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Natasha Bagdasarian, MD, MPH, FIDSA (Chair)

Dr. Bagdasarian has been the Chief Medical Executive for the State of Michigan since 2021. In this role she provides overall medical guidance for the State of Michigan as a cabinet member of the Governor.

She is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases and is a Fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America. She has worked in Michigan and internationally (Singapore, Bangladesh, for the World Health Organization), and has 50+ publications on topics in infectious diseases and public health.

From 2020-2021 Dr. Bagdasarian served the State of Michigan as Senior Public Health Physician. Since 2020 she has served as a technical advisor for the World Health Organization (WHO), on outbreak preparedness and COVID-19.

Dr. Bagdasarian completed medical school at Wayne State University; internal medicine residency and infectious diseases fellowship at the University of Michigan; and she received a master's in public health degree, from the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

Eric Adelman

Mr. Adelman is the Executive VP & Chief Advancement Officer at Geshar Human Services, which was formed with the combination of Kadima Mental Health Services and JVS Human Services in 2022 and provides workforce development, behavioral health and community inclusion programming. Eric and his team are responsible for Geshar's development, marketing, advocacy, and other external relations. Prior to the merger, Eric served as Kadima's Executive Director for 8 years. He has also served as the BBYO Michigan Regional Director for 8 years and Community Relations Associate/Director of Government Relations for the Detroit Jewish Community Council. Eric has been appointed to the MI Public Health Advisory Council by both Democratic and Republican governors, and has served since its inception in 2016. Eric is a member of the Wayne State University Practitioners' Advisory Council for the MPA program and on the Jewish Federation's Stephen H. Schulman Millennium Fund. Eric was named to the "40 Under 40" list by Crains Detroit Business and as the 2017 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Wayne State Public Administration Program. Eric lives in metro Detroit with his wife Karen (named that before it was bad!) and two daughters. In his free time, he can be found playing loud guitar and drums or, in quiet times, cooking or baking.

Dr. Nancy Barr

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Dr. Barr is the executive director of the Michigan Allied Poultry Industries (MAPI). MAPI is the statewide, non-profit, trade organization representing Michigan's egg, chicken, and turkey farmers.

Barr is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine who has spent the past 23 years in varying roles at the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), including her latest position as Assistant State Veterinarian, focusing on statewide animal care. She has been a veterinary specialist focusing on the implementation of protocols for disease preparedness, surveillance, and response for poultry and a senior field veterinarian that oversaw the avian influenza surveillance component of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) and developed the state avian influenza response and containment plan for poultry in conjunction with NPIP partner groups.

William “Bill” Bohlen

Mr. Bohlen has been involved in the public works industry for over 32 years. During his career he has been responsible for multiple facets of the industry with a concentration in Drinking Water and Sanitary Sewer. Bill has directed multiple agencies and his current responsibilities include providing drinking water for a population of 100,000 (14 communities) as well as wastewater services for 8 communities.

Jennifer Bonsky

Ms. Bonsky currently serves as the Deputy Director for MDARD's Food and Dairy Division (FDD) where she oversees staff and activities in the Produce Safety, Enforcement and Federal Standards, Local Health Services and Emergency Response, and emerging issues. She also carries out and supports administrative functions related to food, dairy, and produce safety inspections.

Jennifer has more than 24 years with MDARD and started her career as a food inspector in the metro Detroit area. She was selected as an original member of Michigan's Rapid Response Team where she served as the Food Safety Processing Specialist, participated in many emergency responses, and helped enhance MDARD's emergency response capabilities. Jennifer also assumed the role of project coordinator for the Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards and helped Michigan become one of the first 10 states nationally to achieve and maintain full conformance with the standards. She also served as the Animal Feed Supervisor in the Feed Safety and Fertilizer Section of MDARD's Pesticide & Plant Pest Management Division until returning to FDD as the Deputy Director.

Shenlin Chen

Jayne DeBoer-Rowse

Ms. DeBoer-Rowse is a dedicated and compassionate registered nurse. With 17 years of nursing experience, Jayne has worked in various healthcare settings, including

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hospitals, and clinics. She currently works at the local health department where she specializes in Homeless Advocacy and Harm Reduction.

In her free time, Jayne enjoys volunteering with local medical students to attend to the needs of the homeless population in the Pontiac area. She believes in the power of healthcare outreach and strives to make a positive impact on the lives of underserved populations.

Jayne earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Michigan.

