

NJ Integrated Population Health Data (iPHD) Research Priority Meeting June 13, 2018

Speaker Biosketches



**Joel C. Cantor, Distinguished Professor of Public Policy and Director,
Rutgers Center for State Health Policy**

Joel C. Cantor (Sc.D., Johns Hopkins University) is a Distinguished Professor of Public Policy and the founding Director of the Center for State Health Policy at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Established 1999, the Center is a leader in health policy research and development nationally, with a special focus on informing policy in New Jersey. Dr. Cantor is published widely in the health services and policy literature on innovations in health service delivery and the regulation of private health insurance markets. He serves frequently as an advisor on health policy matters to New Jersey state government, and was the 2006 recipient of the Rutgers University President's Award for Research in Service to New Jersey. Prior to joining Rutgers in 1999, Dr. Cantor served as director of research at the United Hospital Fund of New York and director of evaluation research at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. He received his doctorate in health policy and management from the Johns Hopkins University, School of Public Health in 1988, and was elected a Fellow of AcademyHealth in 1996.



**Dennis Culhane, Co-Principal Investigator, Actionable Intelligence for
Social Policy, University of Pennsylvania**

Dennis Culhane is the Dana and Andrew Stone Professor of Social Policy at the School of Social Policy and Practice at The University of Pennsylvania, a Senior Research Associate at the Center for Population Studies, and the Director of Research for the National Center on Homelessness among Veterans at the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Culhane was also named Faculty co-Director for the Cartographic Modeling Lab (CML) after his involvement in the Early Warning Information System (EWIS) for New York City in 1996.

Culhane is a nationally recognized social science researcher with primary expertise in the field of homelessness. His homelessness work has positioned him as an early innovator in the use of administrative data for research and policy analysis, particularly for populations and program impacts which are difficult to assess and track. Culhane's work has resulted in federal legislation requiring all cities and states to develop administrative data systems for tracking homeless services

in order to receive HUD funding. His work has also been instrumental in a national shift in how cities address chronic homelessness and family homelessness. Culhane's recent research includes studies of vulnerable youth and young adults, including those transitioning from foster care, juvenile justice, and residential treatment services.



**Shereef Elnahal, Commissioner, Department of Health,
State of New Jersey**

Dr. Shereef Elnahal began serving as Commissioner of Health on January 25, 2018. Prior to leading the Department, Dr. Elnahal worked as a physician executive in the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), serving as the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health (ADUSH) for Quality, Safety, and Value in the Veterans Health Administration. He was also an adjunct assistant professor at the Georgetown University Department of Health Policy and Management. In his capacity at the VA, he led efforts to improve the quality and safety of healthcare delivery to veterans. In addition, Dr. Elnahal has spearheaded unprecedented efforts around transparency in access and performance, as well as standardizing best practices that prevent opioid dependency, improve women's healthcare, and enhance access to care for veterans. He has testified to the US Senate Veterans Affairs committee on the VA's care delivery improvement efforts, and worked with members of congress in the House and Senate to pass key legislation that improves the lives of veterans. He also built a healthcare operations center that facilitated response efforts to facilities in crisis. In addition, Dr. Elnahal worked with facilities across the VA to build The Physician Ambassador Program, which is among the largest physician volunteer programs in the United States, as part of the broader effort to improve access. As the ADUSH, he managed a workforce of over 200 employees and an annual budget of over \$180 million.

Dr. Elnahal was first appointed to VA by President Barack Obama as a White House Fellow in 2015. In this capacity, he founded the Diffusion of Excellence Initiative, the major initiative meeting the organization's priority of establishing consistency in clinical and administrative operations across the nation—a program that received media attention locally and nationally for the benefits realized to veterans. At Georgetown, Dr. Elnahal taught graduate courses on healthcare quality and performance. He has authored many publications on health care quality, operations management, and patient safety in journals such as the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), BMJ, the American Journal of Medical Quality, and the Journal of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network.

In previous work, Dr. Elnahal co-developed a published methodology that doubled clinic efficiency in the Johns Hopkins Pancreatic Multidisciplinary Clinic, cutting patient wait times by half. As an operations consultant for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,, he expanded on this work to improve care access for veterans and active duty service members. He also served on committees in the Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality, Chair of the Patient Safety and Quality Council at Johns Hopkins. Dr. Elnahal served on advisory boards for two firms focused on patient education and clinical operations. He also co-founded the Baltimore chapter of The Triple Helix, a 501(c)(3) non-profit that publishes an internationally-circulated journal on science in society. His civic contributions earned him the 2015 National Quality Scholar Award from the American College of Medical Quality. Dr. Elnahal has also served on non-profit boards such as the High Reliability Organization Council and the ADAMS Civic Engagement Committee in Sterling, Virginia.

