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**Ellen Agler, MSc, MPH** currently serves as the CEO of the END Fund, a private philanthropic initiative working to control and eliminate the neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) that affect more than 1.5 billion of the world's most impoverished and vulnerable people. Specifically, the END Fund focuses on scaling treatment for intestinal worms, schistosomiasis, river blindness, lymphatic filariasis, and blinding trachoma. Since its launch in 2012, the END Fund has helped to provide NTD treatments to over 50 million people at risk of NTDs and train over 100,000 community health workers in 15 countries, with a focus on sub-Saharan Africa.

Ellen has worked for almost 20 years on global health programs across more than 60 developing countries in Latin America, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, for organizations including Operation Smile and International Medical Corps. Ellen holds master's degrees in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health, with a focus on humanitarian affairs and complex emergencies, and in Development Studies from the London School of Economics, with a focus on child rights and NGO management. She also studied conflict resolution at Universidad de Javeriana while living in Bogota, Colombia. Her undergraduate degree is in English Literature from Boise State University. Prior to her work in global health, she worked as a journalist and political consultant.

Ellen is currently based in Wilmington, North Carolina with her husband and young daughter. She also has interests in mindfulness, yoga, horseback riding, hiking, neuroscience, literature, poetry, social entrepreneurship, and effective altruism. She serves as an advisor to the Freedom Fund, an initiative to combat modern day slavery, and is on the board of the Legatum Institute, a UK-based public policy think tank dedicated to helping people live more prosperous lives.

Zara Ahmed, MPP, MPH currently serves as the Senior Policy Advisor for Health Systems and Sustainability in the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) office in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, a position she has held since September 2014. Prior to this, she was the Lead Technical Advisor for Health Policy and Communications at CDC-Namibia from June 2012 to August 2014. From September 2009 to May 2012 she was the Health Systems Strengthening Advisor for CDC-Rwanda. In these positions she covered health policy, human resources for health, governance, and health financing issues, as well as helped navigate dramatic decreases in financial resources.

Prior to joining CDC, Zara served as a field researcher on sex worker rights in Cambodia, health financing in rural Cameroon, and donor coordination of malaria programs in Senegal. She also worked as a sexual health counselor at a high school for troubled youth for three years and served as a consultant in Bangladesh on the labor rights of migrant women. After receiving a bachelor's degree in political science from Brown University, Zara pursued graduate studies at the University of Michigan, where she received a Master's in Public Policy, with a focus on health economics, and a Master's in Public Health, with concentrations in Health Behavior/Health Education and Global Health.

**Lindsey Angelats, MS** has over twelve years of health care industry experience supporting strategic business and program development in both the non-profit hospital and public sector. She is currently the Director of Strategic Development at CalOptima, the Medicaid health plan for Orange County, California. In this capacity, she manages strategic planning for the 900 employee organization and the distribution of a \$25M community benefit budget. She recently served as Senior Program Officer of the UniHealth Foundation, a private grantmaking organization serving hospitals in Southern California.

Lindsey's public experience includes a role as the Acting Director of Healthy San Francisco at the San Francisco Department of Public Health, a health access program for 50,000 uninsured San Franciscans. In this capacity, she also served as Acting Administrator of San Francisco's Low Income Health Program, part of California's 1115 Medicaid Waiver. Previously, in her role as Senior Planner at the City and County of San Francisco, she led the implementation and expansion of the One-e-App web-based eligibility system for public benefits. Earlier in her career Lindsey provided consulting assistance to over 500 hospital strategic planners at the Advisory Board Company, a health care consulting firm. She also worked in strategic planning at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford, supporting the expansion of integrated services for children with conditions such as Downs Syndrome, obesity, and genetic disorders. Lindsey has a master's from the Harvard School of Public Health in Health Policy and Management and an undergraduate degree from Duke University in Public Policy. She is a Fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives and a certified Project Management Professional.

David Chang, MD is a local health director for the Virginia Department of Health. In his experience as a health director or acting health director in both urban and rural jurisdictions in Eastern Virginia, he has stewarded local health departments towards public health accreditation, trust-building and staff engagement through diversity and inclusion work, performance management and quality improvement, comprehensive health assessment, and collaboration with community partners towards collective impact in health improvement. David is board-certified in Internal Medicine and continues to work as a clinician on a moonlighting basis at Sentara Healthcare hospitals in Eastern Virginia. He holds the rank of Assistant Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Eastern Virginia Medical School. He regularly mentors and lectures to medical students, residents, and Masters of Public Health students. He serves on the board or on committees for several regional and statewide organizations, and national agencies, including National Association for City and County Health Officials and Public Health Accreditation Board.

David was born in Taipei, Taiwan and raised in the Silicon Valley in California. He has a B.S. in Biology and a B.A. in English from Duke University, and a M.D. from Tufts University School of Medicine. He completed his residency training in General Internal Medicine at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. He is married to Dr. Esther Chang, an ophthalmologist, and is the father of four young children. His family is actively involved in a local church, serving as missions coordinators. David continues to lead and serve as part of medical and non-medical missions trips on a regular basis.

