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THE PATH FORWARD FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE PANDEMIC

Collaboration for systemic change in the time of a pandemic

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Post-Election-**The Path Forward for Nursing Home Residents: Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic**

April 23, 2021 12:00 PM-1:00 PM CT

Open to All – Complimentary Virtual Session 1.0 CEU*

Welcome to the State of Health of Chicago! From September 2020 through December 2021, the Institute of Medicine of Chicago (IOMC) will host over 18 live, interactive virtual learning sessions during the "State of Health of Chicago 2020-2021 (SOHOC)." In its 105th year, IOMC captures the theme for 2020-2021 ***Collaboration for Systemic Change in the Time of a Pandemic: WE CAN DO BETTER.***

Nursing home residents in Illinois represent less than 1% of the population, yet they had 50% of all COVID-19 deaths pre-vaccine distribution. This session will explore what nursing home residents were more adversely affected and initiatives to improve care and prevent harm in the short and long term. In addition to COVID-19, the emotional, mental, and isolation effects both during the pandemic and post-pandemic will be discussed at this virtual session. Leading experts in senior care will discuss the lessons learned and provide guidance on the opportunities going forward for this important demographic.

SPEAKERS

Moderator: **Pat Merryweather-Arges, MA**, Executive Director, Project Patient Care, Fellow and Board Director, the Institute of Medicine of Chicago

Panelists: **R. Tamara Konetzka, PhD**, University of Chicago, Louis Block Professor of Public Health Sciences and the College, and Department of Medicine, Section of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine

Susan Ryan, MA, Senior Director of [The Green House Project](#)

Michael Wasserman, MD, Geriatrician and Editor-in-Chief of Springer's upcoming textbook, [Geriatric Medicine: A Person-Centered Evidence Based Approach](#)

By attending this session, you will:

- Identify the physical and mental impact of COVID-19 on nursing home residents pre-vaccine and post-vaccine
- Recognize the key factors that lead to the COVID-19 crisis in nursing homes
- Compare and contrast the impact of COVID-19 on Black and Latinx nursing home residents and staff
- Explain short and long term models to improve quality of life & health outcomes for seniors with home care

Register at www.iomc.org/event

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SPEAKERS BIO



Pat Merryweather-Arges, MA

Pat Merryweather-Arges, MA, Executive Director, Project Patient Care (PPC), Moderator for AcademyHealth LTSS Interest Group. Pat is Executive Director of Project Patient Care, a not-for-profit that brings the voice of the patient, resident, family, and caregiver to quality and safety healthcare improvement initiatives and policy-making. Prior to PPC, Pat served as the Executive Director of the QIN-QIO covering multiple states and prior to the QIO, Pat was the Senior Vice President at the Illinois Hospital Association. Pat has been involved numerous initiatives with providers and patients and residents focused on co-production of policy initiatives and performance improvements.



R. Tamara Konetzka, PhD

R. Tamara Konetzka, PhD, is the Louis Block Professor of Public Health Sciences and the College, with a secondary appointment in the Department of Medicine, Section of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine at the University of Chicago. She is an internationally recognized expert in the health economics of long-term and post-acute care. Her research focuses on the incentives created by health care policy, including payment policy, and their effects on quality of care. JAMA recently released a study which she co-authored on racial disparities in nursing homes and in March 2021 testified before the Senate on nursing home disparities.



Susan Ryan, MA

Susan Ryan, MA, Senior Director of The Green House Project, is a leader in the strategic development of innovative thinking and cultural paradigm shifts. With international speaking and project management experience, she has served as an integral part of The Green House Project for over 12 years and has led the team through key transitions. In the quest for quality long-term care environments that are accessible and affordable to all, Susan has sought to leverage lessons learned from research conducted on the Green House model to develop protocols and metrics to ensure growth and sustainability. The Green House Project has been prominently profiled before and during the pandemic as an alternative approach to institutional settings for seniors and recently was highlighted in [JAMDA](#).



Michael Wasserman, MD

Michael Wasserman, MD, geriatrician who has devoted his career to serving the needs of older adults. He is the Editor-in-Chief of Springer's upcoming textbook, Geriatric Medicine: A Person-Centered Evidence Based Approach; past Chief Executive Officer for Rockport Healthcare Services, overseeing the largest nursing home chain in California; Executive Director, Care Continuum, for Health Services Advisory Group, the Quality Improvement Organization for California; co-founder of Senior Care of Colorado; and frequently quoted in NY Times, Washington Post, and other public media and has been a guest presenter on CNN and MSNBC.