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Reducing Overreliance on Psychotropics and Increasing Use of Psychosocial Treatments for Children and Youth in Foster Care

JooYeun Chang, Associate Commissioner of the Children's Bureau

President Obama appointed Ms. Chang as the Associate Commissioner of the Children's Bureau in 2013. Ms. Chang administers over \$7 billion in Federal Programming to support the Nation's child protection, Foster care, Guardianship and Adoption programs.

Prior to her appointment to the Children's Bureau, Ms. Chang was the Senior Director of Public Policy at Casey Family Programs where she worked closely with state and county child welfare leaders to improve and enhance child welfare practice and with Congress on opportunities to improve national child welfare policy. Prior to Casey Family Programs, Ms. Chang served as Senior Staff Attorney for the Children's Defense Fund (CDF). Her areas of expertise in federal and state policy include child abuse and neglect, foster care and adoption, children's mental health, child welfare financing, and kinship care. She has authored several publications; worked to educate congressional staff about child welfare policies designed to protect children and support families; and identified and promoted best practices in child welfare and related issues.

Ms. Chang is a member of the Maryland State Bar; a former board member for the National Foster Care Coalition and chair for the Policy Committee of the National Foster Care Coalition; and a former member of the Generations United Policy Committee. She received her J.D. from University of Miami School of Law where she was a Harvey T. Reid Scholar and her undergraduate degree from North Carolina State University.

Kathleen Noonan, Co-Director Policy Lab, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)

Kathleen Noonan is founding co-director of PolicyLab at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). She is core faculty in the University of Pennsylvania Masters of Public Health Program, and is adjunct faculty in the Division of Pediatrics at the School of Medicine. At PolicyLab, Kathleen co-leads the Center's strategy and communications work; her legal and policy analyses focus on a broad range of children's health, public health and social welfare issues. Kathleen also serves as a mediator and neutral advisor in public-impact class action lawsuits concerning pediatric health and health services.

Previously, Kathleen has been a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School, where she taught health law, and started and directed a Government Law Clinic; and a Senior Associate and Engagement Manager with Casey Strategic Consulting, the consulting arm of the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Earlier in her career, she practiced law at the Boston firm of Hill & Barlow; served as a law clerk to United

States District Judge Morris E. Lasker; and worked in public policy positions in New York City with the Citizens' Committee for Children of New York, Inc., and Bank Street College of Education.

Kathleen received her JD from Northeastern University School of Law, and her BA from Barnard College, Columbia University.

Meredith Matone, Research Scientist at Policy Lab, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)

Meredith Matone is a research scientist at PolicyLab at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). Her research interests include large-scale program evaluation and health services research in the areas of child and family health. At PolicyLab, Ms. Matone has applied these interests to research in collaboration with local and state partners. Her current work includes a statewide evaluation of federally funded home visitation programs for families of young children in Pennsylvania and an assessment of the health service needs of adolescent mothers with involvement in the child welfare system in Philadelphia. Ms. Matone formerly served as project director for an ongoing research portfolio related to pediatric psychotropic medication use and remains engaged with the mental health portfolio at PolicyLab. Prior to PolicyLab, Ms. Matone served on the strategic planning and evaluation teams for an infant mortality initiative in Baltimore City. Ms. Matone is currently pursuing her Doctor of Public Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health where she received a U.S. Public Health Service Training Grant. She is a Master of Health Science graduate of the school.

Michael W. Naylor, Department of Psychiatry, Institute for Juvenile Research, University of Illinois

Dr. Naylor is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Medicine. He is the Director of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and the Director of the Behavioral Health and Welfare Program, a program formed by contract between the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and UIC to address the mental health needs of the most severely disturbed state wards. In addition, he directs the UIC Clinical Services in Psychopharmacology Program and consults with the DCFS Psychotropic Medication Consent Line regarding psychotropic medication consents for youth in state custody. He is board certified in child and adolescent psychiatry, general psychiatry and sleep disorders medicine and is an expert in child and adolescent mood disorders and psychopharmacology. He has published more than 100 peer-reviewed manuscripts, abstracts and book chapters and has presented his work at national meetings. Dr. Naylor received the 2008 Norbert and Charlotte Rieger Service Program Award for Excellence as the Director of the Behavioral Health and Welfare Program. Dr. Naylor earned his medical degree from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine. He completed his general psychiatry residency, his child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship, and his sleep disorders fellowship at the University of Michigan School of Medicine.

Kevin George, Child Well-Being Program Manager, Oregon Department of Human Services

Kevin George is the Program Manager for Child Well-Being Services at the Oregon Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Division. In Oregon, the Child Well-Being Program encompasses; Foster Care, Residential Care, Youth Transitions, Education and Health Care. Mr. George has been in the role of State Foster Care Manager beginning in 2001 and in 2012, the department created the Child Well-Being Program expanding the role from Foster Care to the Child Well-Being Program. Mr. George's prior work includes; public child welfare caseworker, foster home certifier and non-profit organizations for children.

***Sarah Pauter, Executive Youth Partner of the Family & Youth Roundtable (FYRT)
& California-FosterClub Youth Ambassador***

Sarah Pauter is a seasoned youth advocate with progressive experience in nonprofit leadership. After spending 17 years in the foster care system before ultimately emancipating, Sarah earned a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from San Diego State University and a Master of Arts in Public Policy and Administration from Northwestern University.

Currently, Sarah is the Executive Youth Partner of Family & Youth Roundtable of San Diego County where she works to improve public child-serving systems through advocacy and awareness. Sarah has co-chaired the County of San Diego's Children System of Care Council and continues to serve as a representative of youth involved with juvenile justice and residential treatment. Her educational and professional achievements paired with nearly two decades of experience within the foster care system grants her a unique perspective shared by few in her field.