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Careers in Consulting
Alumni Panel & Reception

Thursday, September 12, 2019
Sheldon Hall (W1214)
5:30 – 8:00 pm

Program
Welcome........................................................................ Zachary Britt, MPH/MBA Candidate
Bloomberg School of Public Health
Carey Business School
Discussion.................................................................. Panelists

Alumni will share their experiences and answer your questions about working in consulting. A networking reception for attendees will immediately follow the panel discussion.

Panelists
Jennifer Barnhart, MPH
Jennifer Newman Barnhart has worked in public health and research administration for 20 years, including business, non-profit, pharma, academic, payer, and government sectors. Jen is currently the President of a public health management and consulting firm, LUMA Health Consulting. Jen and her team of independent contractors work with clients to manage their program objectives, utilizing population health solutions to achieve public health service sustainability. LUMA currently supports the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors, state Medicaid agencies, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, local health departments, including Howard County and Garrett County in Maryland, the Maryland Governor’s Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers, and the Maryland Department of Health. Prior to launching her firm, Jen directed a Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission Transformation Grant on behalf of Johns Hopkins HealthCare, focused on improved care coordination for chronically ill Medicare beneficiaries in Baltimore City, partnering with Baltimore City community based organizations, federally qualified health centers, and six Baltimore City hospitals. Prior to directing the Baltimore City Transformation Grant, Jen was the Maryland State Department of Health’s Population Health Director, Public Health Services Chief of Staff, and Maryland Public Health Laboratory Deputy Director. Jen worked at both the Johns Hopkins University and School of Medicine prior to her tenure at State service, managing academic, clinical, and research program portfolios in cognitive sciences and Alzheimer’s Disease. Jen has also worked in scientific industry and non-profit research grant administration. She has a Master of Public Health (MPH) from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, with a certificate in Public Mental Health Research, and undergraduate degrees in Biology and Biochemistry.

Charlotte Kaye, MPH
Charlotte Kaye is a strong community, social services professional with a demonstrated history of working in non-profit, management consulting and advocacy arenas. Charlotte is currently a Health Policy Consultant at LMI Consulting where she manages a team of five consultants’ project deliverables to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). In addition, she streamlines communication techniques, formalizes CMS review structure of documents and reduces time of a clearance review by 15%. She independently develops materials to standardize and conveys internal team procedure to train new team members. Prior to LMI Consulting, Charlotte was a PHASE Intern for the Maryland Department of Health. In this role, she supported the managed care 1115 HealthChoice Waiver Renewal team by developing plans for maternal and childhood
home-visiting and homeless coordination community health pilots and briefed the progress of the project to local leaders including Maryland’s Secretary of Health. Charlotte has also held positions as a Health Specialist for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Denver and Health Policy Fellow for the Colorado Consumer Health Initiative. Charlotte has a Master of Public Health (MPH) focused in Health Policy and Systems and a Certificate in Health Finance and Management from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and Bachelor of Arts from Colorado College.

Russ Montgomery, PhD, MHS
Russ Montgomery is a Vice President at Discern Health. He leads projects in the areas of health policy, data analytics, care transformation, and strategic planning, with a focus on topics such as health care quality, value-based payment, population health, and health information technology (IT). His recent work has included regulatory analysis and strategic planning on health IT for a government agency and multiple quality and value strategy development projects for life sciences companies. In addition, he has worked with multiple payers on value-based payment model development and implementation and has supported care transformation efforts among Maryland primary care and specialty physicians. Russ’ health policy expertise and skills in data analytics and advanced policy analysis help clients understand and impact the changing health care environment and develop and implement innovative solutions for success. Prior to joining Discern, Russ previously held leadership positions at the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), including serving as Director of the Office of Population Health, Director of the Governor’s Council on Health Quality and Cost, and Policy Advisor. In these roles, Russ worked on a series of major health reform initiatives, including the development of population health strategies to support Maryland’s global hospital budgets and advanced primary care models. He also oversaw the State Health Improvement Process, which sets performance targets for population health outcomes at the county level in Maryland. Prior to joining MDH, Russ held research and policy development positions at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the US Department of Health and Human Services, the Innovation Center, and the Center for Medical Technology Policy, where he managed consulting projects in outcomes research, comparative effectiveness research, and payment policy for public and private sector clients. Russ has earned a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Health Services Research and Policy and a Master of Health Science (MHS) in Health Policy from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health along with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Hendrix College.

Rachel Pinson, MPH
Rachel Pinson is a Senior Consultant at the Lewin Group. Since joining Lewin in 2013, her experience spans Medicaid managed care, project management, business operations, payment reform, program evaluation, learning and diffusion, and state health benefit exchanges. Currently, Rachel supports implementation of a state’s Medicaid managed care program and is helping to build a learning network for a Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) model. For eighteen months, Rachel worked on state health benefit exchange projects including Maryland, Massachusetts, and Hawai‘i supporting the implementation of each state’s exchange, under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Rachel provided operational support during the critical first open enrollment periods, which required a thorough understanding of business processes and operations. She assisted with a variety of work streams and tasks including Form 1095-A fulfillment, escalated cases, 834 transmissions, data integrity, process mapping, training call center agents, and various manual workarounds. In addition, Rachel supported program monitoring and operations assessment, conducted through a readiness review process, which included both desk review and site visits for health plans in five states. Prior to joining Lewin, Rachel worked in Medicaid enrollment, completing and processing Medicaid and CHIP applications. She served as quality control manager and coordinated submission of applications while adhering to federal, state, and city policies and protocols. Rachel earned a Master of Public Health (MPH) from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and a Bachelor of Arts from Washington University in St Louis.

Halit Onur Yapici, MD, MPH, MBA
Halit Onur Yapici is a physician from Turkey, and he completed the Master of Public Health/Master of Business Administration dual degree program at Johns Hopkins University. He also earned certificates in Public Health Economics and Health Finance & Management. Before coming to Johns Hopkins, Halit worked at several NGOs as well as the World Health Organization headquarters in Geneva to improve health equity and gender equality around the globe. During his MPH/MBA program, he completed internships at the California Pacific Medical System in San Francisco and Meridian Health Plan in Detroit. These experiences allow him to approach issues in healthcare from different stakeholders’ perspectives. Since his graduation, Halit has been working at the Boston Strategic Partners as a Healthcare Consultant: his current engagements primarily focus on clinical strategy, health economics and outcomes research, and medical communications. In his spare time, he likes to travel, and cook recipes from various cuisines. Lately, he is interested in exploring vegan recipes, and he would love to exchange recipes.