**Jeff DeCelles, EdM** is the Director of Curriculum & Innovation at Grassroot Soccer (GRS), a soccer-base HIV prevention organization. Jeff has worked for GRS since 2003 and oversees

curriculum development, research, and monitoring and evaluation across more than 20 countries. In 2008, Jeff earned a Master's in Education (Ed.M) from Harvard Graduate School of Education as a Catherine Reynolds Fellow for Social Entrepreneurship and is a former Education Specialist for Harvard University's Center for the Support of Peer Education (CSPE). Jeff has headed up two cluster-randomized trials in Zimbabwe aimed at increasing voluntary medical male circumcision among males. As an undergraduate student at University of Vermont, Jeff founded the Batey Libertad Coalition, which uses soccer as a peace-building medium for Haitians and Dominicans living in the Dominican Republic. In 2009, Jeff launched Ragball International, a soccer-based financial empowerment programme in South Africa and Djibouti.

Jeff lives in Cape Town, South Africa with his wife Oriana and their two children. Jeff's interests include soccer, surfing, and drawing pictures of monsters with his daughter.

Oscar Fleming, MSPH has worked on domestic and global public health and community development programs for more than 20 years. Based at the National Implementation Research Network, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Oscar supports the development of implementation infrastructure and capacity in human service agencies. In the past, Oscar has worked with ChildFund International, Africare, USAID, the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee of the US Senate, Health Resources and Services Administration, and the Peace Corps. When completed, the DrPH will be his third (and final) degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC). He has a Master of Science in Public Health and Bachelor of Arts in International Studies degrees from UNC. Oscar's family has deep roots in NC, and though he has lived in many places, NC is home. In his free time, Oscar enjoys beekeeping and running; good food, beer and whiskey; and exploring his new home town – Hillsborough NC. He is very much looking forward to working with and learning from his new classmates.

Innocent Ibegbunam, MPH is the Director, HIV/AIDS Program Management in John Snow, Inc. (JSI) Nigeria Office under the Supply Chain Management System (SCMS) Project. The SCMS Project was set up to provide safe, efficacious and cost effective HIV/AIDS commodities to the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). The project ensures that clients and services providers receive HIV/AIDS commodities in over 7,000 health facilities across the country through an efficient and cost effective supply chain supporting over 500,000 patients of antiretroviral therapy in Nigeria. In his position, Innocent provides national strategic supply chain leadership to the national and state governments and various international and local organizations implementing the HIV/AIDS program in Nigeria. He has been with JSI Nigeria for the last 9 years and has been in various leadership positions for about 7 years during this period.

Innocent is a pharmacist by training from University of Nigeria, Nsukka and obtained Masters of Public Health from University of Liverpool, United Kingdom. Innocent ventured into public health in 2005 through health supply chain project supported by United Kingdom Department for International Development supporting availability of essential medicines at the lowest level of healthcare in Benue State Nigeria. He led the deployment of the Project in Missionary-supported health facilities that support healthcare for those that cannot afford health service in private health facilities.

Innocent is happily married with two children and enjoys watching soccer, playing chess, scrabble and reading current affairs at leisure time. He is also an active member of his local Church working as the President of two major groups; supporting charity assistance to less privileged (Guild of St Anthony of Padua) and public reading (Board of Lectors).

Manizhe E. Payton, MPH is the Director, Office of Clinical Site Oversight (OCSO), Division of AIDS (DAIDS), at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health (NIH). Manizhe manages a multidisciplinary group of health professionals who oversee a grant portfolio containing approximately 175 clinical research sites worldwide. These NIAID grants support HIV treatment and prevention research in approximately 20 countries in North America, Latin America, Africa, and Asia. As Director of OCSO, Manizhe's responsibilities include overseeing and facilitating activities of Clinical Trials Units funded by DAIDS to advance the scientific priorities of the NIAID HIV/AIDS Networks. Prior to joining DAIDS in 2008, she was Director, Trial Management and Operations at the Immune Tolerance Network (ITN), a Division of Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation (DAIT, NIH) funded international consortium dedicated to the development of immune tolerance therapies.

Manizhe obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences from the University of Maryland, College Park, and completed her Master of Public Health degree at Johns Hopkins University. Prior to her career in the U.S. government, Manizhe held key positions related to clinical site and project management in private biotechnology organizations. Manizhe served as Associate Director of Clinical Operations and Senior Project Manager at Medlmmune, Inc. and served as a Project Manager at Otsuka America Pharmaceuticals. Her clinical research project management and operational skills are in the area of site development, capacity building, and regulatory oversight of clinical trials. She has led clinical development teams focused on a wide range of scientific areas including development of monoclonal antibodies for autoimmune disorders and oncology applications.

Manizhe is the recipient of numerous awards for her leadership skills and management of clinical sites in both industry and government. She is a recent recipient of the NIH Director's award for her work in recompeting NIAID Clinical Trials Units.

**Badhri Srinivasan, MS** has been working in clinical trial design and execution for more than 25 years and has helped many of the top pharmaceutical companies with clinical trial execution and drug development strategies. As Senior Vice President and Head of Global Data and Safety Monitoring at Quintiles, he led a team of over 5,000 staff located across Asia Pacific, South Africa, Europe and North America to deliver best-in-class customer service and flexible offerings through industry-leading processes, automation, analytics, and information management.

