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Parker Duncan, MD, MPH, now a bilingual (Spanish) family medicine physician working in the community clinics of Sonoma County, first heard about the California Physicians Alliance during his first year of medical school at UC Irvine.



He subsequently became a co-founder in 2006 of what is now known as the 'Student Lobby Day' for single-payer; was one of the two first students to sit on the California Physicians Alliance Board; then helped develop and served as the first 'Shearer Student Fellow' (originally called the Medical Student Fellow) from 2008-2009. While in residency at Santa Rosa, he helped found the Sonoma chapter of California Physicians Alliance and is currently actively involved in developing local presentations and growing the movement in the North Bay.

Prior to medical school, he was a Bridge Officer on USS Nimitz and credits his interest in and passion about 'single-payer' as a more 'socially just and personally correct expression of the same motivation — "service to country" — that inspired him to join the military.'

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