

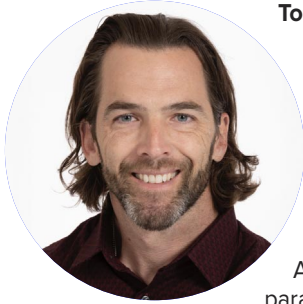
# PA Chamber Healthcare Summit

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel

## AGENDA

- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.**      **Registration, Networking & Sponsor Exhibits**
- 9:00 – 9:15 a.m.**      **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
- Neal Leshner, Director of Government Affairs, PA Chamber
  - Highmark Inc.
- 9:15 – 10:00 a.m.**      **Federal Healthcare Policy in 2026**
- Erin Delaney, Senior Director, Health Policy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- 10:05 – 11:00 a.m.**      **Expanding Access and Opportunity in Rural Healthcare**
- James Case, Principal, KPMG
  - Patricia Jackson-Gehris, President, UPMC North Central PA and UPMC Williamsport
  - Alex Gilroy, MBA, PA Healthcare Director, Genentech
  - Secretary Valerie Arkoosh, Department of Human Services
- 11:00 – 11:15 a.m.**      **Networking Break & Sponsor Exhibits**
- 11:15 – 12:15 p.m.**      **Breakout Session #1**
- Track One**
- AI in Healthcare: Innovation, Regulation & Risk**
- Alexandra Ahlbrandt, Moderator, Member, McNees Wallace & Nurick
  - Rep. Arvind Venkat, PA House of Representatives District 30
  - David Vega, MD, MBA, Chief Medical Officer, WellSpan Medical Group, Senior Vice President, WellSpan Health
  - Rebecca Stamet, D.Ed., M.P.H., Vice President, Digital Transformation, Geisinger
- Track Two**
- Building the Healthcare Workforce of Tomorrow: Challenges, Innovation & Partnerships**
- Tina Fitzgerald, Senior Director, Talent Acquisition and Recruitment Operations, Penn State Health
  - Sonal Parekh, Moderator Associate, Health Law Department, Lamb McErlane PC
  - Susan Biggs, Executive Director, Healthcare Education, HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College
  - Dr. Lara Luetkehans, Provost/VP of Academic Affairs, IUP
- 12:15 – 1:15 p.m.**      **Networking Lunch & Sponsor Recognition**
- Breakout #1**
- 1:15 – 2:15 p.m.**
- Track One**
- Community Engagement Work Requirements and Maintaining Insurance Coverage**
- Joseph Glinka, Director, PA HealthChoices, Highmark
  - Jen Swails, Regional Vice President, Sellers Dorsey
  - Anita Colon, Vice President, Revenue Cycle, Temple Health
  - Hoa Pham, Deputy Secretary for Income Maintenance, Department of Human Services
- Track Two**
- How to Reduce Employers' Healthcare Costs**
- Kate McCale, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Compliance, Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania
  - Jake Muskovitz, Special Projects, Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council
- 2:15 – 2:30 p.m.**      **Networking Break**
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.**      **Afternoon Keynote**
- Tom Morris, Assistant Athletic Director for Athletic Performance, Penn State University
- 3:30 – 3:45 p.m.**      **Closing Remarks & Policy Takeaways**

# ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



**Tom Morris, Assistant Athletic Director for Athletic Performance, Penn State University**

As the director of High Performance at Penn State University, Tom works with elite collegiate, Olympic, and professional athletes, building the physical, mental, and emotional resilience needed for sustained excellence. He is the creator of the CHANGE MAKER Course, a transformational program that helps people strengthen mindset, lead through change, and unlock their full potential.

Tom has inspired teams and leaders at organizations including Google, Louis Vuitton, Edward Jones, and many others.

A lifelong athlete and ironman competitor, Tom's life changed in 2012 when a mountain biking accident left him paralyzed from the chest down. What followed was not simply recovery—it was a complete rebuild of his body, his mindset, and his life.