Cheryl Dickson

Denise Fair Razo

Ms. Fair Razo is Chief Public Health Officer for the City of Detroit and oversees the Detroit Health Department. She leads a team of 250 healthcare professionals who protect and promote the safety, health and well-being of Detroiters. The Health Department operates more than 40 services and programs so that Detroiters can have equitable access to all the elements of a healthy lifestyle so families can thrive and businesses can prosper. Denise was appointed by Mayor Mike Duggan in September 2019. She and her team led the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, providing outreach in the form of rapid tests, education and vaccination clinics, in addition to services that protect the public health such as communicable disease investigations, environmental health and safety inspection, food safety and programs to support healthy children.

Prior to leading Detroit's Health Department, Denise was group practice director at Henry Ford Health System with executive oversight for primary care and behavioral health clinics and multi-specialty medical centers. Previously, she served as senior consultant and program administrator for Trinity Health System.

Denise serves on Michigan's Public Health Advisory Council, appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer to represent local public health officials. She also serves on the boards of the Public Health Foundation, Detroit Authority, and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. She also serves on the board of her high school alma mater, Greenhills School. Denise has been extensively recognized for her leadership of the Detroit Health Department. She was named to the prestigious "40 Under 40" list of Crain's Detroit Business in 2020, named "Woman of Impact" by The Joyce Ivey Foundation, "Woman of Excellence" by the Michigan Chronicle, the "Michigan Ave Award for Public Service" by the Southwest Detroit Business Association in 2021 and the Health Champion for the City by Black Family Development in 2022.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, a Master of Public Health from The University of California at Berkeley, and a Master of Business Administration from the Mike Ilitch School of Business at Wayne State University. She is board certified in health care management from the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) and serves on the board of the ACHE Midwest Chapter.

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Larry Horvath

Mr. Horvath represents the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) at the Public Health Advisory Commission. He also serves as the director of the Bureau of Community and Health Systems (BCHS) within LARA. The bureau has regulatory oversight for state licensing of facilities, agencies and programs in Michigan including nursing homes, hospitals, surgery centers, hospices, and substance use disorder programs as well as nurse aide and qualified interpreter programs. Mr. Horvath is a graduate of the University of Michigan and has over 30 years of governmental experience including more than 20 years with the State of Michigan and 10 years with a local public health department.

Dr. Farah Jalloul

Dr. Jalloul immigrated to the U.S. at ten years old with her family. In 2012, she obtained a bachelor's in science, with a concentration in biochemistry from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and continued to earn a Doctorate in Pharmacy and a Master of Business Administration from Ferris State University in 2017. She then completed a fellowship with the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA).

Currently, she serves as the Director of Professional Development at the MPA. She is at the forefront, advocating for pharmacists' scope of practice and inclusion within healthcare. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she transitioned into a liaison role between the MPA and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). She facilitated discussions between the state and pharmacists throughout Michigan during the COVID-19 testing and immunization rollout. She continues to serve as the state's pharmacy emergency preparedness coordinator and represents pharmacy practice on a state level. Jalloul was appointed by Gov. Whitmer to the Protect Michigan Commission in 2021 and the Public Health Advisory Council in 2022.

Dr. Jalloul has received many accolades for her work during the pandemic, including being recognized as one of the Arab America Foundation 40 under 40, as well as the 2021 Carin's Detroit "Rising Star in Healthcare" award, Pharmacy Times NextGen Rising Star and MPA Distinguished New Pharmacist Practitioner Awardee. Jalloul was recently named the 2023 American Pharmacists Association Hubert H. Humphrey Awardee. The Humphrey Award, named for the noted pharmacist and public servant (senator from Minnesota and U.S. Vice President), was established in 1978 to recognize pharmacists who made significant contributions to government and legislative service.

Justin Klamerus

Rory Lafferty

Mr. Lafferty is director of Government Affairs at Health Alliance Plan (HAP). Active in health policy at the state and national level, Rory is the chair of the Michigan Association

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of Health Plan's Legislative Committee. He also participates in several policy workgroups within the Alliance of Community Health Plans.

Prior to joining HAP, Rory worked for the Michigan Legislature as a legislative aide and legislative policy analyst. His areas of expertise are health policy and legislative affairs. Rory holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Central Michigan University.

Rita Loch Caruso

Ms. Loch Caruso is Professor Emerita in the Department of Environmental Health Sciences and the Program of the Environment at the University of Michigan. Prior to retirement, her research focused on female reproductive toxicology, with emphasis on the placenta. She has experience participating in and leading multidisciplinary teams that emphasized translational research and community engagement. She is an active, founding member of two groups in the Ann Arbor area that monitor local water issues: the Allen's Creek Watershed Group and the Coalition for Action on the Remediation of Dioxane (CARD). She served for 14 years on the City of Ann Arbor Environmental Commission (2000-2014), including service as Commission Chair (2003-2006).

Dr. Sarah Lyon-Callo

Dr. Lyon-Callo is the interim senior deputy director of the Public Health Administration (PHA) for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, an administration that oversees a vast array of public health services in Michigan and coordinates closely with the state's local health departments.

