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JHF Named as Lead Education Partner for the Pennsylvania Long-Term Care Learning Network

The Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF) is launching the newly formed Pennsylvania Long-Term Care Learning Network for Nursing Facilities in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) and several managed care organization partners.



The statewide virtual learning network includes the three managed care organizations of the Pennsylvania CommunityHealth Choices Program: UPMC Health Plan, PA Health and Wellness, and Amerihealth Caritas/Keystone. Their work will advance and support the DHS strategic quality incentive program for nursing facilities.

As lead educator, JHF will create a series of webinars that will address 11 core components of the strategic quality incentive program, including reducing hospitalizations; emergency visits; and improving public health knowledge and practices. JHF will supplement webinars with active communities on the online platform Tomorrow's HealthCare™, as well as quarterly learning network meetings that will provide a deeper dive into some topics. JHF will also staff an operations committee to support the program and an education committee to identify the best speakers and best practice models for the nursing facilities.

DHS intends to form an advisory for the learning network, consisting of associations and agencies that support nursing facilities. DHS' work is led by David Kelley, MD, MPA, chief medical officer of the Office of Medical Assistance Programs; Lawrence Appel, MD, SFHM, medical director of the Office of Long-Term Living; and Wilmarie Gonzalez, MSM, bureau director of the Bureau of Quality Assurance & Program Analytics in the Office of Long-Term Living. JHF is grateful for their partnership in this initiative.

This learning network builds on years of work between JHF and DHS to bring timely and reliable education to the leadership and frontline in nursing facilities across Pennsylvania. Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, state leaders recognized the value of creating a consistent, forum-based opportunity for nursing facilities to receive updates on best practices and to learn about quality improvement from one another, and from regional, state, and national experts. Efforts shifted during the pandemic to address urgent technical support needs through the Regional Response Health Collaboratives Program, for which [JHF served as lead educator](#). The JHF Aging Team developed the capacity to create and deliver webinars on a range of topics directly focused on long-term care staff and residents' needs, as well as a companion online portal on Tomorrow's HealthCare™. In addition, the JHF Aging Team will bring their experience in long-term care content areas, from their work in Dementia Friends Pennsylvania and end-of-life and palliative care programs.

The first webinar for nursing facilities in the learning network will be held March 3rd.

Senior Living Full Court Press Team Explores Solutions for Community-Dwelling Seniors and Caregivers

On February 23, the Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF) Senior Living Full Court Press Team met for the first time this year to explore three strategies and models that aim to support community-dwelling seniors and their caregivers. The aim of the meeting was to determine which of these models the team members could successfully advance to support the seniors, systems, and caregivers in our communities.



Alice Bonner, PhD, RN, FAAN, director of the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing CAPABLE (Community Aging in Place – Advancing Better Living for Elders) Program, spoke about the program's work. While focusing on function and cost, Bonner said, CAPABLE links a registered nurse, handy worker, and occupational therapist together to create a network of care that helps aging adults live more safely and independently at home. The program has expanded beyond inner city Baltimore to more than 40 sites outside of Maryland. CAPABLE works alongside primary care professionals to augment primary care services.

JHF Chief Program Officer and COO Nancy Zionts, MBA, shared the CDC's public health strategy to create Dementia Ready Communities and Dementia Capable Systems of Care that address the growing prevalence of persons living with dementia and introduced a discussion on this strategy.

Jennifer H. Lingler, PhD, MA, CRNP, FAAN, professor and vice chair for research in health and community systems at the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing and director of outreach, recruitment, and education at the University of Pittsburgh Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, then presented. She shared Pitt's ADRC specific aims in scientific innovation, training of physicians and other professionals, establishing cohorts of patients to recruit for clinical research, and promote collaborative research.

Steven Counsell, MD, executive director of the GRACE Team Care Program, and Dawn Butler, MSW, JD, director of the GRACE Training and Resource Center at Indiana University Geriatrics and the Indiana University School of Medicine, were the last presenters. They shared GRACE Team Care's track record of improving the health and quality of life of low-income seniors by working with patients in their homes and in their communities to manage health problems, track changing care needs, and leverage needed social services.

The Senior Living Full Court Press Team will meet twice more in 2022.

