

Nursing and the Public's Health Summit Speakers

Keynote Address

Thinking Upstream – Now Where's Our Paddle?

Charlie Fautin BSN, RN, MPH

Deputy Director & Health Administrator - Benton County Health Department

Charlie is a public health nurse with a master's degree in international public health. He spent 12 years working in refugee camps in Northeast Africa & South Asia and it was there he learned the "ground truth" of public health. During a hiatus from international work, Charlie earned a Masters of Public Health from the University of Michigan.

Upon returning to the US and served as Public Health Director for Maniilaq Association, the health provider for all of northwest Alaska. He moved to Oregon and his current position at Benton County Health Department in 2001.

Charlie directly oversees traditional public health services & also is part of the administrative team that works to develop innovative strategies for integrating public, mental, and environmental health with primary care medical services. The county's aims are to make Benton County a place where people can live with fewer risks of illness – and provide client-centered medical care when that's needed.

After the years living in areas of armed conflict, Charlie and his wife still struggle to cope with the challenges of the Willamette Valley where there are few Kalashnikov's and no malaria, landmines, or poisonous snakes. They find that Oregon lifestyle compensates for a lot of the other shortages.

Innovative Practices Panel

Crossing the Cultural Divide Between Public Health and Primary Care: A CCO Initiative

Maggi Machala, MPH, RN,

Project LAUNCH Coordinator, Deschutes County Health Services

Maggi Machala received bachelor degrees in anthropology and nursing from the University of Utah and a Master in Public Health from the University of Washington. She has worked for 37 years in maternal child health (MCH) serving as a labor and delivery nurse; childbirth educator; nursing instructor in Peace Corps Colombia; and as a public health nurse, program coordinator and division director. Currently, she coordinates Oregon's demonstration site in Deschutes County for Project LAUNCH, a five-year Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

systems grant to improve wellness for children prenatal-age 8. In this capacity, she authored an MCH initiative for the Central Oregon Coordinated Care Organization.

**The I-CAN Project: Potential Implications for Nursing and Health.
Launa Rae Mathews, MS, RN, COHN-S
Clinical Assistant Professor at Oregon Health & Science University in
Portland, Oregon**

Launa Rae Mathews' professional practice is focused on building community partnerships with the goal of improving health outcomes for all. This has led to creating opportunities for nursing students to meet course competencies while providing authentic services in partnership with vulnerable populations in neighborhoods. Partnering with local communities has led to the development of "neighborhood" clinical placements where nursing students and faculty collaborate with community members and agencies to address the community's priority health concerns. In addition, "neighborhood" clinical placements have demonstrated new models and ways of thinking about where nurses are needed in our communities for improving health outcomes. This work has led to the recent funding of a grant by the Human Resources Service Administration, Bureau of Health Professionals, focused on interprofessional collaborative practice in neighborhoods. My role is the project manager, a role that I share with my colleague, Heather Voss, from the Ashland Campus.

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The profession of nursing has provided me with opportunities to explore a wide variety of practice areas with diverse populations. My clinical practice areas include cardiothoracic surgical ICU, coronary care, dialysis, school health, public health, occupational health and others. Through this practice journey I have experienced being a novice over and over again and have been frequently reminded of how the fundamentals of nursing are generalizable to all practice settings.

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EDUCATION

M.S., Community Health Care Systems, Oregon Health Sciences University School of Nursing

B.S., Nursing, Loma Linda University School of Nursing

OTHER CREDENTIALS

COHN-S, Certified Occupational Health Nurse Specialist

Fellowship in School Nursing from University of Colorado School of Nursing, Boulder

Do No Harm: Why Public Health Nurses Need to be a Part of the Generation of Evidence for Practice

Betty Bekemeier, PhD, MPH, FAAN

Assistant Professor at the University of Washington (UW) School of Nursing and Adjunct Assistant Professor at the UW School of Public Health.

Her focus is on public health systems research particularly as it pertains to the practices of state and local health departments in relation to reducing health disparities. From 2001-2007 Betty served as Deputy Director of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s (RWJF) Turning Point National Program Office, working with local and state health department colleagues and partners across the country to transform their public health infrastructure. Prior to coming to the UW the majority of Betty’s career was in local public health practice where she worked in a variety of positions in management, evaluation, as an epidemiologist, and as a front-line Public Health Nurse. Betty has also served in significant leadership positions within the American Public Health Association and the Washington State Public Health Association.

Betty is an RWJF Nurse Faculty Scholar and is also an active member of the Washington State Public Health Practice-based Research Network (PBRN) and its Executive Committee as well with the National Network of PBRNs. She is the Principal Investigator on several PBRN-related research projects, in particular, the Public Health Activities & Services Tracking (PHAST) study. PHAST is an ongoing multi-state PBRN

study to examine the health outcomes associated with variation and change in local public health service delivery.

OPHA Nursing Leadership Luncheon Address

Karen A. Monsen, Ph.D., R.N., F.A.A.N.
Assistant Professor, School of Nursing
Affiliate Faculty, Institute for Health Informatics

Karen is an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing. Her expertise is in public health nursing and nursing informatics, and her intervention effectiveness research employs diverse methods including theory-based analysis, data mining, and longitudinal analysis. Karen leads Omaha System user groups in Minnesota. She has worked extensively with local and state health departments with documentation issues and data management.

Educational Background:

PhD, 2006, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN (School of Nursing)
MS, 2002, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN (School of Nursing)
BSN, 1978, Creighton University, Omaha, NE (Nursing)
BA, 1977, Luther College, Decorah, IA (Biology)

Teaching Areas:

Informatics
Public health nursing
Theoretical foundations of nursing
Nursing Administration

Research Interests:

Intervention effectiveness research
Disseminating effective interventions
Omaha System psychometrics and applications
Data mining and machine learning methods

A National Perspective: Affordable Care Act and Public Health **Jeanne Atkins, Staff for U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley**

Jeanne Atkins has a long history of being active in both Oregon politics and public health. She has a B.A. in History from University of Washington and her law degree

from University of Oregon School of Law. She has run for the State Legislature, was the Caucus Director for the Oregon House Democrats and Chief of Staff for the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Oregon Legislative Assembly. She has also managed Women's and Reproductive Health program at the State Public Health Division and worked for Planned Parenthood. Jeanne is currently working as the State Director for U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley.

Summit Facilitator

Frances Conedera, PMHNP - Director of Nursing Practice Multnomah County Health Department

Frances Conedera began working for Multnomah County in May of 2005 as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner in Corrections Health. She joined the Support Team for Building Better Care in 2007.

Prior to her employment at MCHD, Frances spent several years in private practice. Most of her previous experience is in the acute care setting as staff nurse, educator, organizational development consultant and Director for Nursing Education. She has been on faculty at OHSU and Linfield Schools of Nursing. Past accomplishments include: managing a grant to improve care for hospitalized elders; leading the development of a clinical ladder for nurses; development of the first acute care nurse residency program in Oregon and recently, received an award from OPCA for research and innovation related to Primary Care Renewal.

Frances has presented locally and nationally on her work related to eldercare, Primary Care Renewal, conflict management and care of mental health clients in the correctional setting. Her publications include articles on educational strategies and dementia related care.

She has a BSN from OHSU, an MS from University of California San Francisco and a post master's certificate from Washington State University.