

Community Panel Discussion Bios

Matthew Eckley, LCSW, Executive Director of Operations (Eastern Division), The Primary Health Network

Matthew Eckley is the Executive Director of Operations at the Primary Health Network, the largest Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Pennsylvania, with 45 sites in 16 counties throughout Pennsylvania and Ohio. Mr. Eckley's focus and specialized training is in clinical mental health. Prior to working at The Primary Health Network, Mr. Eckley held numerous management positions within behavioral health organizations including Program Director of a partial hospitalization program. He also served as a Residential Counselor for a Residential Treatment Facility, serving adolescents with severe mental health and emotional issues. Mr. Eckley earned his Master of Social Work degree from Temple University and a Bachelor of Science degree from Penn State University. He is also a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW).

Steve Herman, AICP, Transportation Planner, SEDA-Council of Governments

Steve Herman is a Transportation Planner with SEDA-Council of Governments (SEDA-COG). In this capacity, he is responsible for coordinating the SEDA-COG Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), one of the largest TIPs in Pennsylvania. He helps manage SEDA-COG's eight-county Transportation Planning Program, with direct responsibility for the Transportation Alternatives Program, Local Technical Assistance Program, Transportation/Land Use Coordination Projects, transit planning, and public involvement efforts. Mr. Herman's position regularly involves providing guidance to local government and non-profit organizations working on transportation, public safety, recreation, or economic development initiatives. Mr. Herman graduated from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania with a B.A. degree in Geography. He is also a Certified Planner.

Gary Hess, County Commissioner, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania

Gary Hess is a County Commissioner for Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. As Commissioner, Mr. Hess was instrumental in forming the Schuylkill County Youth Summit, a program to engage, equip and support youth by working together to create more opportunities in Schuylkill County. In 2005, Mr. Hess was elected Mayor of the Schuylkill Haven Borough. In this capacity he helped initiate multiple community committees. In 1979, he founded his catering company, Hess Catering, Inc., which has grown into one of the premiere catering companies in Schuylkill County. Mr. Hess is a graduate of St. Clair High School and the Schuylkill Technology Center, as well as the Academy for Excellence in County Government for the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

Stephanie Michaels, Director of Special Education Services, Shikellamy School District

Stephanie Michaels is the Director of Special Education Services at Shikellamy School District in Sunbury, Pennsylvania. In this capacity Ms. Michaels supervises nursing and psychological services. Ms. Michaels has held various teaching positions for Grades 6-8 in Sunbury, PA, Baltimore, MD, and Richmond, VA, as well as an Adjunct Professor at Bloomsburg University. Ms. Michaels is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Educational Leadership at Immaculata.



Janet Tomcavage, R.N., M.S.N., Chief Population Health Officer, Geisinger Health System

Janet Tomcavage is the Chief Population Health Officer for Geisinger Health System. In this role, she has administrative accountability for Geisinger's population health strategies and solution implementation across the clinical and health plan platforms. Ms. Tomcavage is also leading a collaborative effort with multiple community organizations to improve the social determinants of health for patients, members, and the community served by Geisinger. Ms. Tomcavage also served as a member of the original senior executive team for xG Health Solutions™, an independently operated venture making Geisinger's intellectual property and expertise available to other healthcare systems. At xG Health, she led efforts to export Geisinger's population health tools and services specifically related to primary care practice redesign, care management and clinical informatics. Ms. Tomcavage earned a Master of Science in nursing degree from College Misericordia, and a Bachelor of Science in nursing degree from Bloomsburg State University.