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# MHA ADVISORY BOARD DIRECTORY

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2024 - 2025 Members List

**Jennifer Edwards**



Jennifer Edwards, a successful author, engaging speaker, and seasoned coach, is passionate about skilling-up leaders, teams and organizations around the world to have critical conversations, to collaborate most effectively, and develop meaningful influence. Recognized as a Fortune 100 collaboration and communication expert, she co-authored the acclaimed BRIDGE THE GAP: Breakthrough Communication Tools (McGraw-Hill), a work celebrated by Inc Magazine as one of the top business books to read for 2022.

Her impact extends anywhere individuals, teams and leaders are looking to improve results by bringing courage and curiosity into their professional and personal world. Working with entrepreneurs, commercial/consumer real estate, technology, venture capital, corporations, nonprofits and faith-based organizations, Jennifer brings a practical approach based in the art and science of human connection and behavior to drive meaningful communication and

collaboration to the work we do in all areas of our lives.

Delving into the realms of emotional intelligence and empathy, essential elements for leaders navigating the diverse tapestry of the business world, Jennifer's coaching philosophy goes beyond imparting communication tools. It reshapes strategic perspectives and fosters a winning atmosphere within each client's realm.

As a thought leader featured in Fast Company, Forbes, Wall Street Journal, and more, she invites you to connect on LinkedIn. There, insights on collaboration, communication, and upskilling your emotional intelligence are shared.

**Larry Gilmore**



Larry Gilmore is outcomes-driven, globally experienced, healthcare senior leader with a track record of board, C-level and physician collaboration, strategy execution, and healthcare product and service expansion leading to profitable growth; provider-payer partnership focused with expertise in Dyad leadership with physicians; accomplished using systems thinking and lean applications; optimize clinic operations for Value-Based Care (VBC) contracts achieving Quintuple Aim. MBA in Healthcare with proven success in driving patient satisfaction, topline revenue, clinic cost reductions, and building strong relationships with internal & external stakeholders including health plans and local providers.

**Dietmar Grellmann**



Dietmar Grellmann is Senior Vice-President for the California Hospital Association (CHA). As a member of the CHA executive management team, Mr. Grellmann is responsible for developing legislative, regulatory and legal strategy for a variety of issues related to hospital operations. Mr. Grellmann works closely with the California Legislature and regulatory agencies such as the Department of Managed Health Care and Department of Health Care Services.

CHA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to representing the interests of hospitals and health systems in California. CHA has more than 400 hospital and health system members, including general acute care hospitals, children's hospitals, rural hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, academic medical centers, county hospitals, investor-owned hospitals, and multi-hospital health systems. These hospitals furnish vital health care services to millions of our states' citizens. CHA also represents more than 100 affiliate, associate,

and personal members. CHA provides its members with state and federal representation in the legislative, judicial, and regulatory arenas, in an effort to improve health care quality, access and coverage; promote health care reform and integration; achieve adequate health care funding; improve and update laws and regulations; and maintain public trust in health care.

**Brian Jensen**



Brian Jensen is an executive with a quarter century of public policy and government relations experience, over a decade of experience building partnerships with healthcare organizations, and an extensive civic leadership record.

As Regional Vice President of the Hospital Council – Northern and Central California, he accomplishes local advocacy outcomes on behalf of 47 member hospitals in a 15-county territory. He convenes regional clusters of hospital CEOs and other leaders on a regular basis to determine advocacy priorities and then organizes them to take collective action. He has convened groups of diverse health stakeholders and facilitated efforts to improve mental health delivery, emergency medical services, and healthcare workforce development. He helped pioneer a mobile COVID-19 testing program for high-risk individuals at the beginning of the global pandemic and is a co-founder of HealthForce Partners – and health sector workforce development organization.

As Vice Chair of the San Joaquin County Health Commission, Brian helps oversee the Health Plan of San Joaquin – a \$1.5 billion-per-year Medi-Cal health insurance plan. He has extensive board leadership

experience, having served on boards and advisory committees for over 20 business and charitable organizations. Among them, he chaired the boards of directors of the Rocklin Area Chamber of Commerce and the El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce.

