

## **Public Health Advisory Committee Member Bios**

**Dolores Apodaca** has been a nursing coordinator for the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) since 2000. From 1985 to 2000, she held various positions at LAUSD including resource nurse for preschool programs from 1995 to 2000, special education nurse from 1992 to 1995 and school nurse from 1985 to 1992. Prior to that, Ms. Apodaca was a nursing services coordinator for Calexico Unified School District from 1977 to 1984 and a service director for the hemodialysis unit at Pioneer Memorial Hospital from 1977 to 1978. Additionally, from 1966 to 1976, she was assistant director of nurses for Calexico Hospital.

**Rodney Borger, MD** has been the Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine at the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center and staff physician in the emergency department of San Geronimo Memorial Hospital since 2002. From 1999 to 2002, he was emergency department director at Redlands Community Hospital and from 1999 to 2001; he was a staff physician in the emergency department at the Riverside County Regional Medical Center. From 1998 to 2001, Dr. Borger held numerous positions at the Corona Regional Medical Center including Assistant Medical Director, Director of Reimbursement and Director of Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI). From 1998 to 2002, he was the CQI director and staff physician for the Inland Valley Regional Medical Center and, from 1997 to 2000, was staff physician at the Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center. Prior to that, Dr. Borger was CQI director and staff physician at the Moreno Valley Community Hospital from 1996 to 1998, staff physician for San Bernardino Community Hospital from 1996 to 1998 and per diem staff physician at Kaiser Permanente in Fontana from 1995 to 1997.

**Robin Cox, MPH, CPH** has been the Health Education Manager for Solano County Health and Social Services since 1994. She also serves as Solano Public Health's Public Information Officer. Preceding her current role, Ms. Cox was a Supervising Health Education Specialist with Solano County from 1992 to 1994 and Health Education Specialist from 1990 to 1992. Prior to that, she was Director of Freedom from Smoking programs for the American Lung Association, Redwood Empire from 1989 to 1990. Ms. Cox is nationally Certified in Public Health from the National Board of Public Health Examiners. She received the Edward G. Lopez, MD award in 2009 for contributions to Public Health within Solano County.

**Jeannette Dong** is currently the Director of Development for Peralta Community Colleges in Oakland. She previously held various positions including consulting work from 2000-2008; Policy Director, Team Up for Youth from 2004-2007; Project Director, Asian Health Services from 1998-1999; Director of Interagency Children's Policy Council of Alameda County from 1997-1998; Governmental Affairs Manager, Port of Oakland from 1993-1997; Assistant to the Mayor for Intergovernmental Affairs from 1991-1993; and Legislative Assistant/Committee Consultant to Assemblyman Elihu Harris from 1988-1990.

**Jonathan E. Fielding, MD** has served over 30 years working in various capacities in the areas of public health. He has currently served for over 12 years as the Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. Since 1979 Dr. Fielding has been a professor at the Schools of Public Health and Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles. From 1979 through 1984 he was the Co-Director for the Center for Health Enhancement, Education and Research. He Chairs the HHS Secretary's expert advisory group on the 2020 Healthy People Project, Chairs the U.S. Community Preventive Services Task Force and is Editor of the Annual Review of Public Health. His current research interests are health impact assessment and forecasting future health. He received his Medical Doctors and Masters in Public Health from Harvard University and MBA from Wharton School of Business.

**Cynthia Gómez, Ph.D.**, founding director of the Health Equity Institute (HEI), at San Francisco State University earned a B.A. in Psychology and a Ph.D in Clinical Psychology from Boston University, and a M.Ed. in Consulting Psychology from Harvard University. As the HEI Director, Dr. Gómez leads efforts to enhance and integrate research, community practice and policies that address health disparities and/or promote health equity in the United States. A leading behavioral scientist in HIV prevention, she previously served as co-director of the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS) at University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), where she was also an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine. Dr. Gómez served on the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Ethical Considerations for Protection of Prisoners Involved in Research; and serves as a board member for Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research, an organization that advances the highest ethical standards in the conduct of research. She currently serves as a member of the board of trustees of the National AIDS Fund and the Guttmacher Institute. Dr. Gómez has served on several national committees, including the Center for Disease Control's HIV and STD Advisory Council and she was an appointed member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS under both the William J. Clinton and George W. Bush administrations.

**Susan Harrington** has served as the Director of Public Health for Riverside County since 2003. Ms. Harrington oversees a Department that has the responsibility for promoting and protecting the health of 2.1 Million county residents and visitors through traditional public health programs, preventive and primary health care services, emergency preparedness and response and chronic disease prevention activities. Ms. Harrington has held numerous positions at the Riverside County Department of Public Health since 1986, including Deputy Director of Public Health from 1999 to 2003, Chief of Nutrition Services from 1994 to 1999 and Supervising Nutritionist and Nutritionist from 1986 to 1994.