Statewide Workshop Explores Dementia Friendly Communities

On February 17, Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF) staff members Anneliese Perry, MS, NHA, CECM and Stacie Bonenberger, MOT, OTR/L hosted a virtual statewide workshop called Dementia Friendly: Bringing a Community Together. Perry and Bonenberger are both project managers of aging initiatives at JHF and statewide coordinators of [Dementia Friends Pennsylvania](#). They were joined by Pennsylvania's Department of Aging Secretary, Robert Torres, JD, and over 50 participants from across the Commonwealth.

Secretary Torres kicked off the session by welcoming the group and by acknowledging the importance of this work. He said, "Stacie and Anneliese have become valuable partners for our department in helping to raise awareness and understanding related to dementia, and I wanted to thank them, Dementia Friends Pennsylvania, and the Jewish Healthcare Foundation for everything they have done and will continue to do to support this cause... If there is one thing I have learned from Dementia Friends, it is that every one of us has the power to create change in our communities, one kind gesture at a time."

Perry introduced the concept of "dementia friendly," explaining the origins of the movement and how communities from around the world have become informed, safe, and respectful of individuals living with dementia. The group worked collectively to identify what an ideal dementia-friendly community might look like and then explored current examples abroad, nationally, and locally here in Pennsylvania.

During the second half of the workshop, Bonenberger focused on actionable steps communities can take to begin their Dementia Friendly Community journey. Working through a Community Action Form, participants began thinking about their communities' strengths. They considered potential key partners, stakeholders, and "movers and shakers" who could form an action team, and how they would ensure the active role of persons living with dementia, their families, and care partners. Bonenberger explored the four phases of the Dementia Friendly America toolkit and provided examples of every phase.

Dementia Friendly America, a national network launched in 2015, helps communities, organizations, and individuals work to ensure that communities across the country are equipped to support people living with dementia, their families and care partners. Currently there are eight Dementia Friendly Community Initiatives in Pennsylvania: Bucks County, Cumberland County, Greater Pittsburgh, Lancaster County, Lehigh Valley, Newtown, Susquehanna Valley and York/Adams Counties.



Stakeholders from across Pennsylvania joined the Dementia Friendly: Bringing A Community Together workshop

If you are interested in learning more, reach out to Dementia Friends Pennsylvania by emailing info@dementiafriendspa.org or check out our website: www.dementiafriendspa.org

Coalition for Quality at the End of Life Meeting Highlights Debates Surrounding Advance Care Planning

The Coalition for Quality at the End of Life (CQEL) held its first statewide meeting of the year on February 17, organized by the Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF). Fifty-nine attendees joined the Zoom meeting, hosted by JHF COO and Chief Program Officer Nancy Zionts, MBA, and JHF Medical Advisor Judy Black, MD. The meeting featured a panel discussion examining whether advance care planning (ACP) has accomplished what it was designed to do for end-of-life care and what the future of ACP might look like.



Panelists included Robert Arnold, MD, distinguished service professor of medicine and chief of the section of palliative care, and medical ethics director at the Institute for Doctor-Patient Communication at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and medical director at the UPMC Palliative and Supportive Institute; Alexander Nesbitt, MD, hospice and palliative care physician at UPMC Susquehanna; and Emily Jaffe, MD, VP and executive medical director at Helion Healthcare. A [JAMA Viewpoint from October 2021](#) coauthored by Dr. Arnold sparked lively debate among the medical community and inspired the focus of this session.

The panelists expressed differing views on what constitutes “success” in ACP and whether dramatic changes to the ACP process should be made based on recent research on ACP outcomes. All, however, agreed that hypothetical conversations about the future are not valuable in promoting goal-concordant care. They also recognized the importance of naming a surrogate to speak on one’s behalf in a medical crisis and the value of professionals having dialogue with patients about what matters to them when facing serious illness, as opposed to a process that simply focuses on checking boxes on a form.

In addition to members of CQEL and the POLST coalition, participants in the 2022 JHF Death and Dying Fellowship also were in attendance. The next CQEL meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2022, from 3–4:30 pm and will focus on POLST.

