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Advancing Health Equity Through Primary Care Policy: Priorities and Recommendations for California



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Diane Rittenhouse, MD, MPH, a senior fellow at Mathematica and Professor of Family Medicine and Health Policy at UCSF, has two decades of experience researching health care organization, delivery, finance, and workforce - and translating that research into policy. She received a Generalist Physician Faculty Scholar award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and has been recognized in the United States and Europe as a leading primary care researcher. She was Principal Investigator for the evaluation of federal efforts to restore, expand and improve primary care and behavioral health care services in Greater New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. She has also been Co-Investigator on multiple large national studies of physician practices. Currently she is leading several projects focused on optimizing the primary care team workforce; strengthening the connection between primary care and health equity; diversifying California's physician workforce; understanding and supporting independently owned physician practices; and highlighting exemplary primary care practices participating in federal primary care payment demonstrations. She serves as an expert advisor for the development of the Health of U.S. Primary Care Scorecard recommended by the National Academies of Sciences, Education and Medicine.

Dr. Rittenhouse has worked across specialties and disciplines in California to expand graduate medical education (GME) for primary care and psychiatry physicians. She established the Transitional Program Office for GME Expansion, funded by the California Health Care Foundation, and served as senior advisor to the Office of Health Care Access and Information Office of Workforce Development helping them to set strategic priorities and launch their new Health Workforce Education and Training Council.

Dr. Rittenhouse is a family physician by training and practiced for 10 years in a community-based faculty practice at the University of California, San Francisco. She is a product of the University of California, having completed her undergraduate and master's degrees at UC Berkeley, her medical training at UC Davis, and a post-doctoral fellowship at UCSF.