

# Finance Technical Advisory Committee

The Universal Health Care Commission’s finance technical advisory committee (FTAC) has nine members, including one consumer representative, one representative from the Office of Financial Management (OFM), and one representative of the Department of Revenue (DOR).

## Member roster

Member	Title	Agency/Organization
Pam MacEwan, FTAC Liaison to the Universal Health Care Commission	CEO (retired) Consumer representative	Washington Health Benefit Exchange
Christine Eibner	Senior Economist	RAND Corporation
David DiGiuseppe	Vice President, Healthcare Economics	Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW)
Eddy Rauser	Senior Data Scientist	Washington Office of Financial Management (OFM)
Esther Lucero	President and CEO	Seattle Indian Health Board
Ian Doyle	Assistant Legislative Liaison, Tax Policy Specialist	Washington State Dept. of Revenue
Kai Yeung	Senior Healthcare Research Scientist Associate Professor	Amazon University of Washington
Robert Murray	President	Global Health Payment LLC
Roger Gantz	Senior Research Manager (retired)	Dept. of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Research & Data Analysis Division

## Meet the committee members

### Pam MacEwan

Pam MacEwan recently retired (June 2022) from her position as CEO of the Washington Health Benefit Exchange. Pam was on the team that designed and launched the Exchange and went on to assume leadership of the Exchange in 2015. Under her leadership the Exchange launched the first Public Option program in the nation as well as initiating a federal waiver to enable the Exchange to serve undocumented Washingtonians.

Prior to joining the Exchange team, Pam served on the executive team of Group Health Cooperative as Executive VP of Public Affairs, leading communications, policy, governmental relations, government program strategy, and consumer governance. She previously served as a commissioner on the Health Services Commission working to implement the 1993 health reform law. Prior roles included associate director of Citizen Action

working on Families USA national coalition for health reform, and a regional director for District 926, of the Service Employees International Union. Pam studied public administration at the University of Washington, holds an M.A. from Brown University, and B.A. in economics from The Evergreen State College.

## Christine Eibner, Ph.D.

Christine Eibner, Ph.D., Economics, University of Maryland, is a Senior Economist, Paul O'Neill Alcoa Chair in Policy Analysis, and Director of the Health Care Payment, Cost, and Coverage program at RAND. Her research focuses on health insurance reforms, including modifications to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), changes to health insurance benefit design, and innovations in the Medicare Advantage (MA) program. She currently leads the evaluation of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' MA Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID) Model Test, which allows MA plans to offer incentives to beneficiaries to encourage the use of high-value care. Dr. Eibner also leads a large technical assistance contract for the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, focused on emerging policy issues. Her work on health insurance reform includes topics such as 1332 waivers, cost containment strategies, and state and national single payer plans. In 2016, she was awarded the AcademyHealth HSR (Health Services Research) Impact Award for her work on the impact of modifications to the Affordable Care Act.

## David DiGiuseppe

David DiGiuseppe is the vice president of Healthcare Economics at Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW), a Washington-based not-for-profit managed care organization serving 300,000 Washingtonians through Apple Health (Medicaid), Medicare Advantage and Cascade Select (Washington's public option plan). David's expertise includes healthcare financing, behavioral health integration, population health, risk adjustment, and value-based purchasing. David appreciates opportunities to collaborate across sectors to improve the quality, efficiency, and accountability of our healthcare system. In addition to the Universal Health Care Commission's Finance Technical Advisory Committee, David serves on committees led by the Health Benefit Exchange, Accountable Communities of Health and Washington Health Alliance.

## Eddy Rauser

Eddy Rauser has worked for the State of Washington for the past nineteen years. Prior to his work at the Office of Financial Management (OFM), he worked for nine years in the private sector biomedical engineering field as a contract professional engineer. Starting his state service at Labor and Industry (LNI) Safety & Health Assessment & Research for Prevention (SHARP) program as the research data manager. Then moving from workers compensation research to medical finance at Health Care Authority (HCA) as the Forecast and Analytics Data Manager. Currently, serving at the Office of Financial Management (OFM) - Health Care Research Center as the Medicaid lead forecaster for the Washington State Medicaid assistance expenditure forecast. He has been analyzing and forecasting medical finance for the past nine years for the State of Washington Medicaid program. He has a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology and a Master of Science in Data Analytics.

