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Rear Admiral (RADM) Erica G. Schwartz, Deputy Surgeon General MD, JD, MPH

As Deputy Surgeon General, Rear Admiral (RADM) Erica G. Schwartz advises and supports the Surgeon General regarding operations of the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps and in communicating the best available scientific information to advance the health of the nation. RADM Schwartz recently served as the Director of Health, Safety and Work-Life where she was responsible for the Coast Guard's health care system overseeing the Coast Guard's child care programs and food services delivery programs, and the Coast Guard's Sexual Assault Prevention, Response and Recovery, Family Advocacy, Suicide Prevention, Substance Abuse Prevention, Transition Assistance, Personal Financial Management, Special Needs, Health Promotion and Ombudsman programs.



Vin Gupta MD, MPA, MSc

As a Harvard-trained lung specialist, Vin has spent the past 15 years working worldwide to improve public health for organizations including the US Centers for Disease Control, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, the Harvard Global Health Institute, the World Health Organization, and the Pentagon's Center for Global Health Engagement. Given his diversity of experiences, he is now a trusted advisor and contributor to national and international media outlets on several of the most important health issues today, including serving as a regular health policy analyst for NBC News and contributor to the New York Times and CNN New Day. As you will see below, Vin is committed to voicing evidence-informed perspectives across a range of critical issues like domestic US healthcare reform, the vaping epidemic, the effects of climate change on human health, and gun control. In doing so, he speaks honestly and is driven by evidence, not opinion or dogma.



Anthony Iton MD, JD, MPH

Dr. Anthony Iton is Senior Vice President for Healthy Communities at The California Endowment. Since 2009, he has overseen the organization's 10-Year, multimillion-dollar statewide commitment to advance policies and forge partnerships to build healthy communities and a healthy California. Dr. Iton served as both the director and County Health Officer for the Alameda County Public Health Department overseeing the creation of innovative practices designed to eliminate health disparities by tackling the root causes of poor health in many of California's low-income communities. He has worked as an HIV disability rights attorney at the Berkeley Community Law Center and as a physician and advocate for the homeless at the San Francisco Public Health Department. Dr. Iton serves on the board of directors of the Public Health Institute, the Public Health Trust, the Prevention Institute and Jobs For the Future.

<https://www.buildinghealthycommunities.org/anthony-b-iton/>

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/05/urban-density-not-problem/611752/>



Shandi Fuller MD, MPH

Dr. Shandi Fuller is the Solano County Deputy Health Officer who advocates and administers equitable care so that all children and families live to their greatest potential. She has been in the forefront in developing innovative solutions targeted to the precise needs of each target population. A pediatrician, Dr. Fuller is the co-leader of Solano HEALS (Health Equity for African American/Black Lives) whose mission is to promote equity in healthy births for Black babies and their families in Solano County.



Susan Rogers MD, FACP

Dr. Rogers, currently retired, is a volunteer attending hospitalist and internist at the John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital, previously known as Cook County Hospital. She was director of medical student programs for the Department of Medicine at Stroger hospital. She remains an assistant professor of medicine at Rush University and is still active on the Committee of Admissions.

Dr. Rogers received her medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine and completed her residency at Cook County Hospital, where she served as chief resident. She is a past co-president of Health Care for All Illinois, and previously served on the board of the Near North Health Service Corp, a FQHC in Chicago. Dr. Rogers is a member of the American College of Physicians, the Society of General Internal Medicine, and the National Medical Association.

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Reuben Miller PhD

Reuben Miller is a sociologist, criminologist and a social worker who teaches at the University of Chicago in the School of Social Service Administration where he studies and writes about race, democracy, and the social life of the city. He has been a member at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton New Jersey, a fellow at the New America Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation, and a visiting scholar at the University of Texas at Austin and Dartmouth College. A native son of Chicago, he lives with his wife and children on the city's Southside. His areas of interest include prisoner reentry, race punishment and crime control, social welfare policy and urban poverty. Dr. Miller is the author of the book *Halfway Home: Race, Punishment, and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration*.



Anne Newland MD, MPH

Dr. Newland is the Chief Executive Officer for Arizona based North Country HealthCare. Prior to joining North Country in 2013, Dr. Newland worked for the Indian Health Service on the Navajo Reservation. She trained in Internal Medicine-Pediatrics at the University of Tennessee-Memphis, served as Chief Resident for Internal Medicine at UT, and later completed a Master in Public Health degree at Harvard School of Public Health as a Commonwealth Fund Mongan Fellow in Minority Health Policy. She works to improve the quality of care across the North Country system as well as to make it easier for people to see their primary care providers



Virginia Hedrick MPH

Virginia Hedrick is the Executive Director for the Consortium for Urban Indian Health. She is an enrolled member of the Yurok Tribe of California and is also of Karuk descent. Her prior work includes chronic disease prevention, implementation and policy impacts of the Affordable Care Act for California tribes, as well health research. Virginia holds Bachelor of Arts degrees in Sociology and American Indian Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles, a Graduate Certificate in Maternal Child Health Epidemiology from the University of Arizona and a Master of Public Health Degree from Drexel University.



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Dr. David Ansell is Senior Vice President for Community Health Equity at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. His efforts at both the national and local levels have advanced concerns about health inequities and the structure of the US health care system. Dr. Ansell's years as a provider to the medically underserved have made him a vocal supporter of single-payer health care. He spent seventeen years at Cook County Hospital upon which the medical T.V. drama ER was based. Ansell was inspired by his time at Cook County Hospital to write a memoir and social history entitled *County: Life, Death, and Politics in Chicago's Public Hospital* which has been hailed as a "landmark book" aiming to inform and to inspire readers about the disparities in health care. His most recent book, *The Death Gap: How Inequality Kills*, uncovers the myriad ways in which structural racism — in housing, employment, education, and health care - creates unacceptable 'death gaps' or disparities in life expectancy that are preventable and therefore morally unacceptable.