Nancy Zionts and Daniel Rosen Join Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh Seniors Task Force

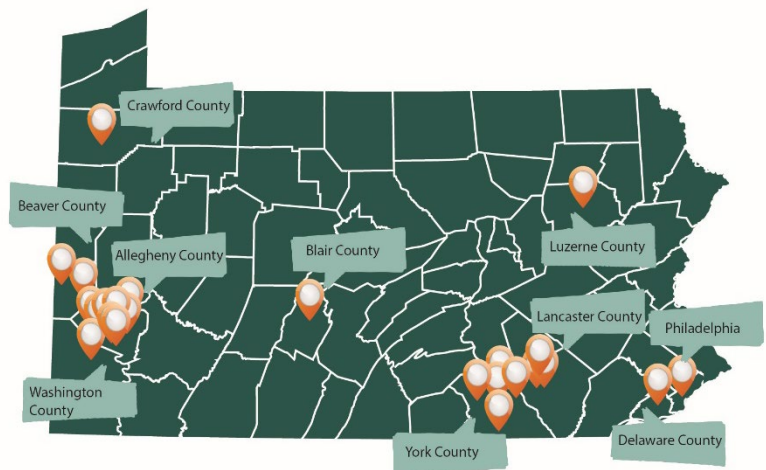
Daniel Rosen, PhD, MSW, professor of social work at the University of Pittsburgh and vice chair of the Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF) Board, and Nancy Zionts, MBA, JHF COO and chief program officer, are participating in the newly established Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh Seniors Task Force. The Federation is launching a comprehensive planning process to identify challenges, service gaps, and needs of Pittsburgh-area Jews across the income spectrum as they age over the next decade and develop strategies to address these challenges. The Task Force consists of approximately one dozen individuals with experience, expertise, and knowledge about senior services in the Jewish and general communities. The group met twice in February to develop a framework and goals for its work, which is expected to last eight months.



At the first meeting, Zionts was invited to present an overview of the landscape of challenges and opportunities in the aging space. She highlighted many of the issues that the JHF Full Court Press for Senior Residential Living and the JHF Aging Team have been addressing, namely workforce challenges, the growing number of seniors who wish to remain in their homes and communities, the growth in the number of persons with cognitive impairment, the opportunities for partnership, and those presented by the proliferation of technological solutions from telehealth to home health and safety monitoring.

2022 Teen Mental Health Advocacy Series Begins

In February, the Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF) and the PA Youth Advocacy Network began the inaugural 2022 Teen Mental Health Advocacy Series. The series aims to connect Pennsylvania high school students with advocacy opportunities to call for better teen mental health resources. The 24 participants represent 10 counties, covering all regions of Pennsylvania. The students range from grades 9-12 and have varied experiences exploring and leading advocacy initiatives in their schools and communities. The Advocacy Series builds on JHF's years of effort to call for change in teen mental health through the PA Youth Advocacy Network.



Map showing the Pennsylvania counties that the 2022 Advocacy Series participants represent

During eight virtual sessions through March 23, participants will learn key advocacy skills, like community organizing, using data and community-based participatory research in advocacy, building energy and action around a cause, and connecting with elected officials. Teams of participants will then develop advocacy projects based on the [Youth-Led Advocacy Platform](#), such as planning for Teen Mental Health Awareness Day events, advocating for school counselor resources by meeting with policymakers, and informing mental health curriculum plans in schools.

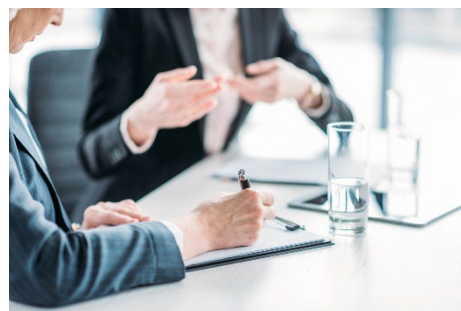
The February Advocacy Series sessions introduced participants to the series plan and connected them with community partners who are experienced in promoting teen mental health. The participants formed relationships with others in their communities, mapped community assets and stressors, and established their key interests in teen mental health advocacy topics. Guest speakers for these sessions included Ayala Rosenthal, teen engagement and outreach coordinator at Friendship Circle, Danyelle Borish, project coordinator at Stand Together, Susan Smith, youth services program specialist with the BCRC in Beaver County, Sophia Duck, training and engagement manager at The Mentoring Partnership SWPA, Jamal Ford, youth resources coordinator with the Pennsylvania Care Partnership, and Abby Rickin-Marks, youth mental health advocate and first-year student at Oberlin College.

The March sessions will provide participants with opportunities to network with leaders of organizations across Pennsylvania working to promote teen mental health, advance their advocacy projects, and build public will around their causes. Participants will complete the series with greater understanding and confidence in their abilities to promote positive change in their communities and to collaborate with others.

JHF will generate further conversation about youth voice with a session, Amplifying Youth Voice to Promote Teen Mental Health, during the Grantmakers in Health 2022 Annual Conference on Health Philanthropy. The conference will be held in Miami, Florida from Monday, June 27 – Wednesday June 29, with some virtual components. JHF's session will share insights from our work in youth advocacy and youth voice. Learn more about the conference [here](#).