Badhri was recently named to PharmaVOICE 100, PharmaVOICE magazine's list of the 100 Most Inspiring People in the Life-Sciences Industry in 2014. In addition to clinical trial operations and process re-engineering, his work has involved development of mathematical algorithms to reduce cost and speed assets through the clinic as well as new models of clinical development. He has patents pending on three of his algorithms.

Badhri's formal training is in Mathematical Statistics and Biostatistics. He has an MS in Mathematical Statistics from Bangalore University, India and has completed advanced coursework in Biostatistics towards a PhD degree at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Badhri lives in Raleigh, NC with his wife, Elizabeth. In his spare time he can be found either in the garden or in his woodworking shop.

Lt Col **Keith Vollenweider, MBA** is a US Air Force (USAF) Medical Service Corps officer and is currently the Administrator (Chief Operating Officer) of the base clinic at Laughlin AFB, Texas. Previously, he served as the Chief Financial Officer, and Health Plans and Patient Administration officer at the Ehrling Bergquist Clinic at Offutt AFB, Nebraska. Keith has been a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE) since 2011 and while in Nebraska served as the Treasurer and Secretary of the ACHE chapter for Nebraska and Western Iowa. Additionally, he previously served as a board member of the ACHE chapter in Europe. Keith's past USAF assignments include joint special operations, aeromedical evacuation, and group practice management, where he was recognized as the 2005 Air Force Group Practice Manager of the Year. He is also certified as a Global Healthcare Specialist by the Air Force, a Public Health Emergency Officer by the Department of Defense, and has completed overseas training with the International Committee of the Red Cross, US Agency for International Development, United Nations Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, University of Pretoria and others. He has led multinational medical teams in the US, as well as in a number of international locations including West Africa, the Horn of Africa, and Afghanistan.

Keith is from San José, California and prior to joining the Air Force was a sales and marketing executive in the semiconductor and internet industries. He also worked extensively in international business and taught English in Japan. He has an MBA from Santa Clara University and a BS in international business from San José State University. Keith currently lives in a multi-lingual home (Swiss-German, German, and English) with his wife and two daughters in Del Rio, Texas.

Dana Wollins, MGC is Senior Director, Health Policy at the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), the leading professional organization of physicians and other healthcare providers who treat people with cancer. In this role, Dana provides strategic counsel and staff direction for policy initiatives, with a particular focus on value and cost of cancer care; disparities and access to care; and cancer prevention and survivorship. Current initiatives include developing a methodology for assessing value in cancer care; increasing access to high quality cancer care for patients under Medicaid; and facilitating the development of a shared research agenda among obesity researchers within oncology, cardiology and endocrinology to more quickly move obesity research forward. A genetic counselor by training, Dana initially joined ASCO in 2000 to develop programs to ensure that oncologists have the skills necessary to identify and manage individuals at increased hereditary risk of cancer. Since that time, she has served in a variety of roles at ASCO, gaining knowledge and skills in education program development, quality improvement, and policy development and analysis.

Prior to joining ASCO, Dana held a variety of clinical and administrative positions in the healthcare and medical association settings, including work at the American Medical Association in the area of HIV prevention. She has a bachelor's degree in journalism from Northwestern

University and a master's degree in genetic counseling from the University of Maryland. Dana lives in the Washington, DC area with her husband, three teenage kids and dog. She is originally from the San Francisco Bay Area, a place she visits frequently.

Janell Wright, MSPH is a public health professional passionate about bringing dignity to vulnerable populations around the world. She moved to Almaty, Kazakhstan in 2012 where she has served with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in several capacities and most recently as the Director of the HIV/AIDS program covering five Central Asian countries. Prior to working in Central Asia, Janell spent 3.5 years with the CDC working on addressing the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Vietnam. She received her bachelor's degree in Biology from Bryan College and started her career in public health in Ecuador, Guatemala and Malawi doing HIV counseling and testing before getting her master's degree in Health Policy and Management from UNC-Chapel Hill School of Public Health. When she isn't busy traveling all over Central Asia for work, Janell enjoys hiking and camping in the mountains of Kazakhstan.

Alexandra Zuber, MPP leads the Health Systems and Human Resources for Health Team at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division for Global HIV/AIDS, where she has worked for 9 years. The team's mandate is to strengthen key components of country health systems globally to enable sustainable epidemic control of HIV/AIDS, under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. Alexandra received her Master's in Public Policy (Health Policy and Management) from Harvard University, where she focused on health systems issues related to HIV/AIDS. Alexandra is a specialist in human resources for health (HRH) and serves as CDC Co-chair for the PEPFAR interagency working group on HRH as well as a member of the PEPFAR Sustainability Working Group. She has helped advance many key programs, including Saving Mothers, Giving Life, human resource information systems, task-sharing policy, ARC for Nurses and Midwives, and National Public Health Institutes. Alexandra lives in Atlanta, GA, where she spends her free time renovating houses and hiking in the woods with friends.