Previously, he helped spearhead political and reputational risk management for Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). He managed local government relations, led some emergency preparedness and response initiatives for the utility, and helped guide successful crisis communication related to natural disasters and operational incidents. Brian launched his career working on behalf of elected officials at the federal, state, and local levels of government over 10 years. He contributed to the advancement of several key transportation and water infrastructure projects.

He has been recognized as a community leader, receiving the "Chairman's Award" from the Rocklin Area Chamber of Commerce in 2015, being named on the Sacramento Business Journal's "40 Under 40" in 2010, and being awarded "Rocklin Business Person of the Year" in 2009. As a youth sports coach for 20 years, he has mentored over 300 young people.

Brian Jensen obtained his Bachelors of Arts in Political Science from Brigham Young University. He holds a Master of Arts in Government from Sacramento State University. Additionally, he received a certificate in Hospital and Health System Leadership Development from the UCLA Anderson School of Management.

### **Michael Korpiel**



Michael Korpiel, DHA, FACHE

President/CEO - Mercy San Juan Medical Center

A healthcare administrator with over 30 years of experience in large academic and private, not-for-profit, faith-based community hospitals. With a focus in population health and integrated delivery systems my results-oriented style drives improvement in physician relations, market share, corporate culture, financial performance, and quality of care. As a servant leader I focus on creating a learning environment to empower physicians and staff to achieve results greater than what they thought they could achieve.

**Robert Oldham**



Dr. Rob Oldham currently serves as director of Placer County Health and Human Services (HHS) as well as serving as the county's interim health officer and chief psychiatrist. Placer HHS is a nationally recognized, award-winning organization with more than 800 employees who are united across diverse backgrounds and professional disciplines in their commitment to building a healthier community together.

Rob previously served as Placer's health officer, medical director, and director of Public Health from 2014-2019, and was called to return to the county during the COVID-19 pandemic after serving as chief medical executive for Sutter Center for Psychiatry in Sacramento and as medical director of acute psychiatric services across the Sutter Health system in California and Hawaii. He also previously served as behavioral health medical director for Health Net Federal Services, as health officer and medical director for Fresno County, and on faculty at UCSF Fresno teaching students

and residents from a variety of disciplines.

Rob received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia, a Doctor of Medicine from the University of Alabama School of Medicine and a Master of Science in health administration from Virginia Commonwealth University, where he also completed his residencies in general psychiatry and preventive medicine/public health. Rob also did a fellowship in consultation-liaison psychiatry at Oregon Health Sciences University where he learned that he enjoys reading health services research more than conducting it. He is board-certified in general psychiatry, general preventive medicine/public health, consultation-liaison psychiatry, and medical quality.

Dr. Oldham is a past president of the California Conference of Local Health Officers and the California Academy of Preventive Medicine and past chair of the California Medical Association's Council on Science and Public Health and the California Behavioral Health Directors Association's Medical Services System of Care. He currently serves on the board of the California Medical Association, Partnership Health Plan of California, the California Health Collaborative, Healthy Rural California, Western Sierra Medical Clinics, the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras, the Health Officers' Association of California, and the Sierra Foothills Medical Society. Rob lives in Roseville with his wife and their four daughters. Together, Rob and his wife coach the mighty St. Rose Cougars girls' basketball team.



**Kenny Pawlek**



Kenny Pawlek joined Shriners Children's Northern California as hospital administrator in November 2022. In this role, he is responsible for strategy and operational performance of the facility. He has over 20 years of experience in healthcare and for the last six years served as chief operating officer for one of the four hospitals at the University of Southern California's Keck School of Medicine health system. Prior to his time at USC, he spent more than a decade at Children's Hospital Los Angeles where he held positions as administrative director for the department of pathology and laboratory medicine, administrator for the divisions of gastroenterology, nephrology and the kidney and liver transplant programs.

**David Pepsny**



David Pepsny is a Planning Specialist and Owner's Representative at the University of California Davis Medical Center providing project management and technical oversight of major and minor capital improvement projects within the UCDH facilities portfolio. David is the President of Healthcare Mission Leaders (HML), a non-profit organization that focuses on training, mentoring and discipling healthcare executives around the world. David also serves with World Gospel Mission (WGM) to teach, mentor and disciple Healthcare Leaders around the World. He works with both government and non-government partners for advisory and consultative services. He is a faculty member for Continuing Medical and Dental Education (CMDE) and is a speaker at the annual international conference.