JHF Board Committee for Adolescent Behavioral Health Explores Potential Health System and Community Partnerships

On February 24, the Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF) Board Committee for Adolescent Behavioral Health, led by JHF Board Vice Chair Daniel Rosen, PhD, MSW, met to begin preliminary discussions on strengthening health system and community-based organization partnerships. Considering the current teen mental health crisis, the committee identified a need to explore options for more integrated models of care and ensure greater access to different levels of care. Meeting attendees discussed how community-based organizations could provide prevention and early intervention services, and community-based natural supports before mental health concerns rise to a higher level and during transitions of care.



The committee heard reflections from community organizations about examples of promoting teen mental health and wellness and integrating these into teen programs over the past two years. Examples include Friendship Circle's incorporation of wellness into their mission of inclusivity, reducing isolation, and friendship; Boys and Girls Clubs of Western PA's teen outreach program promoting life skills development and fostering safe spaces for youth to build trusted relationships; and Center of Life's initiative to include mindfulness as part of their routine in facilitating programs and staff meetings.

These examples indicate the potential to further strengthen the connection between community-based organizations and health systems on teen mental health care. The flexibility of Medicaid funding has also contributed to creating a new environment in which these partnerships are now possible. To explore potential opportunities for partnerships with health plans and health systems to support the important work being done at a community level, the committee also heard from guest speakers John Lovelace, president of UPMC For You, Matthew Hurford, MD, president of Community Care Behavioral Health, and Konark Rana, senior director of strategy innovation at Highmark Wholecare.

Meeting attendees agreed that it is not difficult to align the missions and goals of community-based organizations and health plans in a way that results in financially viable and mutually beneficial outcomes. Rather, they recognized that a challenge would exist in operationalizing this due to regulations, including HIPPA. This has been done successfully elsewhere in Pennsylvania, the group noted. Further, the group explored an investment model that would train youth professionals in the community and in schools. The attendees noted that this approach would require connections with providers, to establish a procedure for warm hand-offs when youth leave providers and need to connect with community supports. The model would also involve creating a process for community-based organizations to refer youth to a provider, creating a more efficient and integrated mental health care system.

This work builds on the community connections JHF has established through years of teen mental health advocacy and continues to grow with the Teen Mental Health Collaborative.

Teen Mental Health Collaborative Members Explore Advocacy, Partnerships

On February 22, the Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF) convened members of [the Teen Mental Health Collaborative](#) for the first in-person meeting of the new year. Attendees had the opportunity to discuss and define the Collaborative's structure and direction for their next phase of collaboration, based on challenges and areas of interest identified during their November meeting.

Discussions centered on the Collaborative members' areas of interest – advocacy, out-of-school time partnerships, and health systems partnerships and training resources – and invited participants' perspectives on key priorities within each area, potential resources and partners, barriers, and upcoming opportunities.



The Teen Mental Health Collaborative met at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Western PA in Lawrenceville

Collaborative members developed plans for Mental Health Awareness Month in May and future advocacy priorities, including identifying government champions and exploring innovative approaches to advocacy that work to engage teens and families. At the local level, the group discussed how community-based organizations can work with schools to offer programming, promote their services, and increase communications between organizations and schools. Additionally, Collaborative members identified opportunities for shared trainings, recognizing that the network's value comes from the shared expertise among the member organizations. A future shared training could focus on developing youth peer support.

In 2020, JHF initiated the Collaborative to facilitate opportunities for youth-serving organizations to share their approaches to providing emotional support, connection, and engagement for teens and to learn from one another. The youth-driven programs used various approaches, including [expressive arts](#), [podcasts](#), and [peer support](#), to create environments in which teens can build resiliency, leadership skills, and new relationships to guide themselves and others through the pandemic. The Collaborative provides organizations with trainings and [opportunities](#) to share program ideas and expertise.

The next Collaborative quarterly meeting will be held in May.

WHAMglobal Board Discusses Human Trafficking as a Public Health Issue

On February 21, the Women's Health Activist Movement Global (WHAMglobal) Board met to discuss human trafficking and how it affects women in a few international contexts. Guest speakers presented varying approaches to addressing the women's health impacts that stem from human trafficking from around the world.

