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Dr. Capitman leads a health policy leadership program that engages leaders from throughout the region in exploring opportunities to address regional health problems. His current research and policy analysis focuses on access to care for uninsured and underinsured persons, environmental influences on health, health professional shortages, culturally appropriate chronic disease care and health impacts of immigration.

He has conducted research on increasing the participation of elders in health and long-term care decisions, supporting informal caregivers for persons with disabilities, and limiting sales of alcohol and tobacco products to minors. Dr. Capitman has taught and written about how social location influences health and the use of health services, and has published extensively in the areas of: financing, organization, and delivery of community care and the integration prevention, behavioral health and chronic care management services in primary care.

Dr. Capitman was formerly a professor and director of long-term care studies in the Schneider Institute for Health Policy at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University. He is a founder and Board member for VISIONS, Inc. a non-profit provider of multicultural training and consultation.

He received his B.A. in Linguistics from Yale University and his Ph.D. in Social Psychology from Duke University.

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Mr. Tyner is a co-investigator and project leader in Fresno for a CDC-funded childhood asthma surveillance program (aka Fresno Kicks Asthma) and a partner/consultant for a CDC-funded school-based asthma management program with Fresno Unified School District. He is also currently working with investigators at University of California, Berkeley and Stanford on a National Institutes of Health study in Fresno to examine the impacts of air pollution on the regulation (DNA methylation) of genes associated with the onset of asthma in children.

He was the lead investigator of an Air District-funded clinical study examining the acute health effects of air pollution on adult, nonatopic asthmatic patients and is the co-investigator of an epidemiological study assessing and comparing the effects of air pollution on respiratory and cardiovascular hospital and emergency room admissions in three San Joaquin Valley cities.

He earned his B.A. in Biology from Fresno State and his M.S. in Molecular Biology from UC Santa Barbara.