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PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Blair Brooke-Weiss, MSPH, Communities that Care, Social Development Research Group

Blair Brooke-Weiss is the Communities That Care (CTC) Specialist at the Social Development Research Group (SDRG), where she has worked since 1999. During this time, she has managed research and intervention projects related to the CTC operating system, and served as an intervention specialist supporting communities' adoption of CTC. Ms. Brooke-Weiss is a certified CTC trainer proficient in providing proactive technical assistance in the CTC operating system. She has extensive experience collaborating with community teams to provide technical expertise and training for effective coalition functioning, applying prevention science to help communities achieve their vision for their youth.

Maxine Hayes, MD, MPH, Washington State Department of Health

Maxine Hayes is the State Health Officer for the Washington State Department of Health, a native of Jackson, Mississippi, she has resided in Washington State for nearly 30 years. As the state's top public health doctor, her role includes advising the governor and the secretary of health on issues ranging from health promotion and chronic disease prevention to emergency response.

A board certified pediatrician with a master's in public health, her passion and main interest is assuring every child has a healthy start in life. She is considered one of our nation's top maternal child health experts and is the recipient of many awards and honors for her work in this field. She is a clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Washington School of Medicine, member of the faculty at the University of Washington School of Public Health, fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and member of the Institute of Medicine.

Susan Johnson, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region X

Susan Johnson is the Regional Director of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Region X, serving Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. She serves as Secretary Sebelius' primary representative and liaison to key constituencies in the Region and works with federal, state, local and tribal officials on a wide range of health and social service issues. Prior to her appointment to this role by President Barack Obama, she was Regional Health Administrator (RHA) and Director of the King County Health Action Plan (KCHAP), a voluntary partnership of over forty organizations convened by Public Health - Seattle & King County to implement innovative collaborative policy development and pilot projects focusing on system change and improving worsening health trends affecting vulnerable populations within King County, Washington. Prior to her work with KCHAP, Ms. Johnson was a member of the Washington State Health Care Policy Board, appointed by Governor Lowry in 1995. She also previously served as the state Governmental Relations Director for the Service Employees' International Union (SEIU), then the largest health-care union in the AFL-CIO. Ms. Johnson has also served on the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, and the Shoreline Community College Board of Trustees. When not working on health policy, she enjoys skiing, playing tennis and golf, fly fishing, writing and water color painting.

Evelyn Kappeler, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Adolescent Health

Evelyn Kappeler is the Acting Director of the Office of Adolescent Health (OAH) in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). As a senior manager, she is responsible for the administration of OAH, as well as for policy and program development. Ms. Kappeler has more than twenty years of experience in public health as a senior policy analyst in the Office of Population Affairs (OPA). Most recently, Ms. Kappeler was the Acting Director of OPA, with responsibility for overseeing the National Family Planning Program authorized under Title X of the Public Health Service Act (PHSA) and the Adolescent Family Life (AFL) program authorized under Title XX of the PHSA. Ms. Kappeler joined the Federal Government as a policy research associate in the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE). Before coming to HHS, Ms. Kappeler worked as a legislative analyst in the Washington, D.C. Office of the Governor of the State of Illinois.

Patrick O'Carroll, MD, MPH, FACPM, FACMI, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region X

Patrick O'Carroll is a Rear Admiral and Assistant Surgeon General in the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS), serving since January 2003 as the Regional Health Administrator (RHA) for USPHS Region X. As RHA, RADM O'Carroll serves as the region's principal federal public health physician and scientist representing the Assistant Secretary of Health (ASH) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). RADM O'Carroll trained in family practice and preventive medicine. He first joined CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer, and later led the epidemiology research unit for the prevention of suicide and violence at CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. In 1992, RADM O'Carroll began working in public health informatics. He co-lead the development of CDC WONDER, was lead scientist on the CDC Prevention Guidelines Database project, and developed the nation's first training course and textbook in public health informatics. As Associate Director for Health Informatics at CDC's Public Health Practice Program Office, he developed and directed CDC's Health Alert Network program. In 2001, Dr. O'Carroll was assigned to the University of Washington's Northwest Center for Public Health Preparedness on public health informatics issues related to workforce development. He holds Affiliate Professor appointments at the University of Washington in the Departments of Epidemiology and Health Services and in the Division of Biomedical Informatics and Medical Education at the School of Medicine.

