

# A CONVERSATION ON MATERNAL HEALTH CARE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES:

Charting a Path to Improved Access, Quality and Outcomes

June 12, 2019

Barbara Jordan Conference Center  
Kaiser Family Foundation  
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## Agenda

8:30 a.m.

### Welcome

**Seema Verma, MPH**

Administrator  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

**Kellyanne Conway**

Assistant to the President and Senior Counselor to the President of the United States

9:00 a.m.

### Panel 1: Framing Maternal Health in Rural America

Discuss the current state of rural maternal healthcare in the US, including challenges in accessing maternal health services, health care quality, disparities, and areas of needed research.

**Katy B. Kozhimannil, PhD, MPA**

Associate Professor, Division of Health Policy and Management  
School of Public Health  
University of Minnesota  
*Moderator*

**Wanda D. Barfield, MD, MPH, RADM USPHS**

Director, Division of Reproductive Health  
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**Peiyin Hung, PhD**

Assistant Professor, Health Services Policy and Management  
Arnold School of Public Health  
University of South Carolina

**Alina Salganicoff, PhD**

Vice President and Director of Women's Health Policy  
Kaiser Family Foundation

10:00 a.m.

### Break

10:15 a.m.

## Panel 2: Advancing Systems of Maternal Health Care in Rural America

Share areas of opportunity to improve systems of maternal healthcare in rural America through a health equity lens, including strategies related to interdisciplinary collaboration, regionalization of care, and integration of medical home models.

### **Tom Morris, MPA**

Associate Administrator for Rural Health Policy  
Health Resources and Services Administration  
*Moderator*

### **Lee Wilson, MA**

Senior Advisor, Maternal and Child Health  
Health Resources and Services Administration

### **Diana Jolles, PhD, CNM**

Instructor, Frontier Nursing University  
Nurse-Midwife, El Rio Community Health Center/Tucson Medical Center  
Chair, American Association of Birth Centers Research Committee

### **John Cullen, MD, FAAFP**

President  
American Academy of Family Physicians

### **Jean Howe, MD**

Chief Clinical Consultant for Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Indian Health Service

### **Chris Zahn, MD**

Vice President, Practice Activities  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

11:45 a.m.

## Working Lunch: Stakeholder Priorities for Improving Access to Maternal Health Services

### **Dorothy Fink, MD**

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Women's Health  
Director, Office on Women's Health

12:45 p.m.

### Panel 3: Improving Policies that Impact Rural Maternal Health

Discuss opportunities to improve federal and state policies and legislation impacting rural maternal health.

**Joia Crear-Perry, MD**

President  
National Birth Equity Collaborative  
*Moderator*

**Lisa Hollier, MD, MPH**

Interim CEO  
Immediate Past President  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

**Pooja Mehta, MD**

Chief Clinical Innovation Officer, Louisiana Medicaid  
LSUHSC-Louisiana Department of Health Center for Healthcare Value and Equity  
Assistant Professor, Schools of Medicine & Public Health  
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center

**Alan Morgan, MPA**

Chief Executive Officer  
National Rural Health Association

**Alicia Belay, PHD, MPH**

Director of Maternal Child & Health and Government Affairs  
March of Dimes

**Jonathan Webb, MBA, MPH**

Chief Executive Officer  
Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs

2:15 p.m.

### Break

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### Charting Our Path Forward – Identifying Priority Actions

This facilitated audience discussion will talk about key takeaways from today's session, including a report out of priorities collected during the working lunch, and identify priority actions.

4:20 p.m.

### Closing Remarks

**Cara V. James, PhD**

Director, Office of Minority Health  
Co-Chair, Rural Health Council  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services