Population Health: Improving Behavioral Health Services

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Ms. Darley serves as the Associate Director for the Center for Workplace Mental Health, a program offered through the American Psychiatric Association Foundation. In her role, she is responsible for the production of the Center's website resources and monthly publication used by nearly 15,000 employers to date. Before that, Ms. Darley served as the director of health promotion at Well Space, a company that provides wellness and fitness programs to corporations and individuals. Among other responsibilities, she conducted research to establish workplace health promotion best practices. She has also served as corporate health director with COPD Foundation and Federal Occupational Health to help improve the health status of American workers. Ms. Darley earned her M.S. degree in Health Promotion Management from American University in Washington, DC, and has B.A. degrees in psychology and biology from the University of Toledo in Ohio.

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Dr. Fraynt is the Senior Program Manager for Health Improvement Programs at SEIU 775 Benefits Group. SEIU 775 Benefits Group is a Taft-Hartley trust that administers retirement, training, and health benefits to approximately 50,000 home care workers in Washington State. Approximately 18,000 home care workers are enrolled in its self-insured health plan. Dr. Fraynt's primary role is to design health programs and benefits that improve the overall health and well-being of home care workers. She has had a strong focus on improving access to high quality behavioral health services in this population. She has also provided direct patient care as a psychologist and is foundationally trained in dialectical behavior therapy. Dr. Fraynt received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles.