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Forum Participants

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Maria Aramburu, MD, MPH, FAAP is the Medical Director for the School Based Health Center at Roosevelt Senior High School in Washington DC. Dr Aramburu is currently a full time pediatrician and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics for Medstar Georgetown University Hospital. Dr Aramburu has worked exclusively at community sites in underserved areas of the District of Columbia for more than 5 years through the programs of the Division of Community Pediatrics at Georgetown. Dr. Aramburu has a subspecialty in Community Pediatrics and Child Advocacy and an MA in Public Health from the George Washington University Milken School of Public Health. She has received the Adolescent Medicine Award from the Society of Adolescent Health & Medicine in 2011 for research and advocacy work with adolescents. In her role as Medical Director she has established protocols and partnerships to better serve vulnerable population including immigrant Latinos which occupy 60% of the student population at Roosevelt.

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Emily A. Benfer is a Distinguished Visiting Scholar at Yale Law School, Solomon Center for Health Law & Policy. Previously she was a Clinical Professor of Law at Loyola University Chicago School of Law and Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, Department of Public Health. She founded and directed the award-winning Health Justice Project, a fully integrated medical-legal partnership (MLP). While at the Federal Legislation & Administrative Clinic at Georgetown Law Center, she served as a legislative lawyer in the successful campaign to pass the ADA Amendments Act and represented Workplace Flexibility 2010. As co-principal of Health Justice Innovations, LLC, she has supported numerous hospitals, law schools, and nonprofits to advance community health. She served as an Equal Justice Works Fellow and a Peace Corps volunteer. Prof. Benfer was named one of Chicago's Top 40 Lawyers Under 40 by the *National Law Journal*, Legal Freedom Fighter by Rocket Matter, and received the Health Innovator Award and the inaugural Schweitzer Leadership Award for her work to achieve health equity and social justice. Prof. Benfer earned her JD from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law and LLM from Georgetown Law Center.

Sylvia M. Burwell is American University's 15th president. She most recently served as the 22nd Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from 2014 to 2017. During her tenure, the Department shepherded the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, pioneered groundbreaking advances in research and innovation, and expanded critical services for children and families. Previously, she was the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), where she worked with Congress to negotiate a two-year budget deal following the 2013 government shutdown. Her prior government experience includes Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Deputy Chief of Staff to the President, Chief of Staff to the Secretary of the Treasury, and Special Assistant to the Director of the National Economic Council. President Burwell served 11 years at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, including roles as Chief Operating Officer and President of the Global Development Program. After the Gates Foundation, she was the President of the Walmart Foundation. She earned a bachelor's degree in Government from Harvard University and a BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from the University of Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar.

Yael Cannon is a Visiting Associate Professor at Georgetown University Law Center and co-director of the Georgetown University Health Justice Alliance. She also directs the Alliance's intensive law clinic course, which embeds law students in health clinics to provide holistic legal services to secure housing, education, public benefits, and family stability for patients living in poverty. Professor Cannon previously taught clinical poverty law courses at University of New Mexico School of Law and American University Washington College of Law. Prior to teaching, Professor Cannon was an attorney at the Children's Law Center's medical-legal partnership providing legal services at Children's National Medical Center pediatric clinics and engaging in policy advocacy on behalf of low-income children and families. Her research focuses on the ways in which the law can address social determinants of health to ensure better outcomes for children and families living in poverty. Professor Cannon graduated with distinction from Stanford Law School and *summa cum laude* from the University of Maryland with B.A. degrees in History and African American Studies.

Leonardo Cuello is Director of Health Policy for the National Health Law Program. He also leads NHeLP's work on the Campaign for Better Care. Mr. Cuello's focus is on programs for dual eligibility, Medicaid Expansion implementation, Medicaid Expansion and Exchange benefits, and Medicaid delivery system reform. He also serves on the board of directors of the National Quality Forum. Prior to joining NHeLP, Mr. Cuello worked at the Pennsylvania Health Law Project (PHLP) for six years. At PHLP, he ran a project focused on immigrant and Latino health care. He also worked on Medicare Part D implementation issues, PHLP's Hospital Accountability Project, and served as legal counsel to the Consumer Subcommittee of Pennsylvania's Medical Care Advisory Committee. Mr. Cuello graduated with a B.A. from Swarthmore College and received his J.D. from The University of Pennsylvania Law

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Danielle G. Dooley, MD, MPhil, FAAP is Medical Director of Community Affairs and Population Health in the Child Health Advocacy Institute at Children's National Health System in Washington, DC, and an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at George Washington University. She has practiced pediatrics in Washington, DC, since 2004. She received a BS degree in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an MPhil degree in community health from the University of Edinburgh as a British Marshall Scholar, and an MD degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons as a National Health Service Corps Scholar. She completed her residency in pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins Hospital Children's Center. She was elected to national office in the American Academy of Pediatrics in October 2017 as a member of the National Nominating Committee, which identifies and selects candidates for national leadership in the AAP. She is an active member of the DC Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Immigrant Child Health committee.

