

Meet the Panelist – DeLeesa Meashintubby, Volunteers In Medicine



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DeLeesa Meashintubby has lived in Eugene for the past two decades, having originally moved here from Arkansas in the early 2000s. She serves as executive director of Volunteers In Medicine of Lane County, Oregon, which provides medical services to low-income, underserved individuals. She is also the pastor of St. Mark Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, the oldest African American church in Eugene.

She serves on the board of several different groups, all centered around healthcare or community outreach. These include the PeaceHealth corporate board, the United Way board of directors, the Lane County Medical Society Foundation board, and the Pacific Cascade Credit Union board.

As a recognition of her commitment to her community, Meashintubby was named 2022 First Citizen by the Eugene Chamber of Commerce. She is a member of the Oregon Medical Group Management Association and serves on the 100% Health Executive Committee and the Lane Community College Health Information Technology Advisory Committee.

Meashintubby holds a bachelor's degree in healthcare administration, a certification as a Medical Assistant, Phlebotomist, and is a Certified Hearing Technician through the Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation.

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Eve Gray is the Director of Lane County Health & Human Services (H&HS) where she helps guide the organization's 8 divisions and 850 staff on a mission-based approach to helping the most underserved in Lane County access vital services. Eve has over a decade of healthcare experience, including roles in quality, patient safety and operational leadership in both inpatient and outpatient settings.

Before coming to Lane County, Eve served with Oregon Medical Group (OMG), as well as PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center in Springfield. Since starting her role at Lane County, Eve has focused heavily on understanding the county response to and responsibilities for our local crises related to homelessness and untreated behavioral health conditions amongst our residents. Eve embraces the idea of a servant leader and practices that service through empowering people to do what they do the best they can do it. She is also results driven with a focus on making a measurable community impact.

Eve holds a Master of Science in Nursing, leadership and administration from Walden University, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing, and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Oregon. Eve is also a Registered Nurse, Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality and Certified Medical Practice Executive.

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A former hospitalist and experienced physician leader, Dr. McGovern has an eye on high-quality care. First as Chief Medical Officer and now as Chief Hospital Executive, Dr. McGovern helped guide PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at Riverbends to its first ever CMS 5-star rating while securing multiple Leapfrog A ratings.

Dr. McGovern came to PeaceHealth from Wisconsin-based ThedaCare, where he served in several leadership roles including system vice president of medical affairs. He was recognized as a US News and World Report Top Doc while working in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. McGovern graduated from the Medical College of Wisconsin and did his internal medicine residency at St. Vincent Hospital in Indiana.

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Dr. Jeanne Savage is Chief Medical Officer of Trillium Community Health Plan and Health Net Health Plan of Oregon, Inc. Dr. Savage joined Trillium and Health Net in January 2020 and provides strategic leadership in the areas of quality, health equity and patient-centered best practices to these health plans offering Medicaid, Medicare, and commercial insurance throughout the state of Oregon.

Dr. Savage has extensive experience in family practice and hospital management, and throughout her career she has demonstrated a passion for providing integrated care to historically marginalized and underserved populations. Prior to her role at Trillium and Health Net, Dr. Savage was the Chief Medical Officer at Willamette Valley Community Health, a coordinated care organization in Salem, Oregon. She has also served as a Co-Medical Director at Salud Medical Center in Woodburn, Oregon, and she held patient medical care positions at Ventura County Medical Center in Ventura, California. Dr. Savage earned a Doctor of Medicine from Oregon Health and Science University and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the U of O. She speaks fluent English and Spanish.

Dr. Savage serves as a Volunteer Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at OHSU and continues to work with the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic, Salud Medical Center in Woodburn, Oregon.

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Nicholas Jones, MD, is a dedicated primary care physician and healthcare reform advocate. He completed medical school in San Antonio, TX, and residency at a rural program in Corpus Christi, TX, gaining comprehensive experience in patient-centered care.

After an impactful three-year tenure at Oregon Medical Group/Optum, Dr. Jones founded Clear Health Direct Primary Care (located in Churchill Area Neighbors) to eliminate third parties and work directly for patients.

Passionate about reshaping primary care, Dr. Jones champions increased physician ownership and leadership, aiming to reduce the influence of private equity and insurance companies in healthcare. With a commitment to ethical and sustainable medical practices that align financial incentives with the health of patients, he believes the direct care model is an important step toward achieving healthcare for all.

Through both the Oregon Medical Association and Oregon Academy of Family Physicians he participates both in the corporate practice of medicine and the universal healthcare access committees.

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Dr. Philip Capp is the Executive Medical Director of Optum Oregon.

Dr. Capp joined Optum in March of 2024 from Medically Home where he served as Chief of Payor and Reimbursement Strategy for three years. He was instrumental in developing and securing value-based national payment frameworks for decentralized acute care models, like hospital-at-home.

Prior to Medically Home, he worked at Providence St. Joseph Health as a health plan leader focused on behavioral health integration. Dr. Capp also served as a regional primary care leader for Swedish Medical Group, implementing team-based care to advance sustainable, value-based care models.

Dr. Capp is a family medicine physician with a focus on addiction. He received his medical degree from the George Washington University School of Medicine & Health Sciences in Washington D.C. and completed residency training at the University of Washington in Seattle.

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Julie Fahey represents House District 14 (West Eugene & Veneta) in the Oregon State Legislature. She was elected by her colleagues to serve as Speaker of the House in 2024. Prior to being elected Speaker, she served as House Majority Leader for two years.

Speaker Fahey has focused on housing affordability as Chair of the Housing Committee. She played a significant role in crafting and passing legislation to address the homelessness and housing affordability crisis in Oregon, including 2023's Affordable Housing and Emergency Homelessness Response Package.

During her time as Majority Leader, she served as the Chair of the Rules Committee, focusing on elections, ethics, and democracy reforms. In that role she championed an expansion of Oregon's automatic voter registration program and helped pass 2024's historic campaign finance reform bill that placed limits on campaign contributions.

Over the last 7 years, she has worked to pass other major pieces of legislation, including 2017's Reproductive Health Equity Act which protected access to abortion and 2019's Student Success Act which made a major investment in our students and our schools. She also served as a co-Chair of the legislature's Conduct Committee where she worked to make the Capitol an inclusive and respectful workplace for all.

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State Rep. Nancy Nathanson represents House District 13 which includes north Eugene's Cal Young, Goodpasture, Harlow, Northeast Neighbors, River Road, and Santa Clara neighborhoods. She has served in the House of Representatives since 2007, and prior to that the Eugene City Council for 12 years.

Rep. Nathanson currently chairs the House Committee on Revenue and is Co-Chair for Joint Committee on Information Management and Technology. She has 14 years of leadership experience on budget committees including Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means and the Subcommittee on Human Services (and Health Care).

She has received awards for legislative service from organizations including Oregon Primary Care Association, Oregon School-Based Health Care Network, AARP, Oregon Partnership to Immunize Children, Community Providers Association of Oregon, and Lane Council of Governments Outstanding Elected Official in 2019.

In the recent 2024 legislative session she sponsored and passed bills to license and regulate Pharmacy Benefit Managers and to improve access to same-day health care through funding innovative programs and expediting nurse licensure.

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