



# NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE

A BI-WEEKLY LOOK AT THE BUSINESS & POLITICS OF HEALTH CARE IN NEW JERSEY



## **PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER**

### **The Next Generation of Advocates**

Last Friday I taught a class on health care policy to the third-year medical students at a New Jersey medical school. I started by asking the class what each of them has in common with the people pictured below and what I also have in common with these people.

All eight studied medicine like the students in the lecture hall. Like me, all these people are also working to improve the health care system.



*Pictured L/R are Elizabeth Rosenthal, MD, Atul Gwandi, MD, Leana Wen, MD, Angelo Valendes, MD, Jeffrey Brenner, MD, Damali Campbell, MD, Neel Shah, MD, Richard Baron, MD.*

Having finished two years of nonclinical studies, the students before me are now working in clinics and hospital settings — and beginning to see the systemic problems that prevent patients from getting the care they need and block physicians from giving that care...

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## TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

### Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

Andrea Martinez-Mejia is the new executive director of the [Greater Newark Health Care Coalition](#), one of the original Medicaid Accountable Care Organizations and now a Regional Health Hub. The Coalition has worked closely with the Quality Institute for many years.

**Interview Sneak Peek:** *What is your vision for the future of the organization?*

Being the Coalition's new Executive Director is a homecoming for me. I lived in Newark for many years; I attended East Side High in the East Ward and Rutgers, Newark, for my undergraduate degree. Having the opportunity to work alongside many partners to improve the health of the greater Newark community is truly an honor. I hope the organization is seen as a strategic partner aiming to collaborate to address the many barriers that prevent the residents of our cities from accessing equitable, quality health care. I want to continue the work and lead the way in addressing the barriers to equitable, quality care for all residents of the city...

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## MATERNITY ACTION PLAN Work Session Wednesday, April 24, 2024



Join us for the second virtual [Maternity Action Plan \(MAP\)](#) work session of 2024, *Collecting and Using Data to Improve Equity and Quality*, on **April 24 from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.** We will focus on REaL (Race, Ethnicity, and Language) data.

This event will feature:

- DeAnna Minus-Vincent, MPA, Managing Director, [The Outcomes Architect](#);
- Tracy Parris-Benjamin, LMSW, FHELA, Managing Director, [The Outcomes Architect](#); and
- Kathryn Burggraf Stewart, MPH, Director, Health Care Ratings, [The Leapfrog Group](#).

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## TRAINING SESSIONS FOR CARE PROVIDERS ON CONTRACEPTIVE CARE

**Increasing Access to Contraceptive Care – Understanding the NJ Health Care Landscape**: If you are a provider or community organization working directly with patients, join us in collaboration with [New Jersey Family Planning League](#) to explore best practices for providing high-quality, patient-centered reproductive health care, as

well as highlighting strategies to break down patient, payer, and operational barriers to care delivery and reimbursement.

The training will be offered twice: *virtual* and *in-person*:

**Virtual: March 12 – 12:00 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.**

- Presentation: 12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m.
- Q&A: 1:00 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.

**In-Person: March 19 – 10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.**

- Registration: 10 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.
- Presentation: 10:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.
- Q&A: 11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
- Networking: 12:00 p.m.- 12:30 p.m.
- New Jersey Hospital Association | **760 Alexander Rd. Princeton, NJ 08540**

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