Today, Tom's story resilience and reinvention—backed by elite performance expertise—equips audiences with a blueprint to overcome obstacles, embrace change, and achieve more than they ever thought possible.

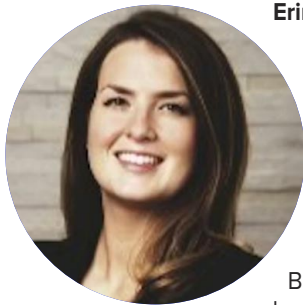


**Neal Leshner, Director of Government Affairs, PA Chamber**

Neal Leshner joined the PA Chamber as a Government Affairs Director in October of 2022.

Prior to joining the PA Chamber, Leshner served in senior leadership positions with the state House of Representatives, including serving as Chief of Staff to the Speaker of the House and as the Director of Policy and Communications for the Appropriations Committee Chairman. He also has executive branch experience, serving as the Legislative Director for the Governor's Budget Office under the Corbett Administration. Leshner also worked for the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) as their Legislative Director.

Leshner has lived his whole life in central Pennsylvania and graduated from Susquehanna University in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science.



**Erin Delaney, Senior Director, Health Policy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce**

Erin Delaney is Senior Director of Health Policy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, where she helps lead and shape the Chamber's policy and advocacy agenda for the Health Policy Division. In this role, she develops policies and advances strategies that strengthen the employer-based coverage system, accelerate innovation in care delivery, expand prevention and chronic disease management, and support the thoughtful integration of digital health solutions. She also manages coalition-building efforts, directs strategic advocacy campaigns, and engages with Congress and federal agencies to ensure employers and the business community are effectively represented.

Before joining the Chamber, Erin was Director of Health Care Policy at the Progressive Policy Institute (PPI), where she focused on advancing policies to lower health care costs, improve affordability for working families, and encourage innovation in care delivery. Prior to joining PPI, Erin served as the Health Care Program Manager at Center Forward, where she advanced health policy objectives and built relationships with Members of Congress and their staff, state policymakers, and other key stakeholders. Earlier, she was a member of the legislative affairs team at America's Essential Hospitals and worked in the United States Senate for Senator Bob Casey (D-PA).

Erin holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. She resides in Washington, D.C.



**Patricia Jackson-Gehris, President, UPMC North Central PA and UPMC Williamsport**

Patricia “Patti” Jackson-Gehris is market president of UPMC North Central Pa. and president of UPMC Williamsport. Patti is responsible for the overall management of UPMC’s facilities that provide essential services to some of the state’s most rural communities, which include UPMC Williamsport, a Level II Trauma Center, and three critical access hospitals – UPMC Muncy, UPMC Wellsboro, and UPMC Cole (Coudersport), and dozens of outpatient clinics and centers including UPMC Hillman Cancer Centers in Williamsport and Wellsboro and Pennsylvania’s only Outpatient Emergency Department in Lock Haven.

Patti has worked in health care for over 30 years. She joined UPMC in 2015, then Susquehanna Health, and served as vice president of Market Development and Communications and then vice president of Strategy and Business Development before being named chief operating officer of UPMC North Central Pa. and president of UPMC Williamsport. In her time with UPMC, Patti has established strategic initiatives to launch, align, and integrate services in north central Pa. with the quality, brand, and operational standards of UPMC, and achieved impressive results developing UPMC Williamsport into a regional center of excellence and furthering the strategic outreach and footprint of UPMC in the region.

Patti currently serves as a board member for Lycoming County United Way, Lycoming College, and the Williamsport Lycoming Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to joining UPMC, she served as a senior leader at Brandywine Hospital, part of Community Health Systems, and provided consulting services for major healthcare systems and organizations in the Philadelphia area including Temple University Health System, Main Line Health, and The Renfrew Center.

Patti earned her master’s in health administration from St. Joseph’s University and bachelor’s degree in in communications and advertising from Temple University.



**Rep. Arvind Venkat, PA House of Representatives District 30**

Rep. Arvind Venkat, an emergency physician, was elected to serve his first term in the state House of Representatives in November 2022. He is the first Indian American to be elected to the state House and the first physician to serve in the General Assembly in nearly 60 years.

