advance the health of diverse populations. Prior to joining OMHHE, Dr. Lee-Flemming’s work included structuring unstructured FDA materials as well as social media data to inform regulatory decision making. Dr. Lee-Flemming aims to develop research and strategic innovations that advance the health for all populations. Dr. Lee-Flemming received her PharmD from the University of Buffalo and her doctoral degree in Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy from the University of Florida.

Carla Rodriguez-Watson, PhD, MPH
Director of Research
Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA



Carla Rodriguez-Watson, PhD, MPH, is the Director of Research for the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA. Dr Rodriguez-Watson is focused on continuously developing and enhancing a portfolio of work that leverages real-world data and experiences to inform and conduct clinical and post-market drug safety and effectiveness studies. Projects include those focused on developing and advancing frameworks and tools to systematically describe data sources and methods for use in pre and post-market studies of product safety and effectiveness; as well as the the Innovation in Medical Evidence, Development and Surveillance (IMEDS) Program – where such tools can be leveraged. Dr. Rodriguez-Watson brings her extensive background in public health surveillance and health outcomes research to this work. She earned her doctoral degree in Epidemiology from the University of Washington School of Public Health, her master’s degree in Public Health from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, and her bachelor’s degree from Rutgers University.



Susan C. Winckler, RPh, Esq.
CEO
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Susan C. Winckler, RPh, Esq., is CEO of the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA, the non-profit organization created by Congress to advance the mission of the FDA. Prior to accepting the Foundation post, she served as President of Leavitt Partners Solutions, a healthcare strategy firm founded by Gov. Michael O. Leavitt, former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Winckler directly advised C-suite executives of a wide range of organizations on public policy and regulation, business strategy, investments, and other major business matters.

As Chief of Staff for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (2007-2009), she managed the Commissioner's Office, served both Republican and Democratic commissioners as their senior-most staff adviser, analyzed complex policy challenges and represented FDA with myriad government entities and external stakeholders. Her earlier career service included more than a decade at the American Pharmacists Association in a series of positions of increasing responsibility.