

# *Oklahoma Managed Medicaid and Health Equity*

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# Syeachia Dennis MD, MPH, FAAFP - Chief Medical Officer at Humana Healthy Horizons in Oklahoma



Dr. Syeachia Dennis is a 4-generation Oklahoman. She received her B.A. at Wellesley College in psychobiology and obtained her M.D. at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. After this she trained in Chicago in the specialty of family medicine. She moved back to Oklahoma in 2009 and started her first job at Morton Comprehensive Health Services as a family physician in North Tulsa. During this time, she obtained her MPH from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. She was an associate professor at the OU-TU School of Community Medicine from 2013-2023 and spent her career there working in partnership with community and educational leaders on the goal of achieving health equity for those marginalized in society.

She is a leader on strategies to increase the knowledge of the structural and social determinants of health negatively impacting populations in Oklahoma. She has presented nationally and internationally on historical trauma, teaching social determinants of health in graduate medical education and published on teaching about social determinants of health to healthcare professional students. She is the co-founder of Kindred Health Equity Partners. She is the Chief Medical Officer, Regional Vice President of Humana Healthy Horizons in Oklahoma.



## Ronneal Mathews, MPH, PhD- Population Health Strategy Lead, Humana Healthy Horizons in Oklahoma



Dr. Ronneal Mathews is an advanced Public Health practitioner. She has over 20 years of experience in program development, implementation, and evaluation. Her primary areas of concentration have been chronic disease prevention and sexual and reproductive health education. She is passionate about meaningful community engagement, authentic ways of infusing diversity, equity, and inclusion into her work, and making an impact on the health of communities and families.

Ronneal holds a Master of Public Health Degree from the University of Oklahoma and a PhD in Maternal and Child Health from the University of Maryland College Park. She is currently a Robert Wood Johnson Culture of Health Leader, serves on the board of Planned Parenthood Great Plains, and mentors other Public Health Professionals, with a particular emphasis on career development of young African American women. Her modes of self-care include arts and crafts, journaling, playing strategy games, reading, singing, watching movies, and writing short stories and poetry.

# Keisia Sobers-Butler, DNP, MSN-Ed, RN, CCM, CMCN, LSSGB - VP Population Health, Clinical Operations & Health Equity



- **Dr. Keisia Sobers-Butler, is an advanced practice registered nurse living in Edmond, Oklahoma. She is 24 years married, and the mother of a young adult, born with VACTERL syndrome. She is most passionate about intentional success, improving quality and health outcomes, health literacy, and leading teams in Case Management, Utilization Management, Health Equity, and Community Outreach.**
- **As the Vice President of Population Health, Clinical Operations, Health Equity, Community Navigation, Rural/Telehealth Services, and Tribal Partnerships at Oklahoma Complete Health (OCH), a Centene Corporation subsidiary, Dr. Sobers-Butler oversees the development and implementation of all innovative strategies and clinical programs for Medicaid, Marketplace, Medicare, and special populations. Additionally, she serves as adjunct faculty at the University of Central Oklahoma, sharing her expertise and insights with the next generation of nurses.**
- **Before joining OCH, Dr. Sobers-Butler was an integral part of Texas Medicaid managed care organizations. Dr. Sobers-Butler is a graduate of the University of Texas at Tyler with a Doctor of Nursing Practice in Nursing Leadership. She also has a Master of Nursing Education from Prairie View A&M University, and undergraduate degrees in business administration from Southern University A&M , and nursing from Texas Woman's University. Dr. Sobers-Butler is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Incorporated and enjoys spending time with her family, watching HGTV, and traveling in her spare time.**



How do you define health equity?



# What is Managed Medicaid?



What are some state priorities in addressing health disparities?



What does the change to managed medicaid mean for health equity  
in Oklahoma?

What should providers expect with the change to managed medicaid?

What should enrollees expect with the change to managed medicaid?

In what ways do managed medicaid organizations engage with community stakeholders to address health disparities and promote equity?

What outcome measures should we pay attention to in gauging the impact of health equity initiatives within managed Medicaid?

What efforts are being made to ensure that the provider network within your managed Medicaid plan is diverse and representative of the populations served?

Discuss the roles in managed medicaid that will advocate for policies that promote health equity internally and external to the organization?

What are the key challenges and opportunities you foresee in advancing health equity through managed Medicaid in the coming years?





**Questions?**