Jewish Healthcare Foundation President and CEO Karen Wolk Feinstein, PhD introduced an interview with Iris Stern Levi, an Israeli social activist focused on issues of women's and human rights and co-founder of the non-profit organization [Her Academy](#). The vocational school trains and supports women from diverse backgrounds transitioning out of prostitution and abuse in Israel. For over seven years, this groundbreaking organization has helped women to gain skills necessary to find other forms of employment and gain greater freedoms. Her Academy also provides health care, including mental health services, as women transition out of prostitution.



WHAMglobal Board Members heard from speakers from around the world. Clockwise from upper left: Iris Stern Levi, Sue Matthews, Karen Wolk Feinstein, Hanni Stoklosa

Sue Matthews, RN, MHScN, DPH, WHAMglobal Board member and CEO at [The Royal Women's Hospital](#), Melbourne, Australia, then shared Australia's response to end human trafficking. Trafficking-related legislation was first introduced in Australia in 1999, with additional legislation throughout the years to address slavery and forced marriage. Australia collaborates with Southeast Asian countries to combat human trafficking occurring there. The Australian Red Cross offers a victim support program to people impacted by human trafficking, and the Australian [My Blue Sky](#) program provides information, support, and legal advice to people in or at risk of forced marriages. The Royal Women's Hospital is working to address risks of human trafficking in their operations and is implementing an action plan.

Hanni Stoklosa, MD, MPH, CEO and co-founder of [HEAL Trafficking](#) and an emergency physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, then presented. The HEAL Network of 3,800 multidisciplinary professionals is dedicated to ending human trafficking and supporting its survivors around the world. HEAL frames human trafficking as a public health issue, aims to mitigate unintended consequences of human trafficking response, and takes an inclusive, intersectional, survivor-centered approach. HEAL says that healthcare workers' goal should not be to rescue people affected by human trafficking, but to create an open door to building trust and resilience, educating, and providing resources, including safety planning.

During the following discussion, WHAMglobal Board members explored the implications of these ideas for WHAMglobal's agenda, with an emphasis on collaboration and listening to people with lived experience.

WHAMglobal Holds First Meeting of *Pittsburgh: A Safer Childbirth City* and Community Fund Partners

The Pittsburgh: A Safer Childbirth City partners met with the Community Fund partners for the first time in February, to discuss their collective work in promoting maternal health. The Women's Health Activist Movement Global (WHAMglobal) facilitated the meeting to provide a space and opportunity for the Pittsburgh-based organizations to share knowledge and updates on their work. The partners represent birthing organizations, many of which prioritize Black birthing people and their support systems across the Pittsburgh region.



Pittsburgh: A Safer Childbirth City aims to reduce racial/ethnic disparities in maternal mortality and morbidity rates across the city. *Pittsburgh: A Safer Childbirth City* is part of Merck for Mothers' network of 20 Safer Childbirth Cities across the U.S. Safer Childbirth Cities grantees work to engage communities in maternal health improvements and address the social determinants of health, and work with doulas and perinatal support workers to bolster the care support system around women and families during pregnancy, childbirth, and the months after.

During the meeting, WHAMglobal Community Engagement and Policy Associate Morgan Overton, MSW provided a recap of the Safer Childbirth Cities project pillars, laying out four areas of project goals: workforce and training, community engagement, care delivery models, and local movement building. Overton also indicated the potential to align with, inform, and make recommendations for the work of the [Pennsylvania Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative](#).

The partner organization representatives then provided project updates. Partner organizations include Healthy Start, Inc., Hello Neighbor, Allegheny County Health Department, as well as Pittsburgh: A Safer Childbirth City Community Fund grantees Brown Mamas, Kangaroo Birthing, Elephant Song Doula Services, The Birthing Hut, and MAYA Organization.

A concluding discussion provided the opportunity for partners to raise areas of their projects that require collaboration and to identify project areas on which to partner and support one another. The Pittsburgh: A Safer Childbirth City partners will continue to meet and collaborate on initiatives to serve and prioritize Black birthing people in the Pittsburgh area.

