

**The Digital Transformation in Social Determinants of Health**  
**Using AI, Data and Tech to Move from Screening to Solving for Social Needs**

**August 20, 2-3 PM**

**Speaker Bios**

**April Joy Damian, Ph.D., M.Sc.**

Associate Director, Weitzman Institute

As Associate Director of the Weitzman Institute at Community Health Center, Inc. (CHC), Dr. April Joy G. Damian is responsible for providing leadership and supporting the growth and development of Weitzman's research team, with a strong emphasis on health equity. Dr. Damian concurrently has a faculty appointment in the Department of Mental Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She also serves as the Chair of the AcademyHealth Public Health Systems Research IG and is currently on the 2020 Annual Research Meeting (ARM) Planning Committee. Prior to joining CHC, Dr. Damian was Director of Quality Innovation at the National Quality Forum (NQF), a not-for-profit membership organization that works to catalyze healthcare improvement through quality measurement and reporting. While at NQF, Dr. Damian served as the in-house subject matter expert on social determinants of health (SDOH) and led quality measurement and implementation efforts to advance SDOH integration in healthcare policy, payment models, and clinical practice. Prior to joining NQF, Dr. Damian was awarded a NIH grant to serve as the Principal Investigator of the first mixed methods evaluation of SAMHSA's trauma-informed care training intervention and learning collaborative. Her areas of expertise include implementation science, mixed methods, health equity, and mental/behavioral health, particularly trauma-informed care and resilience. Dr. Damian completed her PhD in the Department of Mental Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Masters in Medical Sciences at Harvard Medical School, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa and as a Truman Scholar from the University of California, Berkeley with a Bachelors of Arts in Ethnic Studies, Highest Honors.

**David Kulick, MPH**

Co-Founder, Adaptation Health

David is co-founder of Adaptation Health, an accelerator focusing on driving Medicaid innovation and improving the commercialization of socially impactful models of care and value based delivery models. He has worked across all 50 states and 15 countries on strategies for driving margin and mission with diverse health companies including early startups, private equity, nonprofits & NGOS, bilateral aid agencies, state and federal governments, and large multinational corporations. David earned his MPH from Tulane

University, Bachelors in Chemistry from the University at Buffalo. Early in his career he worked on the ground with communities and vulnerable populations as an AmeriCorps Volunteer and then with the U.S. Peace Corps in South Africa. He live in New Orleans, LA with his wife and two children.

**Margaret M. Flinter, APRN, PhD, FAAN, FAANP, c-FNP**

Senior Vice President and Clinical Director, Community Health Center, Inc.  
Founder Emeritus, Weitzman Institute, Community Health Center, Inc.

Dr. Margaret Flinter is the Senior VP and Clinical Director of the Community Health Center, Inc., (CHCI) a statewide federally qualified health center serving 150,000 patients from its primary care centers across Connecticut, while leading practice transformation initiatives across the country. A family nurse practitioner since 1980, she has held progressive roles in the organization as both primary care provider and executive leader. She founded the Weitzman Institute, CHCI's research, innovation, and education arm in 2005. Margaret served as the national co-director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Primary Care Teams: Learning from Effective Ambulatory Practices (LEAP) project, which is studied exemplar primary care practices across the country. Margaret has led the national development of a model of post-graduate residency training programs for new nurse practitioners and established the National Nurse Practitioner Residency and Fellowship Training Consortium. Margaret is the Principal Investigator for HRSA's National Cooperative Agreement on Clinical Workforce Development and for the past ten years, has been the co-host of a weekly radio show, "Conversations on Health Care", which connects people with issues of health policy, reform, and innovation, She speaks widely on topics related to leadership and primary care transformation. Margaret received her BSN from the University of Connecticut, her MSN from Yale University, and her PhD at the University of Connecticut. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

**Nancy Lopez, PhD, Director & Co-founder,**

Institute for the Study of "Race" & Social Justice, University of New Mexico

**Dr. Nancy López** is professor of sociology at the University of New Mexico. Dr. López co-founded and still directs the Institute for the Study of "Race" and Social Justice and she is the founding coordinator of the New Mexico Statewide Race, Gender, Class Data Policy Consortium (Visit [race.unm.edu](http://race.unm.edu)). Dr. López currently serves as Associate Vice President for the Division of Equity and Inclusion. Her scholarship and teaching are guided by the insights of intersectionality--the *simultaneity* of tribal status/settler colonialism race/structural racism, gender/heteropatriarchy, class/capitalism, ethnicity/nativism, sexuality/heterosexism as systems of oppression/resistance across a variety of social outcomes (education, health, employment, wealth and housing) and the importance of developing contextualized solutions that advance justice. Her books include: *Hopeful Girls, Troubled Boys:*

*Race and Gender Disparity in Urban Education* (2003), and *Mapping "Race": Critical Approaches to Health Disparities Research* (2013). She co-edited a special issue of the *Race, Ethnicity and Education* Journal on Quantitative Methods and Critical Race Theory. She is also known for developing the concept of "street race."

Dr. López has been recognized for her contributions to engaged scholarship through the American Sociological Association William Foote Whyte Distinguished Career Award for Sociological Practice and Public Sociology. Dr. López current research includes a mixed method study in three research practice partnerships that examines the role of ethnic studies curriculum and culturally relevant pedagogy in reducing complex intersectional inequalities in high school. She has served on over 70 PhD/MA committees and she has given over 130 seminars on at national conferences, invited lectures and community gatherings.

**Dr. Paul Grundy**, MD, MPH, FACOEM, FACPM;  
*Chief Transformation Officer,*  
Innovaccer

Dr. Grundy is the Chief Transformation Officer at Innovaccer. Affectionately known as the 'Godfather' of the Patient-Centered Medical Home model, he is the Founding President of the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (PCPCC) and a member of the National Academy of Medicine. Prior to Innovaccer Dr Grundy enjoyed an esteemed career at IBM, as the Chief Medical Officer of the Healthcare Life Sciences division, and the Global Director of Healthcare Transformation. Previous to IBM he was the Minister Consular for the US Department of State. Dr. Grundy is a globally respected healthcare convener, storyteller, and visionary - a "Trusted Healer". He holds numerous international honorary titles and awards, including an honorary lifetime member of the UK National Association of Primary Care, an Ambassador for Healthcare DENMARK and the first international member of the Irish National Association of General Practice. He was the recipient of the NCQA National Quality Award in 2012, and recipient of the prestigious Barbara Starfield Primary Care Leadership Award in 2016.