He serves as State Representative for the 30th Legislative District, which includes part of Hampton Township, and all of McCandless, Franklin Park, Ohio Township, Emsworth, Ben Avon, Ben Avon Heights, and Kilbuck.

Rep. Venkat is a fighter for accessible and affordable healthcare, investing in our first responders, protecting reproductive rights, curbing gun violence, expanding access to the ballot box for all voters, and getting more people back into the workforce.

His parents immigrated to the United States, and it was their hard work and commitment to service that inspired him to become a physician.

Rep. Venkat completed his undergraduate and graduate education at Harvard University, his medical education at Yale University, and his emergency medicine residency at the University of Cincinnati/University Hospital. He served as a member of the Board of the McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority and is a former president of the state emergency physicians organization.

Rep. Venkat currently lives in McCandless with his wife and three children.



**Alex Gilroy, MBA, PA Healthcare Director, Genentech**

Alexandra (Alex) Gilroy is a Healthcare Director at Genentech, where she oversees account and population health relationships across Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, Northern West Virginia, Delaware, and Western Maryland. An 18-year veteran of the company, Alex has built a diverse career spanning regulatory affairs, marketing, operations, sales, and account management across various therapeutic sectors such as oncology and rare disease.

For the past three years, Alex has spearheaded rural health initiatives across the Northeast. Her work focuses on bridging network gaps and identifying synergies to ensure that geography never dictates the quality of a patient's care. Through a sustained community presence, she is dedicated to uncovering and addressing the unique healthcare challenges faced by rural populations.

Alex holds a degree in Bioengineering from Lehigh University and an MBA in Healthcare Management from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.



**Sonal Parekh, Associate, Health Law Department, Lamb McErlane**

Sonal Parekh is an associate in Lamb McErlane's Health Law Department.

Sonal's practice is focused on health care transactional matters and a broad range of health care regulatory-related issues on behalf of health care systems, physicians, dentists, veterinarians, chiropractors, podiatrists, behavioral health providers, group practices, and other health care professionals and health-care related entities. Sonal has experience in:

- Drafting, reviewing, and negotiating a myriad of health care related contracts, including employment and service agreements, confidentiality disclosure agreements, shareholder agreements, partnership agreements, separation and severance agreements, collaborative practice agreements, and clinical study agreements;
- Drafting, reviewing, and negotiating various agreements and governance documentation related to mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, strategic transactions, corporate restructuring, buy-ins and buy-outs of partnership interests, and general corporate matters;
- Filing motions and appeals relating to Needs Exception Allowances and Insurance Benefits and Coverage; and
- Filing applications and certificates relating to Entity Formation and Dissolution, Licensure, Recognition of Tax Exemption under Sections 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) of the IRC, Medicare and Medicaid Enrollment, Provider-Based Attestations, and Tax Clearance Certificates. In addition to her legal practice, Sonal actively engages in numerous professional organizations. Sonal is a member of the American Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division (YLD), where she served as Chair of the Health Law Committee, a Liaison for the Health Law Section, and an Early Career Representative for the Life Sciences Interest Group. She is also a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Chester County Bar Association, Philadelphia Bar Association, South Asian Bar Association, and American Health Lawyers Association. Sonal is a monthly contributor to the Legal Intelligencer, co-authoring Health Law articles.

She is admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Sonal is based at the firm's West Chester, PA location.



**James Case, Principal, KPMG**

James Case is a Principal in the Mid Atlantic Healthcare Solutions practice at KPMG. James specializes in hospital and physician reimbursement, and financial planning. He brings deep experience across strategic and business planning, third party reimbursement, and compliance services—helping healthcare organizations navigate complex payment and regulatory environments through initiatives such as total cost of care strategy, interim budget and reimbursement leadership, financial and demand modeling, clinical service line planning, and provider compensation scenario development. He has also supported the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission with related reimbursement and revenue reporting work, including review of HSCRC revenue reporting compliance and participation in policy and methodology development such as; case rate development; efficiency measurement; uncompensated care funding; and annual reporting. Most recently, James has been heavily involved with the Rural Healthcare Initiative—supporting rural health transformation work with state and related stakeholders.

