



## Oral Health Summit – Day 2

### Session 1 Speakers

June 22, 2023

#### Sharrie Sprouse

*Oral Health Program Director, Stanislaus County Health Services Agency*

Sharrie Sprouse has over 20 years of experience in the health and human services field. She has been with Stanislaus County since 2008. Sharrie has valuable experience in community engagement, evaluation, and has worked in various injury and chronic disease prevention programs. She is the Program Director for the Stanislaus County Oral Health Program and an advocate for health equity with an authentic desire to help communities flourish in every way possible.

#### Angela Wartell, MS

*Senior Program Specialist, Local Oral Health Program/Tobacco Prevention Program, Mendocino County Public Health Department*

Angela has been the county's Oral Health coordinator since January 2023. She continues to assist the Tobacco Prevention Program, which she managed from September 2021 through December 2022. Angela is looking forward to blending objectives and recruiting champions for both Oral Health and Tobacco Prevention. She originally joined Public Health in February 2019 to work with the 2020 Census Program. Angela brought together city governments, tribal governments, and numerous community-based organizations to form a countywide Complete Count Committee, whose purpose was to provide census outreach to the "Hard-to-Count" populations. During the COVID-19 Pandemic Angela was assigned to the Department Operations Center to process COVID-19 case data. Over her 10-year career with the county Angela also worked as a cannabis inspector with the Agriculture Department, social worker support staff in Children's Services, and was the sole receptionist for the Willits social services office assisting clients with CalFresh, MediCal, CalWORKS, and IHSS applications. Before living in Willits, she was a field biologist studying endangered amphibians and migratory birds with the US Forest Service and the AZ Game & Fish Department, respectively. She has lived in Mendocino County for 21 years.

## Kismatdeep Dhaliwal

*Health Program Coordinator, Local Oral Health Program, Maternal Child & Adolescent Health, County of Imperial*

Kismatdeep Dhaliwal graduated from UC San Diego in 2016 with a degree in Public Health. Born and raised in Imperial County, she returned in 2017, and after briefly working for the Imperial County Sheriff's Office, she joined the Imperial County Public Health Department as the Local Oral Health Program Coordinator in 2018. Since joining the Imperial County Public Health Department, she and her team have successfully engaged a wide range of community partners in the Imperial County Local Oral Health Taskforce, launched mobile dental clinics in schools located in underserved areas, and are currently participating in the UCSF Champion Provider Fellowship in partnership with Inncare (FQHC) Dental Clinician, Dr. Maxmillian Chambers. Kismatdeep is passionate about the oral health work that is taking place and looks forward to continuing to lay the groundwork required at the county level to successfully meet the goals of the California Oral Health Plan 2018-2028.

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### Paula Lee, RDHAP, MPH

*Dental Hygiene Consultant, Office of Oral Health, California Department of Public Health*

Paula Dental Hygiene Consultant for the State of California. Her main role is the state coordinator of school-based/-linked oral health programs. Prior to working at the State, she worked 11 years at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and private practice and volunteered in programs in Central America and Africa. For 10 years, Paula has volunteered to provide oral health care and oral health literacy in school-based/-linked programs to children, families, and community members in Nicaragua and Guatemala. Paula received an MPH from UC Berkeley in management and health policy and a BA in business administration from Sacramento State University. She currently serves on the Government Relations Council for the California Dental Hygiene Association and at the California Health Care Foundation Leadership Program where health care leaders expand skills and systems capacity to meet the challenges facing California's health care system.

### Myryah Leighty

*Quality Management and Performance Specialist, Office of Oral Health, California Department of Public Health*

Myryah is the lead for quality improvement and performance initiatives for oral health programs. She brings 12 years of experience in Quality Management practices and a Black Belt in Lean Six Sigma to CDPH. Prior to working at the Office of Oral Health, she worked for California Correctional Health Care Services as a Quality Management Specialist and implemented Lean decision making within the institutional subcommittees, as well as teaching Lean concepts and statistical analysis to everyone from clinical staff to executives. She received her BA in Psychology from California State University, Bakersfield. Currently, Myryah has been appointed as a member of CDPH's Continuous Improvement Council and is co-chair to the OOH's Evaluation and Performance Management Workgroup.

## Bonnie Flippin, MBA

*Program Coordinator, County of San Bernardino County Local Oral Health Program - Smile SBC*

Bonnie Flippin is a Program Coordinator with the County of San Bernardino Department of Public Health and is the Project Director for the San Bernardino County Local Oral Health Program, known locally as Smile SBC. Ms. Flippin first joined the public health family when she took on a temporary position, interviewing patients living with HIV to learn about their challenges and service needs. The stories shared by the respondents and the passion displayed by the agencies that served them inspired her to continue to work in the field. Over a 16-year period, she held several positions in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, eventually overseeing the program for a few years before being promoted to Program Coordinator in 2018 to take on the new Local Oral Health Program. She has enjoyed the last several years, learning this area of public health and being a part of the amazing community of advocates working to improve oral health. Ms. Flippin holds a Master's of Business Administration from California State University, San Bernardino.

## Laura Gallardo, MPH

*Health Education Specialist II, Department of Public Health Local Oral Health Program – Smile SBC*

Laura Gallardo has over 6 years' experience in Public Health, all in which have been served in oral health. After completing her Bachelor's in Public Health in 2016, she went on to work for the Center for Oral Health as a data and outreach specialist. She then joined the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health Local Oral Health Program (Smile SBC) in 2019 as a health education specialist and obtained her Master's in Public Health in 2022. That same year, she was promoted and is now the program's lead health educator, heading up all aspects of education and partner outreach. She shares valuable experience in oral health education and is committed to the improvement of oral health in the communities she serves.

## Danika Ng, MPH

*Senior Program Coordinator, Marin Oral Health Program*

Danika Ng is a long-time advocate for public health, health equity, and community empowerment, with over 12 years of experience working within her community. Graduating with a Master of Public Health from the University of San Francisco in 2017, she started working with the County of Marin in May of 2019 with their Oral Health Program, which she is currently serving as the Senior Program Coordinator. In this role, she has helped create community health worker trainings, organized school-based dental screenings and in-class oral health education for students, passed multiple Resolutions recognizing February 2020-2023 as Children's Dental Health Month in Marin, and helped navigate oral health initiatives in Marin County through the Coronavirus pandemic. In addition to continuing her work with Marin County's Oral Health Program, she is also supporting the implementing Marin County's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) as well as the Healthy Marin County (HMP) coalition, which is working to advance health equity in the county.

## Sayra Soriano

*Program Coordinator, Marin Oral Health Program*

Sayra Soriano graduated from Dominican University of California in 2017 with a degree in public health and minors in business administration and leadership studies. She has since held various health education and program coordination roles in Marin County over the last six years. Her professional health prevention efforts have focused on nutrition and wellness (2017-2019), tobacco prevention and cessation (2019-current), as well as oral health (2022-current). She aims to create positive, equitable, and sustainable impacts in the communities she serves with the goal of improving health and wellness for all.