Speaker Biographies



Donald Baird, MD is a Family Practice Physician, and the Humboldt County Public Health Officer. He has provided health care in Humboldt County for the last four decades. Over the years, the scope of his practice has shifted from general community medicine to adult health care with a special focus on chronic pain, recognition and treatment of affective disorders and comprehensive management of chronic diseases.

Dr. Baird received his Bachelor's degree from Dartmouth before attending Virginia Commonwealth University where he received his medical degree. He completed his Family Practice and Community Health residency at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Since 2012, Dr. Baird has served as the Chief of Staff and Medical Director of Hospitalist Services at Redwood Memorial Hospital in Fortuna. In 2012, he was appointed by the County Board of Supervisors to the role of Humboldt County Public Health Officer. Before joining the Open Door Community Health Clinic system in 2014, Dr. Baird was the lead partner of a 15,000 patient multi practitioner family medicine practice in Fortuna.

Dr. Baird has served on several healthcare organizations' boards and committees, providing his experience on quality assurance projects. He is also currently certified by the California State Department of Mental Health to perform clinical psychiatric reviews for state program patients.



Bryan Coleman, PharmD, received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Southern California in 2011 where he received the Mylan Institute Award for Excellence in Pharmacy. He has been in community pharmacy practice in Humboldt County for the past four years. For those four years he as worked in nine community pharmacies for four companies in the county, including as pharmacist in charge for 17 months. Bryan currently works at Cloney's Pharmacies as a staff pharmacist supervising Medication

Therapy Management programs and the Partnership Health Plan Quality Improvement Program (QIP) for the pharmacy in addition to his usual duties.



Andrea Rubenstein, MD is the Chief of Pain Management at Kaiser Permanente. She is an Anesthesiologist with a specialty in chronic pain. Before going to medical school she worked as a software engineer and has a special love for 'solving problems'. After several years in the high-tech world, she decided it would be more interesting to solve medical problems than computer problems and chose to pursue medicine. She attended Stanford University Medical School and then went on to a residency in Anesthesiology at Duke University. While at

Stanford she became fascinated with chronic pain and new and exciting ways to treat pain.

Dr. Rubenstein joined Kaiser Permanente in 2007, because of their longstanding commitment to treating patients with chronic pain using the absolute best methods and modalities available. She really loves what she does now and has a strong interest in clinical research to help both doctors and patients better understand chronic pain and find new ways to treat this condition.

William Morris, M.D., MPH received his medical degree from the University of California at San Diego in 1989, and completed his internship year in internal medicine at the University of Maryland in 1990. He then received his Masters of Public Health with a focus on immunology in 1991 and a General Preventive Medicine Residency in 1992 from The Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and Hygiene in Baltimore, Maryland.

After spending time abroad working with the Pan American Health Organization on measles control in Jamaica, Dr. Morris returned to the United States and finished up his internal medicine training at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose, California, and then moved to Santa Cruz with his family in 2000.

He practices palliative care medicine in both inpatient and outpatient settings in Santa Cruz and is the Medical Director of Utilization Management Department at Dominican Hospital, Santa Cruz. He also is the medical director of The Community Clinic of Janus, the local methadone/suboxone treatment clinic/Suboxonecenter, as well at the medical director of Driftwood Skilled Nursing Facility. In addition to palliative care, his clinical interests include addiction medicine, methadone, quality improvement in skilled nursing facilities, and prescription opioid failure. He is board certified in both Internal medicine and palliative care and is on staff at Dominican Hospital. Santa Cruz.



Willard Hunter, M.D. grew up in the Midwest and then moved to Southern California for high school. After getting a bachelor's degree at Harvard in the turbulent late 1960's, he attended medical school at UCLA. He moved to Garberville in the late 1970's after completing a family practice residency at UC Davis. For the next 20 years he served as medical director of Redwoods Rural Health Center in Redway and was on staff at Southern Humboldt

Community Hospital (now renamed Phelps Hospital) taking all comers and doing family practice and emergency medicine. In 1998 he moved up to northern Humboldt County and accepted the position of Medical Director of the Open Door Community Health Centers. Currently his work is two-thirds clinical and one-third administrative.



Kelvin Vu, D.O. graduated from UCLA with a major in Psychobiology and a minor in Education Studies. He received his medical degree from Western University and completed his residency training in Family Medicine at UC Davis Medical Center, where he also served as Chief Resident in his last year. Dr. Vu came to Open Door Community Health Centers with the goal of practicing full-spectrum family medicine while providing care to an

underserved community. He is excited to serve as the medical director for Mobile Health Services.