Dr. Lyon-Callo began her career in governmental public health in 1997, serving as a regional community epidemiologist at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Bureau of Environmental Health before joining MDHHS as an asthma surveillance coordinator in 1998. Since then, she has held several positions related to epidemiology at MDHHS: asthma epidemiologist; section manager for the Chronic Disease Epidemiology Section; asthma investigator; section manager for Surveillance and Program Evaluation; and director of Division of Lifecourse Epidemiology and Genomics. She served as state epidemiologist beginning in 2015, serving as director for the Bureau of Epidemiology and Population Health as well as acting director of the Bureau of Infectious Disease Prevention.

She was appointed to the interim position in October 2022.

In addition to her masters in epidemiology and biostatistics from University of Massachusetts, she earned her doctorate in epidemiologic science in 2018 from the University of Michigan.

Janet Olszewski

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Ms. Olszewski spent 27 years working for the State of Michigan in a variety of positions covering aging, maternal and child health, Medicaid, public health, and regulatory programs. Her career in state government culminated with her appointment as the Director of the Michigan Department of Community Health where she directed all publicly funded public health, mental health, Medicaid and other health coverage programs for the state of Michigan with an annual budget of \$14 billion and a staff of 4000. Ms. Olszewski served in this position from 2003-2010.

Upon leaving state government, Ms. Olszewski joined Health Management Associates as a Principal, where she assisted clients with strategic planning and positioning related to the Affordable Care Act, health reform and state health care developments. Janet then joined Consumers Mutual Insurance of Michigan as the Senior Director for Strategic Initiatives and Public Policy. Janet then served 5 years as Senior Fellow with the Michigan Health Endowment Fund.. While there she developed the Health Fund's evaluation strategy and directed the Health Fund's policy and research activities. Ms. Olszewski has served on several state and national committees. She holds a master's in social work from the University of Michigan and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston University.

Eric Oswald

Ashley Redding

Ms. Redding is an epidemiologist with the Henry Ford Health Department of Public Health Sciences. She is also a member of the Public Health faculty at Wayne State University. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Grand Valley State University and Master of Public Health in Epidemiology from the University of Michigan.

Tanya Rule

Kristen Schweighoefer

Dr. Sarju Shah

Dr. Sarju Shah is a family medicine doctor practicing in Canton, Michigan for last 30 years. He is the chief medical officer of Beaumont accountable care organization, and chief of family medicine at Beaumont Wayne Hospital.

Herbert C. Smitherman Jr., MD, MPH, FACP

Dr. Smitherman is Professor of Medicine and Karmanos Cancer Institute, Chief Executive Officer, Michigan AHEC, Southeast Regional Center (SERC), Wayne State University (WSU) School of Medicine. He is also President/CEO and Founder of Health Centers Detroit Medical Group, the first Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Look-Alike in the city of Detroit, and has practiced medicine in Detroit for 36 years. His

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community health center/FQHC serves the underserved and uninsured in the city of Detroit and Wayne County.

Dr. Smitherman received his Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering with a minor in biomedical engineering from Northwestern University, in Evanston, Ill. He completed his medical degree at the University of Cincinnati and his master's degree in health services administration at the University of Michigan. Dr. Smitherman is also interested in health care and international economics. He has completed special course work in international economics and U.S. macroeconomics at Amherst College, in Amherst, Mass., and health care economics and conflict resolution at Harvard University.

Marianne Udow Phillips

Ms. Udow Phillips is Principal of MuConsulting and a senior advisor at the University of Michigan Center for Health and Research Transformation (CHRT) where she served as the founding executive director. She is also on faculty at the University of Michigan School of Public Health and Ford Public Policy School. Ms. Udow-Phillips holds a Bachelor of Arts from Hamilton-Kirkland Colleges and a Master of Health Services Administration from the University of Michigan.

Thomas Weber

Mr. Weber represents the Department of State Police/Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD). He serves as the Planning Manager for EMHSD. EMHSD's mission is to prevent, mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies, disasters, and threats to our state and homeland and is responsible for operating the State Emergency Operations Center. As Planning Manager, Mr. Weber oversees the development of plans and standard operating procedures including the Michigan Emergency Management Plan, the Michigan Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Michigan Disaster Recovery Plan, and their related support plans. Mr. Weber was involved in coordinating with FEMA to plan the state's water distribution plan in response to the Flint Water Crisis as well as the state's COVID response plans. Prior to the State of Michigan, Mr. Weber coordinated the implementation of a Lead Hazard Control Program for the City of Davenport, IA. Mr. Weber is a graduate of Iowa State University and has over 35 years of governmental and consulting experience including more than 11 years with the State of Michigan within the Department of State Police.