

## **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY**

### **Olga Dazzo, Director Michigan Department of Community Health**

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In January 2011, Governor Rick Snyder appointed Olga Dazzo Director of the Michigan Department of Community Health.

A veteran leader in the health care industry, she has a proven track record of improving the health of citizens *and* the health care delivery system.

Prior to joining the Department of Community Health, Dazzo was President and CEO of Health Reform Innovations, helping health care organizations improve services and lower costs in the midst of national challenges and reforms. From 2007–2010 Dazzo served as Senior Vice President and Executive Director of Jackson Health Plans at Jackson Health Systems in Miami, Florida. She also spent more than a decade as President and CEO of Physicians Health Plan (PHP), an affiliate of Sparrow Health System.

Dazzo has served on numerous boards and received many awards, including the Michigan Association of Health Plans' Ellis J. Bonner Outstanding Achievement Award for exemplary service in health care innovation.

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### **Dean Sienko, Interim Chief Medical Executive Michigan Department of Community Health**

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Dean Sienko, M.D., M.S. is the Interim Chief Medical Executive for the Michigan Department of Community Health. He is board certified in Preventive Medicine and Public Health and has over 25 years of public health experience at federal, state and local units of government.

In addition to his duties at MDCH, he is the Health Officer and Medical Director for the Ingham County Health Department.

Dr. Sienko earned his M.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin, his M.S. from the University of Michigan, and completed his preventive medicine residency at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

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### **Jean Chabut, Deputy Director of the Public Health Administration Michigan Department of Community Health**

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Jean Chabut has long been dedicated to public health, beginning her career in 1964 as a public health nurse for the Detroit Health Department. While there, she provided nursing and administrative leadership until she joined the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) in 1982.

Before attaining her current position, Jean served as Director of the Bureau of Chronic Disease and Injury Control. She helped spearhead programs in heart disease, stroke, cancer, and diabetes, some of which now serve as national models. Currently Deputy Director of MDCH's Public Health Administration, Jean is responsible for the management and direction of Michigan's public health programs and policies.

Jean has been an active member of national, state and local organizations and voluntary associations. She has received numerous awards during her distinguished public health career, most recently the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers (ASTHO) *State Leadership Award* in 2010; the Michigan Association of Local Public Health *Roy R. Manty Distinguished Service Award* in 2010 and the Karmanos Cancer Institute *Heroes of Breast Cancer Leadership Award* in 2010.

Jean holds a B.S. in Nursing from the State University of Iowa and an M.P.H. from the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan.

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### **Michael Hamm, C. S. Mott Professor of Sustainable Agriculture Michigan State University**

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*Professor Hamm will be available to speak to the media regarding Food Systems and Community-Based Approaches to Obesity Prevention.*

Michael Hamm is the C. S. Mott Professor of Sustainable Agriculture at Michigan State University. Mike has a B.A. in Biology from Northwestern University and a Ph.D. in human nutrition from the University of Minnesota.

Mike is currently affiliated with the Departments of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies; Crop and Soil Sciences; and Food Science and Human Nutrition. His appointment encompasses teaching, the Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension.

Prior to moving to MSU he was Dean of Academic and Student Programs for Cook College, Rutgers University. He was co-founder and director of the New Jersey Urban Ecology Program, an effort to address sustainable food systems in New Jersey. He was founding director of the Cook Student Organic Farm as well as board member and board president of the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey.

At MSU he is co-founder of the C.S. Mott Group for Sustainable Food Systems which engages communities in applied research and outreach to promote sustainable food systems. Community food security, community and sustainable food systems are active research areas.

Mike is a member of the Governor-appointed Michigan Food Policy Council, a member of the Eastern Market Corporation Board of Directors and chairs the National Advisory Committee of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Food and Fitness Initiative.

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### **Kai-Lin Catherine Jen, Ph. D., Professor and Chair, Department of Nutrition and Food Science, Wayne State University**

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*Professor Jen will be available to speak to the media regarding Maternal Care During Pregnancy, Birth Weight and Obesity in Later Life.*

Dr. Jen is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Nutrition and Food Science, Wayne State University. She is also a fellow of The Obesity Society.

Dr. Jen's research areas are in diet-induced obesity, childhood obesity, obesity treatment as well as maternal and child nutrition. She has more than 100 research papers published in scientific journals.

Dr. Jen is currently a Co-Principal Investigator in a NIH-funded research to enhance the compliance with weight loss interventions in obese African American adolescents. She is also the co-inventor of a soluble dietary fiber Mirafit that has patents issued in 30 countries worldwide.

Dr. Jen is frequently interviewed by media for comments related to obesity and other nutrition related issues.

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### **Karen E. Peterson, Professor and Director, Human Nutrition Program School of Public Health, University of Michigan**

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*Professor Peterson will be available to speak to the media regarding Interventions to Prevent Obesity in Childhood.*

Karen E. Peterson is Professor and Director of the Human Nutrition Program at the University of Michigan, School of Public Health. She received a B.S. in Foods and Nutrition from the University of Utah and Sc.D. in Nutrition from Harvard School of Public Health, and trained to become as a registered dietitian at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, MA.

Karen's research focuses on understanding complex causes of obesity during sensitive periods across the life course and on designing diet and physical activity interventions to reduce obesity in multi-ethnic, low-income children and families, in partnership with public health organizations (WIC, schools, health departments).

Prior to coming to UMSPH, Karen created and directed the doctoral Program in Public Health Nutrition at the Harvard School of Public Health. In addition to leading the interdisciplinary Human Nutrition Program at UMSPH, Karen currently is Principal Investigator of the UMSPH Children's Environmental Health and Disease Prevention Center funded by NIEHS and EPA, focusing on understanding the relationship of early exposures to toxins to development of obesity. She also serves as Associate Director of the Michigan Nutrition and Obesity Research Center, one of 12 centers across the US funded by the National Institutes of Health to conduct innovative research on obesity to inform clinical and public health practice.