

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Christine S. Hunter, MD

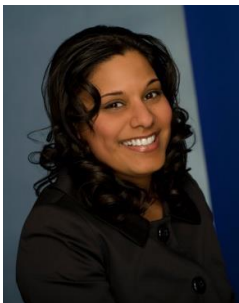


Dr. Christine Hunter joined the U.S. Office of Personnel Management as Chief Medical Officer in 2011, bringing over 30 years of experience in federal health care. In this role, Dr. Hunter serves as Medical Director for the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program and Multi-State Plans available through the Health Insurance Exchanges in 36 states. She oversees health care quality for 8.2 million employees, retirees, and families; and co-chairs the National Committee for Quality Assurance Committee on Performance Measurement, working to improve health outcomes for all Americans.

As a Navy Rear Admiral and Deputy Director of TRICARE Management Activity from 2009-2011, Dr. Hunter coordinated health care for 9.6 million military beneficiaries and managed a \$22B portfolio. Her clinical practice afforded opportunities to advance care coordination, including the establishment of the Navy's first multidisciplinary breast cancer clinic. She previously served as Director of Medical Services at Naval Medical Center San Diego and Executive Assistant to the Navy Surgeon General. Later, as Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital Bremerton, Dr. Hunter focused on enhancing primary care delivery; her tour as Pacific Fleet Surgeon offered an opportunity to redesign resuscitative surgery at sea. Following her promotion to Rear Admiral, Dr. Hunter organized medical support for tsunami and hurricane relief, and led the development of the Navy's Pandemic Flu Response Plan. Assuming command at Navy Medicine West/Naval Medical Center San Diego, she launched a nationally acclaimed center for wounded warrior care and energized her team to achieve the highest ranking among military hospitals for combined quality, population health, and business performance.

Dr. Hunter is a Distinguished Alumna of Boston University, where she earned both her BA and medical degrees. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine, fellowship in Hematology-Oncology, and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. Her work has been recognized with numerous professional and military awards, and she speaks regularly on leadership and achieving the Triple Aim in health care.

Chatrane Birbal



Chatrane Birbal is a Senior Advisor of Government Relations in SHRM national's Alexandria, VA office.

Prior to joining SHRM, Ms. Birbal was the Director of Government Relations at the Council on Foundations, a Washington, DC-based nonprofit membership association of some 2,000 grant making foundations and corporations, with assets totaling more than \$282 billion. During her tenure at the Council, Ms. Birbal implemented strategies and launched programs in support of the organization's public policy and government relations work. Her responsibilities included tracking relevant legislation, raising the Council's profile with Congress and other nonprofit organizations, advising members on their legislative activities, and planning and execution of the Council's annual legislative fly-in conference, "Foundations on the Hill."

Prior to joining the Council, Ms. Birbal was a Federal Legislative lobbyist at the American Psychiatric Association (APA), an Arlington, VA-based medical specialty society with over 38,000 U.S. and international member physicians who work together to ensure humane care and effective treatment for all persons with mental disorders, including mental retardation and substance-related disorders. During her tenure at the APA, Ms. Birbal lobbied Congress on behalf of psychiatrists, planned and executed

the association's annual advocacy day training session for membership, and developed the APA's online advocacy action center to further legislative efforts on behalf of the psychiatry profession.

Ms. Birbal obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the State University at Buffalo in Buffalo, New York, and received her graduate degree in public administration and public policy from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

Carolyn Williams



Carolyn J. Williams is the Director of Civic and Community Engagement Department for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), a labor union of approximately 725,000 members, headquartered in Washington, D.C. The IBEW represents workers in the utility, construction, government, manufacturing, telecommunications, broadcast, and railroad industries.

Ms. Williams is responsible for the development and implementation of membership and community outreach programs and serves as IBEW liaison to the six constituency groups of the AFL-CIO and the Electrical Workers Minority Caucus. Her duties include human and civil rights, retiree clubs, women's affairs, young workers initiatives, charitable fundraising, work and family programs, and community services. She also manages the IBEW Union Privilege benefits programs.

Ms. Williams is a national Vice President of the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) and serves as a national Executive Board member for the Alliance for Retired Americans and the A. Philip Randolph Institute. She also is a member of the Executive Council of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, a board member of Tradeswomen Now and Tomorrow (TNT), and is former chair of the Building and Construction Trades Department (BCTD) Committee of Women in the Trades.

After completing college, Ms. Williams entered the inside apprenticeship program in Atlanta, Georgia.