

## WORKSHOP I

Introduction to the Central Health Enterprise  
**Thursday, September 24, 2020**

### COVID-19 at a Glance: Assessing Equity in CommUnityCare Testing

**Matt Richardson, Senior Data Strategy Analyst, Central Health**



Matt Richardson, MPH, DrPHc is a Senior Data Strategy Analyst in the Analysis and Reporting team at Central Health. He has a 20 year career in public health data analysis and strategy, and holds a Bachelor's in Microbiology from the University of Texas at Austin, a Master's in Public Health Epidemiology and Biostatistics from Texas A&M, and is currently completing a doctorate in Public Health Leadership from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Fun Fact: Matt and his family have their own space program, aiming to get an amateur high power rocket to suborbital space by 2025.

**Max Shpak, PhD., Biostatistician - Quality, Assessment & Performance, Central Health**



Max Shpak is a biostatistician with Central Health. His original professional background was as a researcher in the areas of genetics and computational biology. He has a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics from Cornell University and a PhD in ecology and evolutionary biology from Yale University.

Max is an avid fisherman and hunter and enjoys entomology, paleontology, geology, and astronomy.

### COVID-19 Response: Breakout Sessions

#### COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH

**Isela Guerra, Outreach Supervisor, Central Health**



Isela Guerra is the Community Outreach Supervisor at Central health and has been with the organization since 2009. In her current role, she educates the community on the Medical Access Program and other Enterprise programs and seeks to create partnerships with organizations that serve similar populations. Previously an Eligibility Supervisor, she is also knowledgeable in federal, state, and local health coverage programs. Isela graduated from Texas State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies and holds an Associate of Science degree in Business Administration from Austin Community College.

Isela is a native Austinite and an avid traveler. She spends her free time with her family and friends enjoying all the green spaces Austin has to offer.

#### COVID-19 TESTING



## **Monica Saavedra, Director of Marketing & Community Relations, CommUnityCare Health Centers**



Monica Saavedra has over 22 years of experience in the health care nonprofit world. She has worked with many diverse populations from migrant farmworkers, to low income Travis county residents. Monica's passion lies with helping the underserved gain access to health care, particularly the Latino community. Monica started her work by developing and implementing public health programs, and has now transitioned to health care marketing and communications.

Monica is an undergraduate from the University of Texas at El Paso with a Bachelor of Science in Health Science and has a Master's in Public Health from the University of Texas at Austin. She is currently the Director of Marketing and Community Relations at CommUnityCare Health Centers, Travis County's largest safety net provider.

## **CLINICAL RESPONSE**

### **Dr. Nicholas Yagoda, Associate Chief Medical Officer, CommUnityCare Health Centers**



Nicholas Yagoda, MD is the Associate Chief Medical Officer at CommUnityCare Health Centers, a Federally Qualified Health Center in Austin, TX dedicated to the care of local vulnerable populations. Dr. Yagoda has helped lead the organization's COVID-19 response, involving widespread community testing, alternative care delivery models, innovative safety protocols, and inter-agency coordinated care to ensure comprehensive support for vulnerable populations who have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Yagoda practices general family medicine, with a focus on HIV and addiction medicine.

At CommUnityCare, he led the development of the region's first Medication-Assisted Therapy program for uninsured people with opioid use disorders and is a founding member of the Fast Track Cities/Getting to Zero Taskforce to end the HIV epidemic in Travis County. Dr. Yagoda is also an Assistant Professor of Population Health at the University of Texas at Austin – Dell Medical School. His writing has been published in peer-reviewed journals including *The Annals of Family Medicine*, *The Journal of Family Practice* and *Nature*.

He is the recipient of Travis County Medical Society's 2018 Ruth M. Bain Young Physician Award. He is from Brooklyn, New York, completed his medical education at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, and his post-graduate training at the Lawrence Family Medicine Residency in Massachusetts. Dr. Yagoda has built a career fiercely committed to the care and wellbeing of the vulnerable and underserved.