



PUBLIC HEALTH CAREER PANEL 2022



Josh Bohannon, JD - Health and Human Services Policy Advisor, County of San Diego

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Josh is a committed advocate for policies that protect our most vulnerable populations. He spent five years working with the Alzheimer's community where he fought to eliminate health inequities, prevent elder abuse and improve public health outcomes. While in Sacramento, Josh studied legislation and policy at Sacramento's McGeorge School of Law. He also completed a fellowship with the New Leaders Council. Josh has a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from California State University - Sacramento.



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Harji graduated from UC San Diego in 2016 with a major in Public Health and a minor in Business. He went on to complete a master's degree in Health Administration at USC in 2018. Since then, he's had the opportunity to work across a multi-state health system, an academic medical center, a pediatric hospital, and a healthtech startup. He hopes to offer students unbiased guidance as they tackle challenges in the workplace, navigate taboo topics (such as compensation), and gain exposure to career paths they may not have previously considered.



Sarah Linke, PhD, MPH - Senior Director, Health Economics & Outcomes Research, Omada Health

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Dr. Linke is a behavioral scientist and licensed clinical psychologist whose research focuses on designing, implementing, and evaluating health behavior change programs to prevent and manage chronic diseases. She spent over a decade in academia, where she was an Associate Clinical Professor in Family Medicine and Public Health at UC San Diego, before transitioning to a position in the digital health industry in January 2022. She is currently the Head of Research at Omada Health, where she oversees a body of research evaluating the clinical and financial impact of programs designed to prevent and manage chronic diseases, including obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and musculoskeletal conditions.



Emily Little, PhD - Executive Director, Nurturely

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Emily Little, PhD, is a perinatal health researcher, educator, and advocate, and the Founder and Executive Director of Nurturely, a nonprofit organization that promotes equity in perinatal wellness and strengthens cultures of support for infants and caregivers (nurturely.org). Dr. Little's research combines approaches from anthropology, psychology, and public health to understand infant-caregiver interaction and perinatal health behavior from a global, cultural lens. At Nurturely, Dr. Little translates interdisciplinary research into curricula, communications, and coalitions to close racial equity gaps in early health and development.



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KellyAnne Rodriguez is a San Diego native and grew up in City Heights and the College Area, attending Crawford High School, known for being the most diverse school in the nation. Raised in this environment gave her a unique outlook on both racial injustices, public health, and sparked her desire to help her community. KellyAnne is a Chief, Regional Community Coordinator, serving East Region if the Office of Equitable Communities in the department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, with the County of San Diego. In this role she acts as a bridge connecting community partners to one another and county resources.