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Lessons from the Field - Strategies for Supporting COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts

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SPEAKER BIOS

Christian Rhodes

Chief of Staff, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education

Mr. Christian Rhodes served as Chief of Staff for Prince George's County Public Schools. In this role, Mr. Rhodes supported the chief executive officer through management of specific business functions of the school system. He began his career as a political organizer for the Maryland State Teachers Association, a state affiliate of the National Education Association, and education advisor Office of the Prince George's County Executive. Mr. Rhodes has a Master of Public Administration degree from the American University in Washington, D.C., and a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Kate Woodworth

Medical Officer, Vaccine Task Force, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Dr. Kate Woodworth is a pediatrician at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) serving as a medical officer on the Vaccine Task Force on the CDC's COVID-19 Response. Dr. Woodworth first joined CDC in 2015 as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer and served on the frontlines of public health responses including Ebola, Zika virus, and now COVID-19. Dr. Woodworth earned her Doctorate in Medicine at Dartmouth Geisel School of Medicine and her master's in public health at Boston University. She completed residency in Pediatrics at Duke University.

Kevin Chatham-Stephens

Pediatric Vaccine Planning and Implementation Lead, Vaccine Task Force, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Dr. Kevin Chatham-Stephens, MD, MPH, FAAP, CDR U.S. Public Health Service, is a medical epidemiologist and pediatric preparedness expert in the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia. He currently serves on CDC's COVID-19 response as the Pediatric Vaccine

Planning and Implementation Lead on the Vaccine Task Force. When not in the COVID-19 response, he leads CDC's Children's Preparedness Unit, which champions the needs of children before, during, and after public health emergencies. In this role, he has deployed for the Unaccompanied Minors mission and CDC's responses to COVID-19 and e-cigarette or vaping product use-associated lung injury (EVALI). Before joining the Children's Preparedness Unit, Dr. Chatham-Stephens served as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) officer in the National Center for Environmental Health (2013-2015) and led CDC's Botulism Consultation Service in the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (2015-2018).

Rita Carreón

Vice President, UnidosUS

Rita Carreón is Vice President for Health at UnidosUS, a national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization based in Washington, DC. Ms. Carreón oversees the organization's strategic direction in health, including community engagement and programming, addressing social determinants of health, and advancing health equity. She currently leads a team on the public health response for COVID 19 through UnidosUS Esperanza/Hope Fund. She works in close partnership with UnidosUS Affiliates, public and private partners, and other stakeholders to advance access to quality and equitable health care. Previously, she was Vice President of Clinical Strategies and Health Care Equity at America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) and led health programming at the National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc.

Ms. Carreón expertise and interests include improving health and quality of care for diverse communities. She advises organizations on envisioning where health happens, including advancing a culture of health with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, in addition to the American Cancer Society and American Heart Associations' Health Equity Councils and Pfizer's Multicultural Advisory Council. Ms. Carreón is also co-chair of the steering committee for the National Institutes of Health's Community Engagement Alliance Against COVID 19 Disparities (CEAL Alliance). She is a Carol Emmott Foundation Fellow and a member of the Women of Impact for Health Care – a group of female health care executives with a shared goal to realign the health care system to meet the needs of all Americans, recognizing that people who need care come from all walks of life. Ms. Carreón is a certified health insurance executive, holds a post graduate certificate, health care administration and Bachelor of Science degrees in Community and School Health from California State University, Long Beach.

Sean Braisted

Executive Office, Communications and Community Engagement, Metro Nashville Public Schools

Mr. Sean Braisted serves as the Executive Officer for Communications and Community Engagement for Metro Nashville Public Schools, a district that serves 80,000 students in traditional, magnet, and public charter schools. In his role, Mr. Braisted works with the Director of Schools and her cabinet to develop strategies for engaging staff, families, media, and community members in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in the process of promoting and improving academic and social-emotional learning of students. Prior to joining the district in November 2019, Mr. Braisted served as spokesperson for the Codes and Planning Departments and as Communications Director in the Office of Mayor Megan Barry.