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Moderated by: Annie Chen

Speakers:

- Homer Venters, *President, Community Oriented Correctional Health Services (COCHS)*
- Heidi Altman, *Director of Policy, National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC)*
- Corina Salazar, *Managing Attorney, Centro Legal de la Raza - Oakland/Alameda County, CA*
- Aissa Olivarez, *Managing Attorney, Community Immigration Law Center (CILC) - Dane County/Madison, WI*
- Sarah Plastino, *Senior Staff Attorney, Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (RMIAN) - Denver, CO*

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