

**Medicaid in North Carolina: COVID-19, Disparities, and Opportunities for Transformation:
A Virtual Town Hall**

Tuesday, March 23, 2021
10:00AM – 12:00PM EST

- 10:00 AM** **Welcome**
Session Objectives: Share results from the Kate B. Reynolds-funded research project, “Informing North Carolina’s COVID-19 Pandemic Response: Projected Service Needs of Medicaid Beneficiaries,” with community-based organizations and other state policy stakeholders. Create the opportunity for dialogue between the research team based at the Margolis Center and policy-oriented and community-based groups, who can use the findings presented to motivate change in their organizations and communities.
- Dr. Mark McClellan, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy
- 10:00 AM** **Framing for Research on Medicaid Disparities**
Session Objective: Provide framing and policy context for research and introduce research team.
- Dr. Charlene Wong, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy
- 10:20 AM** **Introduction & Session Overview**
- Susan Dentzer, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy
- 10:25 AM** **Behavioral Health Service Utilization**
Session Objective: Share findings on disparities in behavioral health-related service needs among Medicaid enrollees.
- Dr. Gary Maslow, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Duke University
- 10:45 AM** **New Medicaid Enrollees during COVID-19 Pandemic**
Session Objective: Share findings on unemployment and new Medicaid enrollment analysis.
- Dr. Paul Shafer, Department of Health Law, Policy and Management, Boston University
- 11:05 AM** **Insurance Coverage Churn**
Session Objective: Share findings on characterizing insurance coverage churn among pediatric and adult Medicaid enrollees and discuss implications for Medicaid transformation.
- Dr. Rushina Cholera, National Clinician Scholars Program, Department of Pediatrics and the Duke Margolis Center for Health Policy, Duke University
- 11:25 AM** **Discussion with Selected Panelists**
Session Objectives: Facilitate dialogue among policy-relevant stakeholders and community-based groups. Discuss how these findings are translatable and can motivate change in organizations and communities.
- Yazmin Garcia Rico, Director of Latinx and Hispanic Policy and Strategy, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
 - Dr. Barbara-Ann Bybel, Director of Psychiatry, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 - Carolyn Allison, Chief Executive Officer, Charlotte Community Health Center, Inc.
 - Dr. Sandra Wilkniss, Director of Complex Care Policy and Senior Fellow, Families USA
- 11:55 AM** **Closing Remarks**
Susan Dentzer
- 12:00 PM** **Adjourn**