

The University of California, Berkeley
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Challenges and Opportunities: The Future of California Healthcare

Webinar
Thurs. 4/22/21,
1 -2:30 PM

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Although the Affordable Health Care Act (Obamacare) has improved health care delivery, unfortunately many Californians still do not have accessible, equitable, affordable, or quality health coverage. The challenges to improving healthcare are significant, however, there are opportunities to improve the current system. To discuss some of the key issues and paths forward, the UC Berkeley Emeriti Academy has invited 3 speakers to share with us some of the most critical issues facing California Health Policy.

Moderators:

- *Dr. Robin Flagg*, UC Berkeley
- *Professor Kenneth Polse*, UC Berkeley

Format:

Short presentations followed by discussion among the panelists and audience participation.

Speakers/Topics:

- California Healthcare Today: How Healthy Are We?
Professor Stephen Shortell, UC Berkeley
- Access, Affordability, and Equity: How recent changes in law are positioned to impact people with mental health and illness issues
Mayor Darrell Steinberg, City of Sacramento, California
- How Much Does California Spend on Healthcare and What Can We Do About It?
Professor Richard Scheffler, UC Berkeley

Moderator:



Dr. Robin Flagg has over 25 years of experience in health policy development and advocacy. She has worked with numerous organizations including the California Association of Public Hospitals, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in the US Department of Health and Human Services, and Kaiser Permanente. Additionally, Dr. Flagg was the Director of Health Policy at the California Medical Association. Dr. Flagg's research interests include state policy making and health care politics with a focus on Medicaid expansion. Dr. Flagg is a lecturer in the UC Berkeley, School of Public Health and San Francisco State University.

Speakers:



Stephen M. Shortell, Ph.D., M.P.H, MBA is the Blue Cross of California Distinguished Professor of Health Policy and Management Emeritus, Dean Emeritus, and Professor of the Graduate School at the School of Public Health and Haas School of Business at University of California-Berkeley where he is the Founding Director of the Center for Healthcare Organizational and Innovation Research ([CHOIR](#)) and Co-Director of the Center for Lean Engagement and Research (CLEAR) in healthcare. He was recently elected to the Modern Healthcare Hall of Fame.



Mayor Darrell Steinberg is the current Mayor of the City of Sacramento California. He is the Founder of the [Steinberg Institute](#) and former President Pro Tempore of the CA State Senate. He is a powerful and effective advocate for mental health care policy in California. He has a long history of championing policy issues affecting brain health, and has gained the respect and trust of providers, decision-makers, business leaders and advocacy organizations across the state and nation.



Richard Scheffler is a Professor in the Graduate Schools of Public Health and the Goldman School of Public Policy. He is the Director of the [Nicholas C. Petris Center](#) on Health Care Markets and Consumer Welfare. In 2019, he was appointed by Governor Newsom to the [Healthy California Commission](#). Dr. Scheffler has received the Berkeley Citation, one of the highest honors awarded by UC Berkeley.

Emeriti Academy Panel Organizing Committee:

Professors Philip Cowan, Michael Harris, Kenneth Polse, Steven Segal, & Stephen Shortell