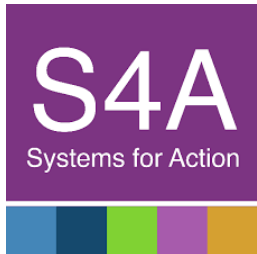


Testing a New Terminology System for Health and Social Services Integration

*Strategies to Achieve Alignment, Collaboration, and Synergy
Across Delivery and Financing Systems*



Research-In-Progress Webinar
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Agenda

Welcome: **Glen Mays, PhD, MPH**
Director for Systems for Action

Presenters: **Sara Abiola, PhD, JD**
Columbia University
Miriam Laugesen, PhD
Columbia University

Q&A: Moderated by Glen Mays, PhD



Sara Abiola, PhD, JD

Assistant Professor



Dr. Abiola's research focuses on the relationship between public policy and population health with an emphasis on food law and noncommunicable diseases, overweight, and obesity among children, adolescents, and young adults. Her most recent work includes constructing a country-level index for NCD prevention laws that aggregates existing law and policy data about food, alcohol, tobacco regulations into a single measure, developing a theoretical framework for linking laws to health-related behaviors and outcomes, and identifying factors that shape the use of evidence in public policymaking. Dr. Abiola also explores statutory and regulatory mechanisms to integrate the delivery of health and social services to address the social determinants of health and the effects of state-level laws on youth overweight and obesity.



Miriam Laugesen, PhD
Associate Professor

Dr. Laugesen is the author of *Fixing Medical Prices: How Physicians are Paid* (Harvard University Press) and is presently a Tow Foundation Faculty Scholar, an award recognizing innovation and thought leadership. Her work has contributed to an increased awareness of how healthcare prices are determined and why they are higher than elsewhere. Dr Laugesen is the current President of the American Political Science Association's Health Politics and Policy Section; she serves on the AcademyHealth Education Council, and she is the Book Review Editor for the *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*.

1. Introduction of Two Polling Questions for the Audience
2. Review of Study Aims and Findings (Aims 1, 2, 3)
3. Conclusion
4. Next Steps and Emerging Projects
5. Q&A
6. S4A Announcements

Poll Question (1)

1. In your opinion, thinking across sectors, how much progress do you believe has been made, to date, on social and health services integration in the United States? Pick ONE of the following:
 - A. I don't know
 - B. Very limited
 - C. Some, but limited overall
 - D. Inconsistent degrees of integration
 - E. Considerable progress across sectors

Poll Question (2)

2. Do you believe the COVID-19 crisis has strengthened or weakened the likelihood of greater social and health services integration occurring in the United States? Pick ONE of the following:
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 - B. No impact on integration
 - C. Reduced the likelihood
 - D. Somewhat strengthened
 - E. Significantly strengthened the likelihood of integration

- Investigate the implementation and impact of strategies designed to achieve alignment, collaboration, and synergy across delivery and financing systems by describing the scope and structure of current legal and regulatory approaches to reimbursement for nonmedical service providers and system gaps.

- Investigate the role of incentives in achieving alignment, collaboration, and synergy across delivery and financing systems and test the technical feasibility of extending or developing new parallel mechanisms, such as expanding the existing “T” codes used to pay for social services.

- Investigate the implementation and impact of strategies designed to reduce and eliminate health inequities through cross-system alignment, collaboration, and synergy by testing the acceptability and alternative options through engagement with health and social service stakeholders.

- **Implications for ongoing health and social services integration**
 - Creating common language across sectors
 - Using the COVID-19 pandemic to mobilize greater cross-sector communication
 - Highlighting ability of systems to be efficient, flexible, and responsive to needs of a population
- **Review of poll results**

- **Expanding T code utilization**
 - Medicare use and benefits of standardization
 - Overcoming barriers to more widespread adoption of T codes
 - Medical provider awareness re: T codes
 - Nonmedical provider knowledge: increasing awareness about existing integration
 - Defining health through a social determinants lens
- **Initial strategy:** dissemination of study findings (op-ed)

- **Addressing food insecurity during and after COVID-19:**
 - Highlighting the need for policies that increase access to SNAP benefits
 - Policy surveillance and mapping in relation to SNAP benefits (50 state analysis)
 - Climate change and food access in urban settings
- **Integration of federal social safety net policies and benefits**

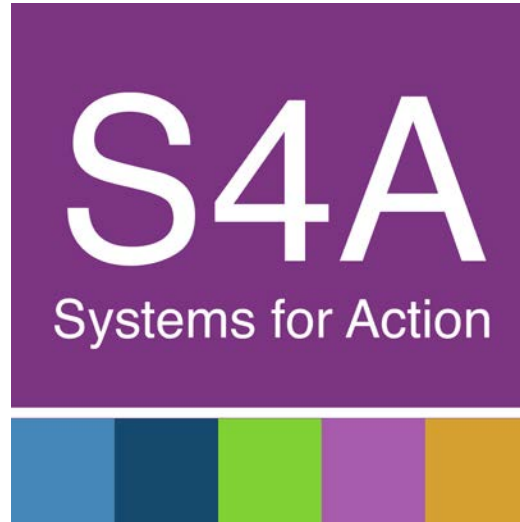
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Q: After listening to today's talk, which word comes immediately to mind when you think about integration of social and health services?

Please enter answer into chat box.

Questions?



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Adam Atherly, PhD, University of Vermont

June 24 | 12 pm ET

[Investigating Systems Alignment of Multi-Sector Agencies to Address Child Maltreatment in St. Louis](#)

Melissa Jonson-Reid, PhD & Trisha Kohl, PhD, Washington U in St. Louis

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