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Speaker Biographies

Barry Seymour, Executive Director, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

Barry Seymour serves as Executive Director of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), the regional planning forum for the Greater Philadelphia region, with a focus on transportation, land use, the environment and economic growth. In his time at DVRPC, Mr. Seymour instituted the first municipal grant program for revitalization of urban neighborhoods and older suburban communities, spearheaded the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Smart Transportation initiative, oversaw a regional food system plan, and is now directing efforts to improve energy efficiency in the region. He is a recipient of the 2008 Pennsylvania Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence.

Mr. Seymour is active on a wide variety of public and civic endeavors in the Philadelphia region and nationally, including the Delaware Valley Smart Growth Alliance, the Executive Committee of the Urban Land Institute Philadelphia Chapter, and Friends of Independence National Historical Park. He currently serves on the Board and the Executive Directors Council of the National Association of Regional Councils, and on several national committees for the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies of Science.

Tinesha Banks, Deputy Executive Director, Health Promotion Council

Tinesha Banks, MPH, is HPC's deputy executive director of strategic development, where she assists the executive director in overall agency management, strategic planning, and development activities. Ms. Banks comes to HPC with over fifteen years of experience in public health. Her general areas of expertise are health disparities and social marketing, but she has also worked in cancer research, behavioral health and health information technology. More specifically, she has played an instrumental role in training healthcare providers in cultural competency and providing assistance in the selection and/or implementation of electronic health records (EHRs). Additionally, Ms. Banks is an adjunct professor at Temple University and a curriculum writer for Health Forum Online, an online continuing education business. Ms. Banks received her Bachelor degree in Sociology from State University of New York (SUNY) at Albany, NY, and her Master of Public Health from Temple University.

Suzanne Nienaber, Partnerships Director, Center for Active Design

Suzanne Nienaber is the Partnerships Director at the Center for Active Design, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting health through the design of buildings, streets, and neighborhoods. With expertise in training and facilitation, Suzanne has orchestrated over 75 presentations and participatory workshops that encourage designers, planners, developers, and policymakers to transform the built environment to support physical activity and healthy eating. From 2010-2012 she consulted for New York City's inter-



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agency Active Design team, where she developed and implemented training programs to familiarize public and private sector professionals with NYC's award-winning Active Design Guidelines.

Patty Elkis, Deputy Planning Director, Policy, Planning, and Programs, DVRPC

Patty Elkis is Deputy Planning Director at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, where she has worked since 1992. She oversees long-range planning and the transportation improvement program; environmental and smart growth planning; economic, demographic and GIS analyses; as well as DVRPC's newer initiatives in energy, climate change and food system planning. Patty has partnered with a number of non-profits and other governments on regional projects, including the GreenSpace Alliance on the Economic Value of Open Space study, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society on regionwide tree planting projects, and Natural Lands Trust and the Philadelphia Water Department for the Schuylkill Priority Lands Strategy. Her land prioritization modeling work, greenway work and New Regionalism project have received awards of recognition from the Schuylkill Action Network, Delaware River Greenway Partnership, the Rancocas Conservancy, and APA Pennsylvania Chapter. Patty received her Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania, and her Master of City Planning, with a Certificate in Appropriate Technology for Developing Countries, also from Penn.

Panel I: Developing a Common Language

Moderator: Cassidy Boulan, Transportation Planning DVRPC

Cassidy Boulan is a Transportation Planner in the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Office of Transit, Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning, where she works on projects involving all three forms of transportation. She has a BA from the University of Michigan in Sociology and Environmental Studies and continued her education with a Masters of City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania. She began her time with DVRPC in 2010 and has since worked on a variety of projects including a master plan for Fern Rock Transportation Center and a bicycling master plan for Camden County, NJ. After growing up in the Detroit area, she continues to be interested in the importance of a diversity of transportation modes in providing a foundation for healthy, sustainable places.

Gregory Krykewycz, PP, AICP, Manager, Office of Transit, Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning, DVRPC

Gregory manages the Office of Transit, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Planning at DVRPC. He has a BA and Masters of City and Regional Planning from the University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers University, respectively. Since joining DVRPC in 2005, Gregory has authored or co-authored four papers published in the *Transportation Research Record* on topics ranging from bike share planning to innovative methods for



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community and stakeholder engagement. His chief professional interest is the relationship between green transportation modes and their development context.

Cathleen Bennett, Director, Policy and Strategic Planning, New Jersey Department of Health

Cathleen Bennett became Director of Policy and Strategic Planning for the Department in August 2010. Ms. Bennett oversees health information technology, strategic initiatives, health care quality and assessment, and the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health.

Prior to joining the Department, Ms. Bennett worked in the private sector providing services to federal and state health and human services agencies. She focused on the acquisition, delivery, and overall management of consulting, technology, and outsourcing projects. Ms. Bennett was recognized as a leader, having authored papers and made presentations to many state, regional, and national organizations, as well as judicial and legislative entities.

Ms. Bennett received her undergraduate degree from Villanova, her law degree from Penn State Law, and her masters in government administration from Penn. She is admitted to the bar in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Amy Hillier, PhD., Associate Professor; University of Pennsylvania

Professor Amy Hillier teaches courses relating to GIS, built environment and public health, and community development in city planning, urban studies, public health and social work. Her research focuses on issues of geographic disparities and access to services and resources in disadvantaged communities. Her research has included GIS applications in redlining and housing discrimination, affordable housing, and public health. Her dissertation, funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), considered the impact of the Home Owner's Loan Corporation on lending in Philadelphia. She continued this research as a HUD Urban Scholars Post-doctoral Fellow.

