

**Home and Community Based Care**  
**A Symposium for Health Professionals and Community Members**  
**Speaker Bios**

**Irina Koyfman, MSN, RN, NP-C** is an adult Nurse Practitioner trained at the University of Maryland and a current doctoral student at Johns Hopkins University. She is Clinical Director of Emerging Solutions at Maxim Healthcare Services, where her area of expertise and interest is in community-based care, care coordination, transitional care, and the use of Community Health Workers (CHWs). She assists in establishing community-based care management programs utilizing CHWs and is instrumental in the workforce development of these CHWs.

**Dr. Steven Landers, MD, MPH** is the President and CEO of the Visiting Nurse Association Health Group, Inc., the nation's second largest not-for-profit home health care organization. As a certified family doctor and geriatrician, Dr. Landers places a strong emphasis on house calls to the vulnerable elderly and has a specialized interest in geriatric medicine, home health, hospice and palliative care. Dr. Landers is a graduate of the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health. He currently serves on numerous Boards including the Alliance for Home Health Quality and Innovation, Partnership for Quality Home Health Care, Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP), and Visiting Nurse Associations of America (VNAA). Dr. Landers has authored several articles on the role of home care in national publications, including the New England Journal of Medicine and the Journal of the American Medicine. Dr. Landers most recently joined the Huffington Post as a regular blogger focusing on health policy, family caregivers, and nurses and finding ways to improve quality and value in American health care. Before joining VNA Health Group, Dr. Landers served as the Director of the Center for Home Care and Community Rehabilitation and Director of Post-Acute Operations for the world-renowned Cleveland Clinic. In 2014, Dr. Landers received the NJBiz 40 Under 40 Award, a recognition of New Jersey's most accomplished young businessmen and women.

**Dan C. Look, BA** is the immediate past Chief Strategy Officer for National Lutheran Communities & Services. The establishment of home health agency & home care services and home and community-based services programs were part of his focus and development. Dan has been involved in senior living for over 40 years. During his tenure as CSO at NLCS he laid the foundation for the alignment of nontraditional partners collaborating and coproducing new service delivery models. He brings a broad perspective to the creation of HCBS programs and services. Dan is the current co-chair of the Interfaith Action & Ministry Council for the Elizabeth Dole Foundation, one of our guests here today. He also serves on the Advisory Board for development and implementation of a preceptor program for APRN students here at the University of Maryland School of Nursing.

**Chris Parsons, RN, BSN, CCM** has over 30 years' experience in nursing. Her career started in New York State, and has continued in Washington, D.C. and Maryland. Chris has worked in Med/Surg, the Operating Room, as a hospital auditor, as a medical insurance clinical review and claims specialist, and most recently as a certified case manager. Chris reached her 10-year milestone at The Coordinating Center in 2016, working in various programs (REM, The Community Options Waiver and Care Transitions) with both children and adults in the community. Although Chris sustained an on-the-job injury in nursing, she has been able to continue working as a nurse in some of the many and varied fields that a nurse is valued. This unexpected challenge has actually been an opportunity to gain a wider base of knowledge in the health care industry. Chris enjoys photography, and "bear hunting" (with a camera, only, of course!) Chris also enjoys spending time with family and will soon enjoy being a first-time grandmother. It is a pleasure to co-present with co-worker, Jenn, who shares the passion of assisting the client population we serve.

**Megan Smith** is a 2017 Elizabeth Dole Foundation Fellow. The mission of the Dole Foundation is to strengthen and empower the American military caregiver and their families by raising awareness, driving research, championing policy, and leading collaborations that make a significant impact on their lives. Megan Smith is a caregiver to her husband Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Smith, whom she's been married to for 15 years. They have two boys, Patrick 8, and Charlie 6. On June 8, 2013 Matt, was shot by an Afghan National Army soldier he was training, in what is called a "green on blue" attack. Due to severe vascular damage, his right leg was amputated above the knee. He arrived at Walter Reed eight days later. After three weeks inpatient and eight months outpatient doing rehabilitation, Matt returned to active duty. Though Matt is currently very independent his mobility is based completely on staying strong and healthy. Megan's caregiving duties change with Matt's health and mobility.

**Jennifer Sulin-Stair, MS** a dedicated Program Director for the Get Well Services of The Coordinating Center located in Millersville, MD, has worked in care transitions for seven years; specifically in the West Baltimore community. For the past 2 years, Jenn has been working with the Get Well Program, first on a coach to client level, and most recently as the Program Director for the West Baltimore Health Enterprise Zone project. Graduating from Virginia Tech with a Master's degree in Clinical Exercise Physiology, Jenn started her career in cardiac and stroke rehabilitation, eventually moving to research and diabetes self-management education. With diabetes as one of the top five diagnoses in Maryland hospital readmissions, it was a natural move into care transitions and readmission reduction. Jenn has a vast interest in health care disparities and social determinants of health. Jenn is a member of the American Public Health Association (APHA) and presented her work in West Baltimore and Diabetes Education in 2010. As an avid equestrian, Jenn and her daughter often travel to various state competitions to compete their horses. Jenn also enjoys gardening, raising chickens and spending time with her family.