James holds a B.A. from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and an M.H.S. degree from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health where he also currently serves as a preceptor. He is also an active member in professional organizations including HFMA and ACHE.



**David Vega, MD, MBA, Chief Medical Officer, WellSpan Medical Group, Senior Vice President, WellSpan Health**

David Vega, MD, MBA, Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer with WellSpan Health, has led numerous successful initiatives in driving improved quality, safety, and access while also reducing cost of care. Innovative approaches to this work, in combination with a focus on care team wellbeing, has also led to national recognition of the WellSpan Medical Group for work across the domains of the quadruple aim.

David joined WellSpan in 2002, when he began his residency in Emergency Medicine at then York Hospital following completion of medical school at Penn State University College of Medicine. David remained at WellSpan York Hospital after his residency, serving in leadership roles in the residency program, and later as medical director and department chair of the emergency department in York. He served as vice president of medical affairs with WellSpan Ephrata Community Hospital prior to moving into his role as senior vice president and chief medical officer with WellSpan Medical Group, the WellSpan's employed practice division.

David has served on a number of boards for healthcare-related and nonprofit organizations, including the American Academy of Emergency Medicine and the American Medical Group Association Foundation. He has an extensive bibliography of scholarly activity, including numerous publications and presentations at regional and national levels.

In addition to his medical training, he obtained an MBA from the University of Massachusetts and completed the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's Improvement Scholars Program as part of the inaugural class in that program.



**Kate McCale, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Compliance, Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania**

Kate McCale joined HAP during 2022. Kate leads HAP's regulatory advocacy and works to ensure member hospitals' interests are represented when new regulations or changes to existing regulations are contemplated by agencies of oversight - primarily the Pennsylvania Department of Health and CMS. She supports HAP members by providing important policy and regulatory updates impacting hospitals and facilitating stakeholder feedback through any and all available pathways.

Prior to joining HAP, Kate spent nine years working with hospitals on an array of issues including quality improvement, corporate compliance and workforce with hospital associations in New York State. She has bachelor's degree in biology from the State University of New York at Cortland and a Master of Public Health from Drexel University.



**Secretary Valerie Arkoosh, MD, MPH, Department of Human Services**

“Having the privilege to serve our Commonwealth as Secretary of Human Services is an opportunity to draw upon my experiences at each stage of my career, and I am honored to lead an agency whose work I am so passionate about. I am incredibly grateful to Governor Shapiro for his trust, and I promise to use this work and opportunity to fight for and advance the health, wellbeing, economic self-sufficiency, and safety of all Pennsylvanians.”



**Rebecca A. Stametz, Vice President for Innovation & Strategy, Geisinger**

Rebecca A. Stametz is the vice president for Innovation & Strategy at Geisinger.

Rebecca is an accomplished healthcare transformation executive with over 15 years of experience focused on strategic design, development, and deployment of end-to-end consumer digital strategies. Rebecca serves as the executive leader for the Geisinger Innovation Institute, accountable for transforming high-impact ideas and opportunities into actionable, value-driven programs. She leads innovation efforts across the organization, including the development of new products, services, and processes overseeing the Digital Transformation Office and the Intelligent Automation Hub.

Rebecca joined Geisinger in 2010. She is a recognized leader and is a national speaker and author of numerous peer-reviewed manuscripts. She earned her Doctor of Education from Pennsylvania State University, a Master of Public Health from East Stroudsburg University and a Bachelor of Science in exercise science from Bloomsburg University. She has also completed



**Joe Glinka, Director, HealthChoices, Highmark Wholecare**

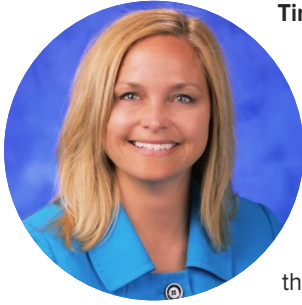
Joe serves as Director, HealthChoices at Highmark Wholecare, a leading Medicaid and Medicare Advantage Dual Eligible Special Needs managed care organization (MCO) serving more than 325,000 Pennsylvanians in need.