Francine Axler, Senior Research Associate, Public Health Management Corporation

Since 1989, Francine has been actively involved in the field of public health and health promotion, specifically in the collection and dissemination of health status, health behaviors and utilization of health services data for residents of Southeastern Pennsylvania. Francine is particularly focused on teaching health and human service providers how to utilize community level health data to develop needed, effective and targeted health promotion programs for vulnerable populations. Francine directs PHMC's Community Health Data Base (www.CHDBdata.org), one of the largest, local health surveys of its kind in the country and assists 400+ agencies with using data to plan interventions. Francine has a background in Sociology and a graduate degree in public health education.



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Panel II: Tools that Benefit Planning, Health and People

Moderator: Christina Miller, Senior Program Director, HPC

Christina Miller, MSS, is senior program director at HPC. In that role, she oversees chronic disease prevention and management initiatives that seek to reduce health disparities affecting low-income and racial/ethnic minority individuals in the greater Philadelphia region. Programs under Ms. Miller's purview are primarily HPC's direct services initiatives focusing on healthy food and physical activity, and case management and patient navigation.

Prior to joining HPC, Ms. Miller served as assistant director for grantmaking services at National Philanthropic Trust. There, she managed grantmaking for health-related initiatives obesity and breast cancer. Previously, Ms. Miller ran a federally-funded anti-human-trafficking initiative, has done case work with abused and neglected youth and their families, and has worked on mentoring and pregnancy prevention programs for girls. Ms. Miller holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Saint Joseph's University and a Master of Social Services from the Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research.

Jennifer Kolker, MPH, Associate Dean for Public Health Practice, Associate Professor of Health Management and Policy, Drexel University School of Public Health

Jennifer Kolker, MPH, is the Associate Dean for Public Health Practice and Associate Professor of Health Management and Policy at the Drexel University School of Public Health, as well as the Co-Director of the Pennsylvania Public Health Training Center, a federally funded training center for the public health workforce, operated in collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh. Prior to joining Drexel in 2004, Professor Kolker held various positions in non-profit and government public health working a health planning and policy role. Jennifer teaches several courses on public policy and public health practice, advises and mentors graduate students, Jennifer's work is focused on building bridges between academic public health and public health practice within the School's mission of pursuing public health, human rights, and social justice. Jennifer holds a Masters in Public Health Policy and Administration from the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

Katey Mote Health Impact Assessment Planning Coordinator, Baltimore City Health Department

Katey Mote is a public health professional working and living in Baltimore, MD. She works as the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Planning Coordinator at the Baltimore City Health Department where she is able to highlight her interest in the intersection of public health and planning. She is particularly interested in the ways our built environment can impact our social determinants of health. Katey has a BSPH degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health and has previous public health and HIA experience in North Carolina and Arizona.



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Anna Ricklin, Manager, Planning and Community Health Research Center, American Planning Association

Anna has managed APA's Planning and Community Health Research Center since 2011. She works with APA members and partners to research and disseminate best practices that benefit public health, with the aim to better integrate health into all aspects of planning practice. Prior to coming to APA, Anna worked on transit planning and bike projects with the Baltimore City Department of Transportation, and completed a health impact assessment of a future light rail line. She has a MHS from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, a BA in Anthropology from American University, and lives in Washington, DC.

Panel III: Lessons Learned

Moderator: Alison Hastings, Manager of the Office of Strategic Partnerships, DVRPC

Alison manages DVRPC's Regional Food System Planning program, among other projects. This program illustrates the Commission's commitment to combining innovative ideas with traditional regional planning processes. DVRPC's Regional Food System Planning work has received national attention and in 2011 was recognized by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association with a planning excellence award. Before joining DVRPC in 2003, Alison explored various career paths, including historic preservation, environmental conflict resolution, and place-making through public art. Over the last few years, Alison has blended her interests of land preservation, urban development, and working with people through food system planning. She currently serves on Philadelphia's Food Policy Advisory Council and is a board member of the Neighborhood Gardens Trust, a Philadelphia land trust. Alison received a BS from Cornell University and a Master's degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of Pennsylvania.

Kate Clark, Planner for Policy & Program Development, Philadelphia Corporation for Aging

Kate Clark is Planner for Policy & Program Development at Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA), the Area Agency on Aging for Philadelphia. She is also a 2013-14 Atlantic Philanthropies Health and Aging Policy Fellow with the Office of the Surgeon General and the National Prevention Council. Since joining PCA in 2008, she has worked to develop two nationally award-winning programs. [Age-friendly Philadelphia](#) catalyzes new initiatives, policies, and multi-disciplinary collaborations that facilitate more supportive neighborhood environments for seniors. Areas of impact include parks, housing, mobility, and community gardening. [GenPhilly](#) (Generation Appreciation Philadelphia) is a network of over 350 emerging leaders from a variety of disciplines who are serving as ambassadors for Age-friendly Philadelphia. At PCA she also served as a co-investigator on a National Institutes of Health study called Walkability's Impact



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on Senior Health (WISH). Prior to moving to Philadelphia, she initiated and managed the City of Syracuse's first public art program; directed the City of New York's Historical Signs Program; and published a paper as a Fulbright Scholar on public-private partnerships and public space management. She has a Masters of Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University and a Bachelor of Art in Geography and Archaeology from Clark University.

Kim Labno, Senior Program Coordinator, Health Promotion Council

Kimberly Labno is a Senior Program Coordinator for Health Promotion Council. She has over ten years of experience in natural resource management, agriculture research and education and community capacity building and has worked across sectors and geographic areas nationally. Ms. Labno is particularly interested in incorporating change theory into her public health work. She holds a M.S. in Soil Science from Washington State University.