Karen Pittman, Forum for Youth Investment

Karen Pittman is the president and CEO of The Forum for Youth Investment. A sociologist and recognized leader in youth development, Ms. Pittman has made a career of starting organizations and initiatives that promote youth development. Ms. Pittman began her career at the Urban Institute, where she conducted numerous studies on social services for children and families. She later moved to the Children's Defense Fund (CDF), launching its adolescent pregnancy prevention initiatives and helping to create its adolescent policy agenda. In 1990, Ms. Pittman became a vice president at the Academy for Educational Development (AED), where she founded and directed the Center for Youth Development and Policy Research (CYD&PR) and its spin-off, the National Training Institute for Community Youth Work (NTI). In 1995 she joined the Clinton administration as director of the President's Crime Prevention Council. From there Ms. Pittman moved to the executive team of the International Youth

Foundation (IYF), charged with helping the organization strengthen its program content and develop an evaluation strategy. In 1998 she and Rick Little, head of the foundation, took a leave of absence to work with ret. Gen. Colin Powell to create America's Promise. Upon her return, Ms. Pittman and Michelle Irby launched the Forum, which later became an entity separate from IYF. Ms. Pittman is a widely published author and respected public speaker on youth issues, and she also serves on numerous boards and panels.

Nadine Simons, MS, RN, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region IX

CAPT Nadine Simons is a nurse officer in the Commissioned Corps of the US Public Health Service (USPHS) and was appointed Regional Health Administrator (RHA) on April 1, 2011. Prior to this appointment, she served as Acting RHA for six months and as Deputy RHA for seven years. She also served as the regional program consultant for the Office of Population Affairs (OPA) in Region IX for five years. She began her USPHS career in 1987 as an occupational health nurse consultant with Federal Occupational Health and held various regional and national leadership positions in the Chicago and San Francisco regional offices. Before joining USPHS, her nursing experience included clinical and management positions in both the public and private sectors in the US and abroad, in several fields including occupational health, school health, primary care, family planning, public health nursing, and emergency services.

Leslie Walker, MD, Seattle Children's Hospital and the University of Washington School of Medicine

Leslie R. Walker is chief of the Division of Adolescent Medicine at Seattle Children's Hospital and professor of pediatrics at the University Of Washington School Of Medicine. Dr. Walker developed the adolescent program and served as director of adolescent medicine at Georgetown University Children's Medical Center. She also served as medical director at Woodson High School's Wellness Center in Washington D.C. Dr. Walker is the President Elect for the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM), and has served on many national committees and boards dedicated to the health and well-being of adolescents. She is member of the National Academies of Science, Institute of Medicine Committee on Adolescent Health Care Services and Models of Care for Treatment, Prevention and Healthy Development. Dr. Walker's research interests and publications are in the areas of ADHD and substance abuse, health care transition and teenage pregnancy prevention.

Jessie Watrous, MA, Annie E. Casey Foundation

Jessie Watrous is a Program Officer with the Annie E. Casey Foundation in Baltimore, MD. In this role she has coordinated the development of tools to support Evidence2Success, including the survey of youth well-being and database of proven programs. Ms. Watrous is now the site lead supporting the implementation of Evidence2Success in Providence, Rhode Island. On behalf of the Foundation she has consulted to state child welfare agencies aiming to improve services to children and families and achieve better outcomes. Ms. Watrous' consultation experience has focused on assisting child welfare agencies to improve front-line practice by instituting child-centered, family-focused practice model. Prior to employment with the Foundation, she worked as a program manager in residential treatment centers, as a trainer on diversity relations, and a consultant on program and fund development. Ms. Watrous currently lives in Baltimore with her young son and husband, enjoys yoga, hiking and biking and participating in other activities that support environmental and social causes.

Sandra Witt, Dr.PH, The California Endowment

Sandra Witt is the director of Healthy Communities North for The California Endowment. Dr. Witt is responsible for advancing the vision and strategic direction, as well as helping achieve established goals and outcomes, through The Endowment's philanthropic efforts in Northern California. Prior to joining The Endowment, Dr. Witt served as the Deputy Director of Planning, Policy and Health Equity for the Alameda County Public Health Department where she was responsible for ensuring that programs and policies were accurate, effective and responsive to County residents, and consistent with the goal of eliminating health inequities. Concurrent to that role, she also served as the director of the Community Assessment, Planning, Education and Evaluation (CAPE) Unit of the Alameda County Public Health Department for which she developed and directed a unit of epidemiologists, evaluators and health educators responsible for assessing and monitoring the health status of County residents, and providing technical assistance to county, department, and community programs.

Dr. Witt has served in a variety capacities throughout her 20-year public health career, including as an epidemiologist/community researcher for the Alameda Public Health Department; public health consultant for the International Health Programs of the Western Consortium for Public Health in Santa Cruz, CA; and as a health and development program officer and consultant for the International Development Research Centre in Ottawa, Canada.