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Chris was a community organizer who then worked as an anti-poverty legal services attorney in Atlanta and Boston for over a decade before transitioning to practicing health data privacy law and health policy work. Immediately prior to joining the Network, she served as privacy legal counsel and director of solutions integration on a Medicaid waiver demonstration project, leading health data sharing efforts across sectors and health data reporting. She also worked previously as the health policy director and HIPAA privacy officer for a dental benefits company during the early implementation period of the Affordable Care Act.

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