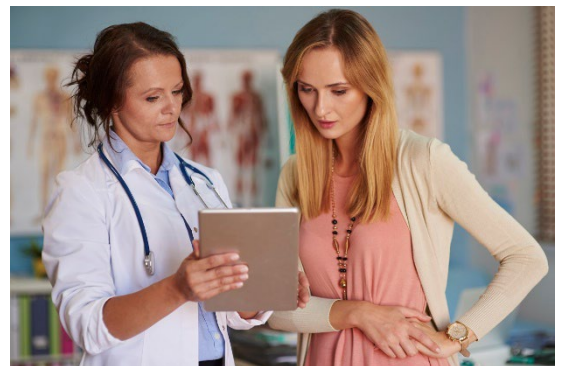
Perinatal Health Equity Champions Program Applications Available

The Perinatal Health Equity Champions Program is designed to build workforce capacity to help address racial disparities and improve maternal health care in the Pittsburgh region. This year-long program provides the opportunity to bring together community and hospital-based birth workers for maternal care quality improvement initiatives to address racial disparities and improve maternal care outcomes. The program is part of the *Pittsburgh: A Safer Childbirth City* initiative and is facilitated by [WHAMglobal](#) and the [Jewish Healthcare Foundation](#). Community birthing workers throughout the Pittsburgh region are encouraged to apply by Friday, April 1, 2022. Click here for the application and more information [here](#).



PRHI Forms New Patient-Centered Medical Home Depression Screening Working Group, Holds Meetings on Health Equity

[The Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative \(PRHI\)](#) is taking a lead role to form a new working group as part of the HealthChoices Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Learning Network, which first met on February 25. This working group will bring together PCMHs across the state to develop recommendations and educational resources for tracking depression screening and follow-up measures, using the national specifications for these measures. The working group's recommendations and products will be disseminated through the PCMH Learning Network in 2022.



This is a new addition to the PCMH Learning Network, which PRHI coordinates across Pennsylvania. The PCMH Learning Network aims to support the PCMH providers and Physical Health MCOs in identifying and acting on improvement strategies towards the common PCMH aims and measures, and developing an internal capacity to continuously learn, adapt, and improve.

In addition, PRHI will continue facilitating the quarterly regional learning collaborative sessions for the southwest/northwest and northeast regions of Pennsylvania, in collaboration with the HealthChoices Managed Care Organizations. Health Federation of Philadelphia coordinates the sessions for the Lehigh/Capital and Southeast regions.

The regional sessions in February focused on health equity, with presentations about the [Regional Accountable Health Councils](#), panels on language access services, and PCMH and MCO report outs and breakouts on using data to understand and respond to health disparities. The sessions in the spring, summer, and fall will focus on topics related to behavioral health, such as depression screening and follow-up (including documentation and coding), tobacco cessation counseling, Integrated Care Plans, working with [MCO Special Needs Units](#) to coordinate services for whole person care, and sharing information between specialists and primary care providers.

NPSB Advocacy Advances, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Publishes Op-Ed

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette published a February 10 [op-ed](#) by Jewish Healthcare Foundation President and CEO Karen Wolk Feinstein, PhD advocating for a National Patient Safety Board (NPSB) based on the model of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). Over the past few weeks, including being onsite within hours, the NTSB has responded rapidly to determine the cause of the January 2022 Fern Hollow bridge collapse, and the agency does so for transportation incidents across the country. Dr. Feinstein raised the call for an NPSB that would similarly respond to accidents from medical error in health care. Read more in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette [here](#).



The NPSB Advocacy Coalition continues to grow, with nine new members joining in 2022 so far: Consumer Health Ratings, HealthySimulation.com, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Medical Malpractice Insights, Nile's Project, Pegwin, Sepsis Alliance, St. Clair Health, and Washington Patient Safety Coalition.

Patient Safety Podcast Explores Physician Perspectives

Two new [Up Next for Patient Safety](#) episodes are now available.

Transforming Physician Culture features physician Dr. Seth Wolk, adjunct professor in the Department of Health Management and Policy in the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan, and technology design researcher John Zimmerman, Tang Family Professor of Artificial Intelligence and Human-Computer Interaction in the School of Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University, as they explore the human context for medical error – and how we can get physicians on board with innovative technologies that could make the healthcare system safer.



The latest episode, *Doctors Evaluating Doctors*, pairs internist and professor Dr. Thomas Gallagher of the Departments of Medicine and Bioethics and Humanities and associate chair for Patient Care Quality, Safety, and Value at the University of Washington, and pediatrics professor Dr. Gerald Hickson, chair of Medical Education and Administration and founding director of the Center for Patient and Professional Advocacy at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, as they discuss the concept of physician peer review and how to increase accuracy of and accountability for performance data to reduce medical error.

Listen to the new episodes and find previous episodes [here](#).

