Connecting Public Health and the Food Industry: Voluntary Commitments to Reduce Sodium and Understanding the Consumer

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Welcome to our presenters:

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Deirdre Kleske
Christy Lopez
Amy Loew
Suzanne Skapyak
Naomi Billups is the Public Health Nutrition Manager for the County of San Diego since 2006. Naomi was instrumental in establishing the San Diego Food Systems Alliance, and designing and managing the implementation of the food systems interventions for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Communities Putting Prevention to Work, Community Transformation Grant, 1422/Prevention First, and Sodium Reduction in Communities. She also guides the food systems efforts for the County’s SNAP-Ed/NEOP program, and manages the Lactation Supportive Environments program.

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Deirdre Kleske coordinates the Center for Disease Control and Prevention-funded Healthy Works: Sodium Reduction Initiative for the County of San Diego. Deirdre has more than a decade of experience supporting regional and statewide programs designed to advance evidence-based obesity prevention strategies and promising practices. She has worked on high-profile grants that have resulted in public policy strides at both the state and local levels. She also provides training and technical assistance to school districts and other stakeholders on the subject of local school wellness policy implementation.

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