He served as the Administrator for Tenwek Hospital of Kenya, Africa and was the chairman of the Cardiothoracic Center Operations and Activation Committee. David worked for Common Spirit Health, formerly known as Dignity Health in Sacramento as a Director of Facilities. He was responsible for the day-to-day operations management of Methodist Hospital, Bruceville Terrace Skilled Nursing Facility, Mercy Family Clinic and Elk Grove Outpatient Surgery Center.

David graduated from the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) with a Master of Science in Healthcare Administration & Interprofessional Leadership. He also holds a Master's Degree in Construction Management and a Bachelor's Degree in Business.

**Tamara Powers**



A collaborative and mission-driven leader, Tamara (Tammy) Powers, BSN, MBA-HCM, is the CEO of Sutter Roseville Medical Center, a 928,000-square-foot acute-care facility with 382 licensed beds. Spanning 58 acres and serving a broad swath of Northern California, Sutter Roseville is a leading center for the treatment of traumatic injury and illness, operating a certified Level II Trauma Center, a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and Sutter Rehabilitation Institute, one of the largest facilities in the area dedicated exclusively to rehabilitation services. It's also home to a large and growing graduate medical education program that is helping train the next generation of physicians to the highest standards of care. Before assuming leadership of Sutter Roseville Medical Center, Tammy was most recently the Chief Administrative Officer at Sutter Davis Hospital. She provided operational and strategic direction to the community-based hospital, which offers 53 licensed beds, a family birthing center that delivers 1,100 newborns per year, an emergency department seeing over 29,000 patients per year, and multiple outpatient services, including a surgical

service line performing over 200 cases a month. Sutter Davis Hospital recently completed a \$70 million hospital expansion, which will support additional birthing center rooms, emergency department bays and inpatient beds.

Prior to joining Sutter Davis Hospital in 2019, she spent more than 20 years in women's and children's services leadership roles. She began her career with Sutter Health in 2015, when she served as the Assistant Administrator for Women's and Children's Services at Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento.

Before joining Sutter, Tammy directed women's and children's services at Sacred Heart Medical Center and Holy Family Hospital, both located in Washington state, for more than a decade. Born and raised in Spokane, Wash., Tammy holds an undergraduate nursing degree from Washington State University and an MBA in Healthcare Management from Gonzaga University.

Passionate about serving her communities, Tammy serves on the Roseville Chamber of Commerce board, Yolo Food Bank board as well as the 2025 Sacramento Go Red for Women Chair. She has been a committee member for the Close to Home philanthropic campaign to support the Sutter Davis Hospital expansion. Tammy and her family enjoy spending time camping and hiking, participating in community sporting events, and traveling and exploring.

### **Scott Roberts**



Scott Roberts was born and raised in Northern California. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Exercise Physiology from California State University, Chico his Master of Science degree in Exercise Physiology from California State University, Sacramento and his Doctor of Philosophy in Exercise Physiology from the University of New Mexico. Prior to coming back to Chico State, Scott taught at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas and at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington. His primary area of expertise is in Clinical and Pediatric Exercise Physiology. He served as the Program Coordinator for the Exercise Physiology Program and Chair of the Department at C.S.U., Chico

and the Chair of Kinesiology at William Jessup University. He is a fellow in both the American College of Sports Medicine and the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation. Scott has written numerous books, chapters, and articles on topics ranging from Strength Training for Children and Adolescents to Exercise Management for Persons with Chronic Disease and Disabilities. His current interests include the integration of Faith and Fitness and Wellness and Youth Fitness as well as developing faith-based, Christ-centered curriculum and programs within the field of Kinesiology.

### **Caleb Smith**



Dr. Caleb Smith is a versatile professional with a rich background spanning healthcare, technology, and business. As the Director of Partner Integrations for Siemens and Wi-Tronix, he excels in forging collaborative solutions, bridging technology gaps, and ensuring seamless interoperability. Caleb's commitment to these endeavors is grounded in his Christian values and unwavering dedication. In addition to his role in partner integrations, Caleb is a dedicated business owner and senior business consultant. His passion for healthcare and technology extends into the classroom, where he serves as a Healthcare Adjunct Professor, imparting knowledge to the next generation of professionals. Beyond his academic and

business pursuits, Dr. Smith partners with organizations like the Human Trafficking Institute, demonstrating his commitment to Christian values through social justice actions. Dr. Caleb Smith's multifaceted career is complemented by his status as an author and researcher, exploring the intersections of healthcare, technology, business, and social justice. With an unwavering commitment to his Christian values and a fervent dedication to effecting positive change in the world, Caleb Smith is a visionary professional dedicated to fostering innovation, collaboration, and progress across Industries.