Currently, Joe is Highmark Wholecare's Pennsylvania (PA) Medicaid managed care plan administrator – driving overall accountability to their agreement with PA's Department of Human Services (DHS). Previously, he served as the organization's Government Affairs Director to achieve objectives conducive to Highmark Wholecare's long-term viability as well as the integrity within the government-sponsored managed care segment. Joe's 31-year tenure at Highmark Wholecare began as a marketing representative enrolling over 22,000 PA Medicaid beneficiaries into then, Gateway Health's Medicaid MCO over a 10-year period. He has also effectively served in other strategic roles including:

- Board member of Medicaid Health Plans of America (MHPA).
- Chair of MHPA's Federal Government Relations Committee.
- Board President of the PA Association of Medicaid MCOs (PAMCO).
- Vice Chair of Pennsylvania's Medical Assistance Advisory Committee (MAAC).
- Chair of the PA MAAC's Managed Care Delivery System Subcommittee (MCDSS).

Prior to joining Gateway Health (now Highmark Wholecare), Joe successfully served in the commercial health insurance segment, surpassing new business objectives at US Healthcare and Aetna Health Plans of Western PA.

Joe holds a B.S. degree in Industrial Management with an emphasis in Managerial Economics from Carnegie Mellon University (CMU). At CMU, Joe was a four-year letterman and All-Conference performer in football. Since then, he has earned the designation of Professional from the Academy of Healthcare Management (PAHM) as well as professional certification in Strategic Management: Competitive and Corporate Strategy from the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business.



**Tina Fitzgerald, Senior Director, Talent Acquisition and Recruitment Operations, Penn State Health**

Tina Fitzgerald is the Senior Director of Talent Acquisition and Recruitment Operations at Penn State Health, where she leads enterprise-wide strategies to attract, hire, and retain a high-performing healthcare workforce. With more than 10 years at Penn State Health, she brings deep operational expertise and a strong understanding of the evolving healthcare labor market.

Tina oversees recruitment strategy across nursing, allied health, providers and executive leadership, in addition to leading preboarding, recruitment operations and incentive recovery. She has been instrumental in streamlining hiring processes, enhancing the candidate experience, and implementing data-driven approaches that improve speed, quality, and retention.

Her work is focused on building sustainable workforce pipelines through academic partnerships, innovative training programs, and internal mobility strategies that reduce reliance on contract labor while strengthening long-term talent stability.



**Anita Colon, Vice President, Revenue Cycle, Temple Health**

Anita Colón has worked in the human services arena for over 30 years, the majority of that time focusing on assisting individuals in accessing healthcare. Anita has been employed by Temple University Health Systems since 2002 and is currently the Vice-President of Revenue Cycle Operations. In this role, she is responsible for Patient Access, Financial Counseling, Insurance Verification and Precertification processes across all of the facilities included in Temple University Health System.

She is responsible for a staff of over 35 financial counselors who assist thousands of uninsured and underinsured patients each year in accessing crucial healthcare coverage through Medicaid and ACA Marketplace plans, as well as Charity Care and Financial Assistance programs.

Anita is a longtime member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA), the National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE), and the American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM), where she serves on the board of directors for the Metro Philadelphia Chapter.



**Jake Muskovitz, Special Projects, Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council**

Jake Muskovitz is the Special Projects lead within the Department of Public Affairs at the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council (PHC4), a legislative support agency. Jake has led or supported a diverse portfolio of projects at PHC4 including a study of non-compete agreements, a current events article series, a health care facility ownership tracking project, and an accredited CME module on data literacy. Jake has spoken publicly about the work of PHC4 to audiences including the State Boards of Nursing, Medicine, and Osteopathic Medicine, the National Association of Health Data Organizations, and at several leading Pennsylvania Universities. He is currently co-leading an effort to expand the accessibility of PHC4's reports and work to grow awareness of the value PHC4 provides to Pennsylvania.

