





## Panelist Bios

**Lisa Daugaard, Director, Public Defender Association**

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Lisa leads PDA’s work to develop and implement alternatives to the formal justice system that advance public safety, racial equity, community health and reconciliation. She helped found the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program, a pre-booking, community-based diversion model for low-level drug suspects that is a national model. She was previously interim director for the King County Department of Public Defense and served in leadership roles for Seattle’s Community Police Commission and De-Escalate Washington.

**Colleen Echohawk, Executive Director, Chief Seattle Club**

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Colleen, named one of the 40 most influential women in Seattle in 2018 by Seattle Met magazine, leads this nonprofit dedicated to the needs of Native American and Alaska Native people who are experiencing homelessness in Seattle. She founded the Coalition to End Urban Native Homelessness and serves in leadership roles for numerous local organizations including KUOW, Puget Sound Public Radio; Downtown Seattle Association; and All Home.

**Lauren McGowan, Sr Dir of Ending Homelessness and Poverty, United Way of King Co @LaurenMcGowan @UnitedWayKC**

Lauren oversees UWKC’s investment of \$14 million annually and the development of strategies to lift 50,000 people out of poverty and to reduce the number of unsheltered people by 50%. She also directs the King County No Kid Hungry Campaign and the engagement of 200 AmeriCorps members annually. Lauren has directed innovative campaigns and programs to reduce poverty and help low-income families build assets. She serves on the board for the Prosperity Agenda and works with several local and national groups working to strengthen the social safety net.

**Richard Waters, M.D., MSc, Medical Director, Neighborcare Health @richardwatersMD @neighborcare**

Richard is a family physician who leads Neighborcare Health’s Homeless & Housing Programs in Seattle. Neighborcare provides comprehensive health care to families and individuals who have difficulty accessing care. As part of a multidisciplinary care team, Richard provides primary care to individuals formerly or currently living homeless, with a focus on harm reduction and low-threshold, on-demand models of substance use disorder treatment.



## Moderator

**Michael Hobbes, Investigative Reporter, Huffington Post**

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In addition to Michael’s work for HuffPost – such as the recent article “Why America Can’t Solve Homelessness” – he is the co-host of “You’re Wrong About,” a podcast about recent history. Before becoming a journalist, he worked as a speechwriter and researcher in international development. He grew up in Lake City and currently lives on Seattle’s First Hill.