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Berkeley's Hub for Regulatory Science

Liver Forum – MASH 20

Reston, Virginia

Friday, March 6, 2026

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Welcome, Program Overview, and Acknowledgments



Edyth Dwyer
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Overview of the Liver Forum



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- **What:** a platform for ongoing multi-stakeholder dialogue to identify barriers, prioritize research and identify solutions to accelerate therapeutic development for MASLD/MASH
- **How:** provide a neutral, independent, safe space for discussion and deliberation across stakeholder groups
 - Focus on developing consensus, increasing synergy and collaboration, and reducing duplication and uncertainty
 - Ongoing working group activity throughout the year anchored by larger project events
 - Active & engaged participation



Forum Operating Principles



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- Independent and neutral venue
 - Ongoing multi-stakeholder dialogue
 - Each stakeholder group has an equal voice
- Facilitate best science-based decisions, in real time
 - Break down inefficiencies and redundancy
 - Increase clarity, collaboration and innovation
 - Benefit to whole field, especially patients

Forum = Safe Space



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- Closed meeting
 - No marketing
 - No press
- Bring your expertise
 - Leave your “hat” at the door

Rules of the Room and Zoom

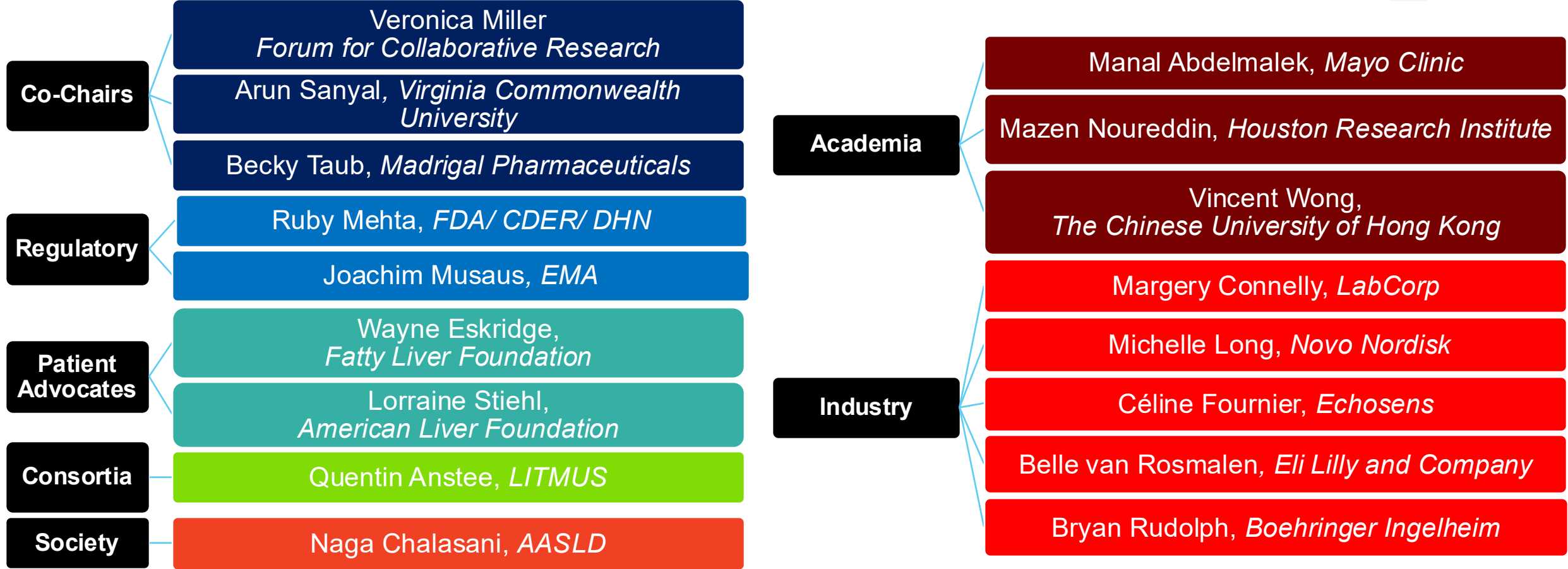


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- What's said in the room, stays in the room
- What's said in the room, is not for attribution
- Let the science speak
- Active participation

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The Forum Team



- Veronica Miller – Director & Faculty Lead
- Haely Jardas – Executive Assistant

Project Managers

- Shilpa Mitra – Senior Research Associate
- Logan Donaldson – Research Associate
- Ekene Osakwe – Research Associate
- Edyth Dwyer – Research Associate
- Meghan Rakowski – Research Associate
- Kathy An – Assistant Research Associate

Data & Analysis Center (DAC)

- Margot Yann – Director, DAC: Principal Data Scientist
- Zachary Rooney – Technical & Infrastructure Lead
- Alice Kang – Program Manager
- Debajyoti Debnath – Research Associate

Administration

- Jordan Cathey – Director of Operations and Business
- Christopher Berry – Sr Events and Operations Manager
- Alicia Jellinek – Program Financial Analyst

Student Assistants

- Alessi Ayvaz – Graduate Student Assistant
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Program Advisors

- Jeffrey S. Murray – Program Advisor
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- Becca Freed – Communications Consultant

Welcome, Meghan!



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- **Meghan Rakowski, MPH**
- Research Associate
- Liver Forum, PSC Forum, ACLF Forum
- Experience in public health project management, policy analysis, & stakeholder engagement.
- Previous nutrition policy research (Indiana University School of Public Health, UNC Center for Health Promotion & Disease Prevention).



Welcome, Haely!



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- **Haely Jardas, MA**
- Executive Assistant
- Assists with logistics, operations, and project management.



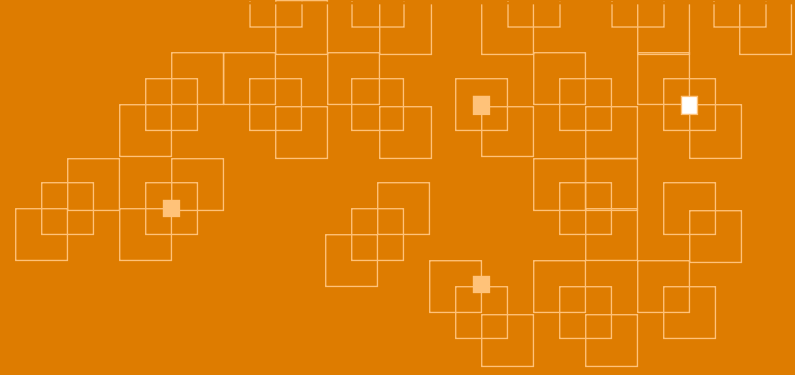
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- The Forum Team
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Opening Remarks



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