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Ruthanne Sudderth, Senior Vice President, Public Affairs and Communications, Michigan Health & Hospital Association

Ruthanne Sudderth serves as the vice president of the Michigan Health & Hospital Association's Public Affairs division and is responsible for the day-to-day oversight of all of the association's communications-related activities. She also manages the association's efforts to help hospitals comply with the Affordable Care Act, focusing on community health needs assessments, health insurance exchange activity, Medicaid expansion and more.

Prior to joining MHA, Sudderth worked in customer service and provider relations for Blue Care Network in Lansing and Southfield. She also managed claims intake for the state of Indiana and southwest Michigan during her time working for Accident Fund Insurance Company in Lansing.

Sudderth is a graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. In 2013, she was awarded the Diamond Award for an Emerging Leader by the Michigan Society of Association Executives.



Debra Furr-Holden, Ph.D., C.S. Mott Endowed Professor of Public Health, Associate Dean for Public Health Integration and Director of the Flint Center for Health Equity Solutions, Co-Director, Healthy Flint Research Coordinating Center, Michigan State University

Dr. Debra Furr-Holden, Ph.D., is Associate Dean for Public Health Integration and Director of the Flint Center for Health Equity Solutions.

She is an epidemiologist and classically-trained public health professional with expertise in drug and alcohol dependence epidemiology, psychiatric epidemiology, and prevention science.

Born in Washington, D.C., Furr-Holden was raised in Flint and attended Flint Northern High School before high school graduation in Maryland.

Furr-Holden attended Johns Hopkins University Krieger School of Arts and Sciences where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Natural Sciences and Public Health. She earned a doctorate degree from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. In 2005, she initiated the Drug Investigations, Violence, and Environmental Studies Laboratory at The Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation. In 2007, the group moved to the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

She moved back to Flint in 2016 and became one of the C.S. Mott Endowed Professors of Public Health at the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Flint Campus.



Linda S. Vail, MPA, Health Officer, Ingham County Health Department

As Health Officer in Ingham County, Vail is charged with carrying out local health department functions, including environmental health, communicable disease control, and health promotion and maternal child health programs. She also oversees the county's community health centers that offer primary care to area residents.

She joined Ingham County in 2014 after service as Kalamazoo County Public Health Officer. Born in Minneapolis and raised in Atlanta, Vail initially moved to Kalamazoo in 1986 to serve as a research scientist at the Upjohn Company. There, she was author or co-author on 13 research papers published in refereed journals.

In 2002, she moved to the public sector and accepted a position as bio-terrorism and emergency preparedness coordinator for Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services. She was soon after promoted to deputy director of the department and was then selected to replace the county's retiring director in 2007.

She holds a Master's in Public Health Administration from Western Michigan University and a Bachelor of Science in microbiology from the University of Georgia. She also holds an instructor appointment in Western Michigan's School of Medicine.

She currently serves on the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Health Equity and Social Justice Advisory Committee.

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Matt Grossmann, Director, Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR), Associate Professor of Political Science

A nationally known political scientist, Dr. Matt Grossmann is an expert on American politics and government whose research spans national and state policymaking, election campaigns, interest groups, and political parties. Dr. Grossmann has authored numerous journal articles on policy change, political party networks, the legislative process and public opinion. His latest book, *Red State Blues* was recently made available through Cambridge University Press. He is also editor of the volume *New Directions in Interest Group Politics*, from Routledge.



Arnold Weinfeld, Associate Director, Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR), Associate Professor of Political Science

Arnold Weinfeld is Associate Director of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR) at Michigan State University as well as Director for Workforce and Economic Development Partnerships for the Office of Public Engagement and Scholarship within University Outreach and Engagement. Prior to joining MSU, Weinfeld served as CEO of the Prima Civitas Foundation, a community and economic development non-profit organization. He also has worked for the Michigan Municipal League where he served in a number of roles and co-founded the Michigan Sense of Place Council. Arnold began his career with the Michigan House of Representatives where he worked as a legislative aide, policy analyst and policy director. He has served his own community as an elected member of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education and is currently on his local planning commission. He is also on the boards of local and statewide organizations such as the Michigan Sense of Place Council, Rural Partners of Michigan, Capital Area College Access Network. He is a graduate of Michigan State University's College of Social Science Multi-Disciplinary Program.

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