AIDS Free Pittsburgh Seeks Proposals for Enhancing HIV Testing in Allegheny County

The AIDS Free Pittsburgh Enhancing HIV Testing in Allegheny County [Request for Proposals](#) (RFP) is now open. Thanks to a generous grant from the Highmark Foundation, AIDS Free Pittsburgh (AFP) plans to award a second cohort of mini grants (up to \$30,000) for organizations in Allegheny County to design and implement innovative projects aimed at increasing HIV testing in healthcare and/or community-based settings. Proposals must be submitted by **5:00pm EST on Thursday, March 31, 2022, and the application can be found [here](#)**. If you have questions about the application process, please email JT Stoner at stoner@jhf.org.



2022 JHF Summer Internship Applications Open

The 2022 JHF and HCF Summer Internship Program is on this summer! The current program is structured to be customized to meet the needs of JHF program staff and participating interns. Start and completion dates, in-person and/or remote working, and project assignment will be defined based on need. We are currently accepting resumes from interested prospective graduate student interns for 2022. Please email your interest (general or for a specific program area) to careers@jhf.org with the subject line "JHF Summer Internship" along with your resume, cover letter, list of references, and availability for a summer internship.



JHF, PRHI Leadership and Board Members Named Among Pittsburgh Business Times Power 100

Congratulations to Jewish Healthcare Foundation President and CEO Karen Wolk Feinstein, PhD, JHF Board Member Audrey Russo, MPA, and Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative Board Member Jessica Brooks, MPM, who were recently named among the Pittsburgh Business Times Third Annual Power 100 list, a guide to the region's most influential business leaders. Read more [here](#).



From left: Jessica Brooks, Karen Wolk Feinstein, Audrey Russo

JHF Hiring Project Director for Autonomous Patient Safety Solutions

The Jewish Healthcare Foundation aims to identify, connect, and activate Pittsburgh's regional assets, leveraging our strengths in AI, ML, and life sciences innovation, to become a global leader for autonomous patient safety solutions. To that end, JHF is hiring a **Project Director of Autonomous Patient Safety Solutions** to (1.) provide support for the ongoing work of setting up our region as a pioneer in autonomous patient safety technology; (2.) construct an Autonomous Patient Safety Blueprint for our region; and (3.) collaborate with interested parties outside the region to build partnerships for specific autonomous patient-safety solutions, modified as appropriate for local conditions. This position has the option to be either part-time or full-time, depending on the candidate's preference and availability.

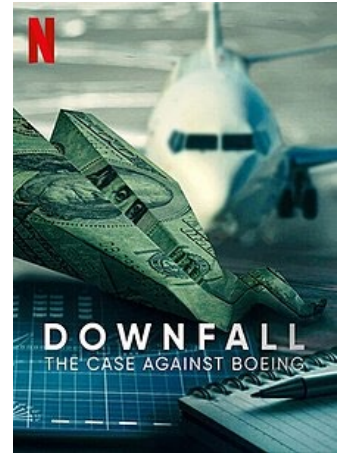


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Watch DOWNFALL: The Case Against Boeing

The Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF) endorses the new film, [DOWNFALL: The Case Against Boeing](#), “a searing investigation of a once-iconic company and its tragic failures,” featuring two friends of the Foundation, reporter Andy Pasztor and former National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Chairman Christopher Hart, JD. Pasztor collaborated with JHF on a [Wall Street Journal article](#) about the National Patient Safety Board (NPSB) proposal, and former Chairman Hart joined a JHF Patient Safety Full Court Press [meeting](#) in August 2021 to share insights about the NTSB that could apply to the NPSB. The film “exposes how Wall Street's influence and Boeing's crumbling internal culture resulted in two historic plane crashes, 346 fatalities, and a shocking cover-up.” The film’s story is an excellent example of safety gone awry and what happens to whistle blowers in a punitive system. JHF asks audiences to consider: Are there any analogies to health care? Watch the film trailer [here](#).



JHF Staff Member Hanifa Nakiryowa Joins Hello Neighbor Network National Advisory Council

Congratulations to JHF Program Associate Hanifa Nakiryowa as she joins the Hello Neighbor Network National Advisory Council. Read more about the Council's work on refugee and immigrant support [here](#).



World Traveler Dr. Lisa Simpson Drives Health Policy Innovation

Lisa Simpson, MB, BCH, MPH, FAAP is a true citizen of the world. As president and CEO of [AcademyHealth](#), she has boosted critical conversations within health policy and health services research in Washington, D.C. and across the United States. Her leadership at AcademyHealth is informed and inspired by her collection of global experiences and her endless devotion to gathering international expertise on public health, medicine, and health policy. Dr. Simpson is guided by a cultural humility and practical focus on improvement, and she consistently demonstrates insight and leadership to direct others to the best health services, strategies, and solutions.