An alumnus of Carnegie Mellon University, Jake completed a B.S. in Biology with an additional major in Social & Political History and an M.S. in Health Care Policy and Management. Jake lives in Harrisburg with his wife and their two pets. He plays and coaches soccer, skis as often as he can, and volunteers with the Central PA chapter of NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness.



**Michael Yantis, Vice President, State Government Affairs, Highmark Health**

Michael Yantis has over 25 years of public policy experience focusing on health care and public health. This involves wide-ranging issues such as commercial health insurance, provider delivery systems, artificial intelligence in health care, Medicaid, and Medicare. Michael currently works for Highmark Inc., leading state government affairs activities in PA, DE, Western and Northeastern NY and WV, including the development of critical public policy and legislative agendas.

Michael began his career with the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services transitioning to the Department of Health in 1999 where he served in multiple capacities including Director of the Legislative and Policy offices. Michael joined Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania in 2007 eventually moving to Highmark in 2015. This experience has included implementing the 1996 federal welfare reform law, advocacy and

implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and leading engagement on the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Michael currently resides in Harrisburg, PA, with his spouse and three children. His personal growth activities include spending time with the family by golfing, enjoying the theater and watching sports, gardening, and attempting to fix things around the house.



**Susan Biggs, Executive Director, Healthcare Education, HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College**

Susan is the Executive Director of Healthcare Education in the School of Health Sciences at HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College. With over 30 years of healthcare experience her positions range from program manager of the PA Department of Health's PA Vaccines for Children Program to Regional Physician Practice Administrator at Heritage Medical Group (now UPMC of Central Pa) to her current role overseeing 15+ certificate healthcare skills programs. She graduated with a B.S. in Administration and Management from La Roche University in Pittsburgh, PA and a Master's in Health Services Management from Eastern University.



**Alexandra Ahlbrandt, Member, McNees Wallace & Nurick**

Alexandra Ahlbrandt concentrates her practice in healthcare and corporate law. She represents hospitals and health systems, long-term care providers, ambulatory surgical centers, behavioral health providers, and professional trade associations through mergers and acquisitions, affiliations, asset transfers, reorganizations, and other transactional matters, including related regulatory filings and structuring. Alex also counsels clients on regulatory compliance, including HIPAA, fraud and abuse, and medical staff issues, as well as corporate governance, contract negotiations, and entity formation.



**Dr. Lara Luetkehans, Provost/VP of Academic Affairs, IUP**

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Lara M. Luetkehans has served in this role since 2021, after joining IUP as Dean of Education in 2013. An experienced academic leader with a background spanning university administration, educator preparation, instructional technology, and organizational innovation, she is known for helping universities adapt to a changing higher education landscape through technology-enhanced teaching and learning, interdisciplinary program development, and academic strategies aligned with workforce and regional needs. Her leadership and scholarship have focused on academic transformation, student and faculty success, innovation in learning design, rural workforce development, and collaborative partnerships that strengthen institutional responsiveness and long-term impact.



**Hoa Pham, Deputy Secretary for Income Maintenance, Department of Human Services**

Hoa Pham currently serves as the Deputy Secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services' Office of Income Maintenance, where she oversees the administration of public assistance programs that support over 3 million Pennsylvanians, including but not limited to Medicaid, SNAP, TANF and LIHEAP. Hoa leads a statewide team of over 6500 public servants who work together to develop program eligibility policy, make eligibility determinations, and manage the backend infrastructure to make this work possible, including over 90+ brick and mortar customer-facing facilities across the state; and technical, data and compliance systems.

A lifelong public servant hailing from Philadelphia, Hoa's career spans the social impacts sector, including experience as a direct service provider, program manager, intermediary, and funder. Growing up in a low-income, immigrant family, Hoa is deeply committed to channeling each these perspectives to build stronger, more collaborative solutions for communities in need.