Dr. Elnahal is a licensed physician, receiving a dual-degree M.D. and M.B.A. with Distinction from Harvard University, and has worked as a physician in training in Brigham and Women's Hospital and Johns Hopkins Hospital. He graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in biophysics from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Elnahal is a native of Linwood, NJ and is honored to return to his home state and serve the people of New Jersey.

Rachel Hammond, CIPP/G, HCISPP, Chair, Integrated Population Health Data (iPHD) Project Governing Board

Rachel is the Data Privacy Officer for the New Jersey Department of Health in the Office of Healthcare Quality and Informatics. In this position, Rachel works to protect privacy and facilitate data sharing, including for research purposes and in response to the opioid overdose public health crisis. Rachel has also served as the Department's Ethics Officer. Prior to joining the Department, Rachel served as the Supervisor of the New Jersey Department of Children and Families Office of Legal and Regulatory Liaison; as an attorney for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Health, specializing in contracts and HIPAA compliance, as counsel for the Commonwealth's Maternal and Child Health programs; as in-house counsel specializing in health, privacy and immigration law for a national provider of long term acute care hospital services and inpatient and outpatient therapy services; and as a Compliance Consultant, specializing in provider and group contracting, for a national health insurance provider. Rachel also volunteered her time as a member of the Governing Board of Hamilton Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center in Harrisburg, PA.



Margaret Koller, Senior Executive Director, Rutgers Center for State Health Policy

Margaret Koller (M.S., Rutgers University) is the Senior Executive Director at Rutgers Center for State Health Policy, serving as the Center's Chief Operating Officer overseeing all project development, financial, and strategic planning activities. Ms. Koller is also the co-principal investigator for the Center's infrastructure grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and most recently directed the Center's \$14 million Affordable Care Act (ACA) project portfolio funded by the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), which included the State Innovation Model (SIM) Design grant to advance New Jersey's delivery system transformation priorities. Her expertise is in the areas of health care coverage and access, and insurance regulations and she routinely represents the Center to policy and stakeholder audiences around the state. In 2004, Ms. Koller received a gubernatorial appointment to the New Jersey Small Employer Health Benefits Program Board of Directors where she currently serves as the Board's Vice Chairperson. Before joining the Center in February 2001, Ms. Koller worked for Prudential HealthCare, and later Aetna, in a series of management roles. Prior to her experience in managed care, she served as a Congressional Aide in the New Jersey district office of Congressman Bernard Dwyer. Ms. Koller was a fellow at the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University where she earned an M.S. in Public Policy.



Maryanne Schretzman, Executive Director, Center for Innovation through Data Intelligence, City of New York

Previously, as Family Services Coordinator for the City of New York, Maryanne was responsible for identifying and implementing cross-agency collaborations to enhance services provided by the City's HHS agencies to those in need. She has also served as Deputy Commissioner for Policy and Planning at the Department of Homeless Services and as Deputy Assistant Commissioner at the Administration for Children's Services. Prior to joining city government, she was an adjunct professor at Hunter College of Social Work and held a variety of leadership positions at the non-profit organization Women In Need, Inc. Maryanne was also a consultant for 15 years specializing in the planning and evaluation of government and non-profit institutions in the United States and Europe. Maryanne holds a B.A. from the University of Montana, a Master of Social Work from Hunter College, and a Doctorate in Social Welfare from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.



Aaron Truchil: Director, Strategy & Analytics, Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers

Aaron Truchil serves as the Director of Strategy & Analytics at the Camden Coalition, where he oversees the organization's data and research activities, including the Coalition's integrated data system that merges individual-level data from across sectors (health, criminal justice, and other social services), the Coalition's shared savings performance evaluations, and a variety of applied health services research initiatives aimed at developing an evidence base around community-based care and cost management initiatives. Prior to joining the Coalition, Aaron worked as a program manager at CamConnect, a non-profit data warehouse in Camden that analyzes and reports on data on the City of Camden's revitalization. Aaron earned a Master of Science in Social Policy from the University of Pennsylvania and a B.A. from Wesleyan University. When not in the office, Aaron enjoys spending time in the mountains climbing and hiking.