Dr. Lisa Simpson

The Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF) and AcademyHealth have worked together on many U.S.-based initiatives and projects during Dr. Simpson's tenure. Dr. Feinstein chaired a 2017 AcademyHealth National Health Policy Conference plenary session on healthcare innovation, and then later that year, JHF funded and worked with AcademyHealth to convene an invitational meeting in Washington, D.C. on evaluating complex health interventions, followed by the development of an [evaluation guide](#). A 2019 JHF grant to AcademyHealth supported the [Teen Mental Health Crises: A National Policy and Action Summit](#) in Washington, D.C., from which AcademyHealth published a teen mental health [policy playbook](#). JHF also sponsored a 2021 [Health Policy Salon](#) on maternal mortality held by AcademyHealth.

Dr. Simpson has also been a wonderful partner globally with JHF. Dr. Simpson invited JHF President and CEO Karen Wolk Feinstein, PhD to the 2014 Global Health Conference in South Africa, which jumpstarted JHF's community health worker agenda. In Austria, Dr. Feinstein attended Salzburg's Global Seminar program with Dr. Simpson twice, once with a focus on implementation science and again when the topic was patient safety reporting. Dr. Simpson has joined JHF for additional study tours in Israel and England.

Dr. Simpson's world travels began early in life, as her father was in the foreign service and her whole family moved to a new country every two years. She learned to speak both English and French and attended high school in Marseilles, France, while spending summers at her family home in Ireland, where she worked as a waitress. She attended Trinity College in Ireland, initially inspired to pursue an acting career through Dublin's theatre scene. However, as a self-described pragmatic risk-taker, Dr. Simpson switched to the medical track, in pursuit of a stable career that would give her more choices, financial independence, and the opportunity to travel.



Karen Wolk Feinstein (left) and Lisa Simpson in Salzburg, Austria, 2019

“A lot of my choices and opportunities throughout my career have been more about serendipity than planning,” said Dr. Simpson. Many of these opportunities appeared during her global travels. While in medical school, she spent a summer at a mission hospital in Dabou on the Ivory Coast and discovered a passion for pediatrics. After completing her medical degree, she jumped at the opportunity to complete a pediatrics residency in Hawaii, which sounded like a welcome respite “after seven years of rain” in Ireland.

During her pediatric training, Dr. Simpson observed that illness and poor outcomes were higher among low income, indigenous communities, which inspired her to complete a master’s degree in epidemiology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, followed by a preventive medicine residency and pediatric infectious disease fellowship at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

She returned to Hawaii to become the chief of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau at the state department of health. Challenges came in the form of complicated, bureaucratic funding structures, and Dr. Simpson stepped away. After nine months of reflection while traveling in southeast Asia, she realized she wanted to break down these barriers and enter the health policy field.

After Dr. Simpson completed a postdoctoral fellowship in health policy and health services research at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), [her late mentor Philip Lee, MD](#), who founded and led the Institute for Health Policy Studies at UCSF, introduced her to Washington, D.C. There, Dr. Simpson began her health policy career at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, serving for seven years as the deputy director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. She went on to hold professorships at the University of South Florida and Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center before becoming president and CEO of AcademyHealth in 2011.

In 2019 and 2020, Dr. Simpson joined the Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF)’s patient safety initiatives to help spark conversations about health policy solutions for patient safety, as part of the SWERVE and Full Court Press movements. AcademyHealth and JHF also partnered in 2021 to hold a closed-door virtual policy session on maternal health priorities.

Dr. Simpson notes there is much work yet to be done in the U.S., especially in relation to inequality, racism, and health disparities, as illuminated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Referencing [the Commonwealth Fund’s Mirror, Mirror 2021: Reflecting Poorly](#) report, she says, “No one country stands out on all dimensions...but regardless of the health system, one of the constants is that America is not at the top.” In fact, the United States ranks last overall among 11 high-income countries – but Dr. Simpson is committed to continuing her work to change this.

Outside of work, Dr. Simpson loves to cook, take walks, and travel. She calls Dr. Feinstein a favorite travelling companion. Dr. Simpson says that Dr. Feinstein is “not afraid to ask some tough questions, question assumptions, and push boundaries,” a passion which they share.