**Anthony Iton, MD, JD, MPH**, is the Senior Vice President of Healthy Communities at The California Endowment. Prior to his appointment at The Endowment, Dr. Iton served since 2003 as both the director and County Health Officer for the Alameda County Public Health Department. In that role, he oversaw the creation of an innovative public health practice designed to eliminate health disparities by tackling the root causes of poor health that limit quality of life and lifespan in many of California's low-income communities. Dr. Iton also served for three years as director of Health and Human Services and School Medical Advisor for the City of Stamford, Connecticut. Concurrent to that, he also served as a physician in internal medicine for Stamford Hospital's HIV Clinic. In addition, Dr. Iton served

for five years as a primary care physician for the San Francisco Department of Public Health. Dr. Iton's varied career also includes past service as a staff attorney and Health Policy analyst for the West Coast regional office of Consumer's Union, the publisher of Consumer Reports magazine. Dr. Iton, who has been published in numerous public health and medical publications, is a regular public health lecturer and keynote speaker at conferences across the nation. He earned his B.S. in Neurophysiology, with honors, from McGill University, in Montreal, Quebec, his J.D. at the University of California, Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law, and his medical degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

**Christopher Kennedy Lawford** has worked extensively in politics, government and the non-profit sector, as well as the film and television business as an actor, lawyer, executive, and producer. Currently Mr. Lawford is a public policy consultant for Caron Addiction Treatment Centers and serves as national spokesperson for The Hepatitis C Awareness Campaign for Roche Pharmaceuticals. He is the author of the New York Times bestseller's *Symptoms of Withdrawal: A Memoir of Snapshots and Redemption; Moments of Clarity: Voices from the Front Lines of Addiction and Recovery* and the soon to be released *Healing Hepatitis C*. Mr. Lawford holds a Bachelor of Arts from Tufts University, a Juris Doctor from Boston College Law School and a Masters Certification in Clinical Psychology from Cambridge Hospital at Harvard Medical School where he gained an academic appointment as a Lecturer on Psychiatry.

**Franklin Pratt, MD** is the Medical Director of the Los Angeles County Fire Department and a Medical Director of the emergency department at Torrance Memorial Medical Center in Torrance, California. Dr. Pratt serves on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Division of the American Heart Association and maintains active clinical and public policy interests in cardiovascular health. His clinical and research interests involve the role of emergency medical services in disease and injury prevention, early management of acute heart attack and stroke, health promotion in the fire service and fire scene injury and illness prevention and management. Dr. Pratt is a member of the Los Angeles County EMS Commission and has served as its Chair. He is also a Clinical Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine/Internal Medicine at the UCLA Geffen School of Medicine.

**Phoebe Seaton** is the Directing Attorney for the California Rural Legal Assistance Incorporation in Delano, California, where she represents low-income clients in issues related to employment, housing and civil rights in administrative hearings and litigation; and conducts legal education and outreach to client communities on laws surrounding civil rights, employment, housing, city planning, zoning, and public participation. Previously, Ms. Seaton was a Law Clerk for The National Economic Development and Law Center in Oakland; a Clinic Co-Chair for the Share The Wealth Housing Clinic; and a Legal Advisor for Centro de Accion Legal en Derechos Humanos in Guatemala, where she assisted victims of human rights abuses.

**Stephen Shortell** is the Blue Cross of California distinguished professor of health policy and management and Professor of Organizational Behavior at the University of California, Berkeley. Additionally, since 2002, he has been the Dean of UC Berkeley's School of Public Health. From 1982 to 1998, Dr. Shortell was an A.C. Buehler distinguished professor of health services management at Northwestern University and, from 1974 to 1982, was a

professor at the University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine. He is currently conducting research on chronic care management, physician organizations, and quality of care.

**Harold Sterker** has served as the Health Education Consultant for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services since 1995. Prior to 1995, Mr. Sterker was a Senior Health Educator/Program Manger for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services and was responsible for evaluating community health education programs within 29 cities of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys.

**Ellen Wu** has been the Executive Director of the California Pan-Ethnic Health Network since 2001. From 2004 to 2008, she was an adjunct faculty member at San Francisco State University and, from 2000 to 2001, was a consultant at the Community Health Center Network. Prior to that, in 2000, Ms. Wu was a project manager at CareScience and, from 1999 to 2000, was a program officer for the Tides Foundation. From 1995 to 1999, she was Director of Health Education and Cultural and Linguistic Services at the Alameda Alliance for Health, from 1993 to 1995, was training coordinator for Education Programs Associates and, from 1992 to 1993, was a health educator at Valley Community Clinic.

**Antronette (Toni) Yancey, MD** is Professor, Department of Health Services, and Co-Director, UCLA Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity, UCLA School of Public Health. She returned to academia full-time in 2001 after five years in public health practice as Director of Public Health, City of Richmond, VA, and as Director of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Los Angeles County DPH. Dr. Yancey's primary interests are in chronic disease and obesity prevention and adolescent health promotion. She serves on the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Standing Committee on Childhood Obesity Prevention, National Physical Activity Plan Coordinating Committee, and the Boards of Directors of Action for Healthy Kids and the Public Health Institute. She is a published poet, and public health commentator on the KPCC NPR affiliate. Her second book, *Instant Recess: Building a Fit Nation 10 Minutes at a Time* (University of California Press, Berkeley, CA), will be released in September, 2010.