**Janet Sohal**



Janet Sohal is currently the Regional Director for the Nurse Scholars Academy and oversees Magnet, Research and innovation and Professional Excellence for Northern California for Kaiser Permanente. She has been in nursing for over 40 years. Her clinical experiences have been in the ICUs and step-down units. She joined the nationally acclaimed patient centered care program – Planetree in 1989 as the Patient Education Coordinator. In 1994, Janet moved into a staff developer role at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, and then joined Kaiser Permanente Sacramento Medical Center as a Clinical Educator in 2001. Her career at Kaiser Permanente has provided her the ability to try on several different roles. She took on the role of Director of Performance Improvement, moved into the Care Experience Leader role, transitioned into the role as Director of Leadership Development and Learning, and prior to her regional role was the Director of Clinical Education and informatics. Janet has a BSN from the University of Phoenix, an MSN from Dominguez Hills State University in Southern California, and a Doctorate of Nursing Practice in Executive Leadership from

University of San Francisco. She serves as adjunct faculty at University of Phoenix, a LDDP mentor, Caritas Coach and is a Heartmath certified trainer. She also has published several articles on the topic of professional governance, electronic devices for healthcare providers and educational competencies

**George Stubblefield**



Dr. Stubblefield has over 40 years of clinical experience working with all aspects of the healthcare industry from private practices to group and corporate practices. With over 20 years of scholarly university academic experience, with administrative leadership and executive application involvement. Designing, developing, and implementing new academic programs within the health sciences, such as our Bachelors of Science Degree in Nursing, a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration, and several Healthcare Certification Programs. Creating new internship and research opportunities for Jessup students within the sciences and associated medical mission experiences abroad, as well as assisting in Jessup's first Mobile Medical Clinic. Establishing collaborations with Placer County Public Health Department, Kaiser Permanente, Sutter Roseville Foundation, Dignity

Health, Adventist Health, Eskaton Retirement communities, Snowline Hospice, and the California Correctional Medical Services for clinical placements for our expected nursing students in serving our

local communities. Assisting in the design, development and construction of our new 6000 sq ft clinical simulation laboratory for nursing and future healthcare programs.

- Currently establishing a cooperative collaboration partnership with Dignity Health, Kaiser Permanente, Sutter Health, and the VA Medical Services for our new Master's of Healthcare Administration Hybrid Program.
- Currently designing new academic programs in Engineering, Doctorate of Physical Therapy, and Doctorate of Occupational Therapy degree programs.

**Douglas Wagemann**



Doug Wagemann began his business career over 50 years ago. He graduated with a B.S. Degree in Operations Management from Cal Poly, Pomona and went on to complete his M.B.A. in Finance at Cal State University, San Bernardino. He is a Maxwell Leadership Certified Coach, Trainer &; Speaker, a Certified Behavioral Analysis/DiSC Consultant, and a Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum. In addition, he and his wife own three businesses in Northern California. Over the years, Doug has been a lecturer at several colleges and universities on strategic planning, transformative/servant leadership, communication, management and finance. Additionally, he has been involved with several hospice organizations including the National Hospice Foundation, Foundation for Hospices in Sub-Saharan Africa, and currently, a board member of Sutter Health

(Sutter Care at Home). He has dedicated his time and resources on several international hospice strategic planning projects in Russia, Italy, Canada as well as the United States in efforts to provide the necessary organizational and strategic structure to better serve the terminally-ill and their families. He is a frequent radio guest and has been a national speaker discussing various business topics and end-of-life issues. Doug deeply believes in giving back to the community and is a highly involved board member of several organizations which gives back to their communities. In his spare time, Doug enjoys spending time with his wife, Rita, reading, writing, listening to classical music and creating memories with family and friends.