Eric Hershberg is Director of the Center for Latin American & Latino Studies and Professor of Government at American University. From 2007-2009 he was Professor of Political Science and Director of Latin American Studies at Simon Fraser University (SFU), in Vancouver, Canada. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and has taught at New York University, Southern Illinois University, Columbia, Princeton, and The New School. Prior to arriving at SFU he served for fifteen years as a Program Director at the Social Science Research Council in New York City. His research focuses on the comparative politics of Latin America, and on the politics of development. Current research projects analyze the state of democracy and emerging development strategies in South America, and the ways in which elites exercise power in Central America. He has served as a consultant to numerous development and educational agencies, including the Ford Foundation, the World Bank, and the Swedish International Development Agency.

Deanna Kerrigan is a Professor of Sociology and Director of the Center for Health, Risk and Society at American University. She was most recently an Associate Professor of Health, Behavior, and Society and International Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Much of her work has focused on developing and evaluating effective HIV prevention interventions among marginalized groups in Latin America and the Caribbean and sub-Saharan Africa such as female sex workers and people living with HIV. Dr. Kerrigan is the Co-Director of the Prevention Core of the Johns Hopkins University Center for AIDS Research (CFAR). She previously directed the global HIV prevention research program, Project SEARCH: Research to Prevention (R2P) funded by the United States Agency for International Development. She also worked as a Program Officer for the Ford Foundation, coordinating the Sexuality and Reproductive Health and Rights portfolio in Brazil.

Matthew Lopas leads NILC's federal advocacy on access to affordable health care, and he supports state and local efforts in expanding and protecting care for immigrants in their communities. This work focuses on Medicaid, CHIP, the Affordable Care Act, and safety net programs. He also manages NILC's Wining in the States Project, which is focused on supporting state and local immigrant rights advocacy, and leads the project's work in Oregon and Tennessee. He has previously worked as a law clerk for the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau and interned for the health policy office of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee under Sen. Tom Harkin. Mr. Lopas holds a bachelor of science in journalism from the Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism and a juris doctor from the American University Washington College of Law. He is licensed to practice in the commonwealth of Virginia.

Steven Lopez is Associate Director, Health Policy, for UnidosUS. He leads the strategic development and execution of UnidosUS's health policy agenda in order to increase the opportunity and ability of Latino children and families to achieve optimal health and thrive. Some of Mr. Lopez's past professional

experiences include being a part of the legislative staff of former Congresswoman Hilda Solis; leading obesity prevention efforts in the South Texas border region; and creating healthier school environments as a health policy planner for the San Mateo County Health System in California. Mr. Lopez holds an MA in public policy and public health from the University of California at Berkeley and a BA from Stanford University. He has contributed to a variety of research projects and publications and has been quoted in various media outlets including the New York Times, Bloomberg News, AP, Politico, the Wall Street Journal, and the Los Angeles Times.

Marisa Parrella, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the field of children's mental health. Her work has focused on serving communities of color in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Ms. Parrella's post graduate fellowship at the Yale Child Study Center focused on School Based Mental Health, with an emphasis on trauma and Latino immigrant communities. Since then, she has led teams of child therapists to develop expertise in the area of trauma informed care through leadership of specialized foster care teams as well as through the development and growth of the School Based Mental Health Program at Mary's Center. Ms. Parrella served as an Adjunct Faculty Member at National Catholic School of Social Service at Catholic University of America from 2010-2014. Currently, Ms. Parrella serves as the Director of the School Based Mental Health Program at Mary's Center which partners with public and charter schools in Washington, DC to provide on-site behavioral health care using the Mary's Center Social Change Model. She is also the mother of 3 boys who attend DC Public Schools.

José Segura, LICSW, LCSW-C is the Mental Health and Substance Use Department Director at La Clinica Del Pueblo (LCDP). He is also a Seminar Instructor at the School of Social Services at Catholic University of America and is responsible for the clinical supervision of License clinicians, substance abuse counselors and case managers. Jose earned his MA in Social Work from Howard University and he was a recipient of a one-year Post-Masters Clinical Fellowship from the Yale University Child Study Center in New Haven, Connecticut. He holds a certificate on Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy from the Washington School of Psychiatry. He was also a recipient of a Full Scholarship for the Agency for International Development in 1988.

Lindsay F. Wiley, JD, MPH, is a professor of law and director of the Health Law and Policy Program at American University Washington College of Law. She teaches torts, health law, and public health law. Her research focuses on access to health care and healthy living conditions in the U.S. and globally. She is the author of *Public Health Law: Power, Duty, Restraint* (with Lawrence O. Gostin). Professor Wiley is President of the American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics and a former member of the National Conference of Lawyers and Scientists. She received her AB and JD, *magna cum laude*, from Harvard and her MPH from Johns Hopkins.

Sharon Zalewski is the Executive Director of the Regional Primary Care Coalition (RPCC), a learning community of primary care associations and providers, local funders and community-based organizations dedicated to advancing health equity throughout the national capital region. Previously she served as Vice President for Health Care Access of the Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County where she managed a public/private partnership that provides primary and behavioral health care services to 30,000 low-income, uninsured residents. Ms. Zalewski also served as the Executive Director and Medical Program Director at the Washington Free Clinic and the AIDS Services Coordinator for Health Care for the Homeless in the District of Columbia. With 30 years of community health care experience, she has held leadership positions in a number of organizations focused on improving the health of vulnerable communities including the DC Primary Care Association, Ryan White Title Planning Council and the HIV Prevention Planning Committee.