## Esther Lucero, M.P.P.

Esther Lucero is Diné and Latina and a third generation urban Indian from Colorado Springs, Colorado. Esther received a Master of Public Policy and a B.A. in Native American studies from Mills College.

Previously, Esther served as the Director of Policy and Programs at the Native American Health Center and the Director of Programs and Strategic Development for the California Consortium for Urban Indian Health. In addition, Esther has taught classes at San Francisco State University and San Francisco Art Institute.

Esther joined the Seattle Indian Health Board in 2015, with the goal of uplifting the organization's longstanding dedication to the urban Indian community in health and human services, workforce development, public policy, and research. During her tenure, she has: increased the operating budget by \$23 million; built a team-based environment; established an Executive team; led the implementation of the first of its kind, Indigenous Knowledge Informed System of Care, and; stewards the expansion of 3 additional clinic sites.

Esther currently serves on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Advisory Committee for Women's Services and the SAMHSA Region X Opioid Taskforce. In Washington State, she serves on the Governor's Behavioral Health Taskforce, is a delegate to the American Indian Health Commission, and a delegate to the Governor's Indian Health Advisory Council. Locally, she serves as the co-chair for King County Accountable Community of Health: HealthierHere's governing board and serves on the Native Communities Committee.

## Ian Dolye

Ian Doyle, assistant legislative liaison for the Washington State Department of Revenue, has spent the last five years providing nonpartisan advice to the Washington State Legislature on matters of tax policy. Ian is a graduate of Washington State University with a degree focused on economics and business management.

Ian has spent eight years as a Washington State government employee, working in tax policy, tax administration and legislation. Ian also currently serves as an advisory member on Governor Inslee's Poverty Reduction Workgroup.

## Kai Yeung, Pharm.D., Ph.D.

Kai Yeung is a pharmacist (Pharm.D.) and health services researcher (Ph.D.) with research expertise in value-based payment for prescription drugs and methods to evaluate the cost, effectiveness, and equity of healthcare interventions. He has 39 publications on these topics in scientific journals including first-author publications in The New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA Internal Medicine, JAMA Open, The Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, The Canadian Medical Association Journal, Health Services Research, and Health Economics. He is currently a Senior Healthcare Research Scientist at Amazon and an Affiliate Assistant Professor at University of Washington, School of Pharmacy. He was previously assistant Investigator at Assistant Scientific Investigator at Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute and Assistant Professor, School of Medicine.

## Robert Murray

Mr. Murray is president of Global Health Payment LLC, a management consulting firm specializing in the design and implementation of pay-for-performance, episode-based, bundled, and global payments for healthcare providers. In addition to his consulting responsibilities, Mr. Murray is a writer and health service researcher. Prior to his consulting work, Mr. Murray served as executive director of the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC), Maryland's unique all-payer hospital rate-setting agency from 1994 to 2011. He is a frequent lecturer and presenter internationally. He has also worked as a short-term consultant for the World Bank on health care payment reform initiatives in the Russian Federation, the United Arab Emirates, Brazil, China, and India. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees in Economics and M.B.A. degree from Stanford University in Palo Alto, California.

## Roger Gantz

Roger Gantz is a retired state employee. He was the Medicaid policy director, which included obtaining 1115 waivers to re-finance the Basic Health Program and earlier work obtaining 1932 waivers for hospital selective contracting. He worked with the State Legislature and agency to enact and implement the Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid coverage for Women with Breast and Cervical Cancer, Healthcare for Workers with Disabilities, and assisted with the redesign of Alien Emergency Medical Program. As policy director, he worked with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction to implement the School-Based Care Services program. Roger was previously the program's reimbursement manager and was responsible for implementing the second-generate hospital DRG payment system and disproportionate share hospital payment system, which were used to finance state health care programs.

Roger worked for the Department of Social Health Services' Research and Data Analysis Division where he was involved with program evaluation and development work. He consulted with Washington's American Indian Health Commission in obtaining federal funding and assisting with implementation of the Affordable Care Act's

(ACA) American Indian/Alaska Native provisions. He also worked with Oregon's Medicaid program in obtaining an 1115 waiver to expand dental coverage provided by reservation dental programs.

Roger has a B.A. in Economics, a M.U.P. in urban planning and completed coursework for a Ph.D. in Urban & Regional Planning at the University of Michigan. He was a VISTA volunteer and worked in OEO anti-poverty programs prior to graduate school.