



2015 Arizona Health Equity Conference

Building Bridges: Connecting Communities in Research, Practice, & Policy

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WELCOME

On behalf of the 13 partner organizations involved in the planning of the Arizona Health Equity Conference, we welcome you and are glad you are here. Valuable health equity research and practice efforts are taking place across Arizona, and we recognized the need to bridge those efforts for greater reach and impact. We hope you leave with new partners, innovative ideas, and renewed energy to continue your important work.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

1. Raise awareness about health equity and disparities through topics focused on research, clinical applications, behavioral health, prevention, public health, and policy
2. Provide meaningful networking opportunities
3. Leave with clear outcomes, new partnerships, and new ideas for research
4. Identify paths to improve community health and create systems change

PLANNING COMMITTEE AND CONSULTANTS

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 8:00am – 9:00am Registration & I Breakfast
- 9:00am – 9:30am Welcome & Opening Remarks
- 9:30am – 10:15am..... **Keynote Speaker, Dr. Susan Shaw**
Associate Professor, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona
“Seeing Structure in the Differences: Thinking Anthropologically about Health Disparities”
- 10:15am – 10:30am..... **Break & Exhibitor Fair**
- 10:30am – 11:30am..... **Access to Care Panel**
“On the Front Lines: Free Clinics & Federally Qualified Health Centers”
- 11:30am – 11:45am..... **National Equity of Care**
Tomás León, MBA
President & CEO, Institute for Diversity in Health Management
American Hospital Association
- 11:45am – 1:00pm **Networking Buffet Lunch**
- 1:00pm – 1:15pm **Break & Exhibitor Fair**
- 1:15pm – 2:15pm **Afternoon Breakout Session 1**
- 2:15pm – 2:30pm **Break & Exhibitor Fair**
- 2:30pm – 3:30pm **Afternoon Breakout Session 2**
- 3:30pm – 3:40pm **Break**
- 3:40pm – 4:20pm **Funding Panel**
“Resources for Organizational Growth”
- 4:20pm – 4:30pm **Closing Remarks**



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ACCESS TO CARE PANEL

10:30am – 11:30am – Cottonwood Ballroom

Moderator	Panelist	Title & Organization
Marion Kelly, Community & Business Relations Director, Mayo Clinic	Catherine Amiot, BA	Executive Director, Mission of Mercy Phoenix, Arizona
	Dennis Huff, LCSW	Director, Behavioral Health, Native Health Phoenix, Arizona
	Catalina Laborin	Outreach & Eligibility Manager, El Rio Community Health Center Tucson, Arizona
	Eric Walden, BA	Executive Director, Poore Medical Clinic Flagstaff, Arizona



AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSION 1

1:15pm – 2:15pm – See Track Area for Locations

Track	Moderators	Title & Speaker
Native Health Focused Panel Room: Brittlebush	Toni Means, MBA/HCM, Office Chief of Maternal and Child Health, Arizona Department of Health Services	Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country Gwenda Gorman, BA Health and Human Services Director InterTribal Council of Arizona, Inc.
		Native American Resilience Lisa Jane Hardy, PhD Assistant Professor of Anthropology Center for American Indian Resilience Northern Arizona University
		Resilience and Native Health Agnes Attakai, MPA Director Health Disparities Outreach Prevention Education Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health University of Arizona
Research-Clinical Room: Cottonwood 1	Jill Lemna, MBA, CCRC, Director of Research Operations, HonorHealth Research Institute	Geriatric Trauma Alicia Mangram, MD, FACS Medical Director, Trauma Services & Acute Care Surgery; Medical Director, SICU; Program Director, General Surgery Resident Program HonorHealth
		Alzheimer’s & Disparities amongst Native American Communities Nicole Lomay, BIS Native American Community Outreach Representative Banner Alzheimer’s Institute
		Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) in Action Wendy Wolfersteig, PhD Director, Evaluation and Partner Contracts, ASU-Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center

Research-Clinical Room: Cottonwood 2	Bob England, MD, MPH Director, Maricopa County Department of Public Health	Providing Culturally-Grounded Health Services for the Refugee Women of Phoenix: A Community Partnership Model for Integrated Care Jeanne Nizigiyimana, MSW, MA Co-founder & Program Manager, Refugee Women's Health Clinic Maricopa Integrated Health System
		Identifying Healthcare Disparities and Educational Needs Across the State Megan Gilbert, MSN, CPNP-AC Trauma Nurse Practitioner Phoenix Children's Hospital
		Progress Towards an HIV Vaccine Bertram Jacobs, PhD Professor and Director, School of Life Sciences Center for Infectious Diseases and Vaccinology Biodesign Institute, Arizona State University
Prevention-Policy Room: Ocotillo	Essen Otu, Diversity & Community Affairs Director, Mountain Park Health Center	Veterans' Health Thomas Winkel, MA, LPC, NCC Director of Community Engagement Arizona Coalition for Military Families
		Community Paramedicine Melanie Mitros, PhD Director, Strategic Community Partnerships St. Luke's Health Initiatives
		Ageing & Disparities Melissa Elliott, MSW Vice President of Programs & Services Area Agency on Aging



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AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSION 2

2:30pm – 3:30pm – See Track Area for Locations

Track	Moderators	Speakers
African American Focused Panel Room: Brittlebush	Toni Means, MBA/HCM, Office Chief of Maternal and Child Health, Arizona Department of Health Services	The 3 Deadly Sins Darlene Little, EdD Executive Director Tanner Community Development Corporation
		Faith Opportunities Zone Duane Wooten, MD Pilgrim’s Rest
		Faith Opportunities Zone Damara Lotten, BA Executive Director FIBCO Family Services, Inc.
		Phoenix Chapter Black Nurses Association Vanessa Hill, RN, MS Clinical Associate Professor Arizona State University College of Nursing and Health Innovation, Office Administrator, Black Nurses Association Greater Phoenix
Research-Clinical Room: Cottonwood 2	Jill Lemna, MBA, CCRC, Director of Research Operations, HonorHealth Research Institute	Health Literacy and Cultural Competency in Behavioral & Medical Health Integration Charlton Wilson, MD Chief Medical Officer Mercy Maricopa & Mercy Care Plan
		Injury Prevention: What Works Best? Erin Kuroiwa, MHI Manager, Injury Prevention & Community Outreach Phoenix Children’s Hospital
		Pursuing Health Equity in Community Behavioral Health Patricia Penn, PhD Director of Research and Evaluation La Frontera Arizona

Research-Clinical Room: Cottonwood 1	Bob England, MD, MPH, Director, Maricopa County Department of Public Health	Homeless Mortality Sister Adele O’Sullivan, CSJ, MD Chief Medical Officer and Founder, Circle the City Respite Center
		Person-Centered Care at Mayo Clinic Kenneth Poole, MD, MBA Senior Associate Consultant Internal Medicine Physician Mayo Clinic
		Current Trends in Bariatric Surgery Research James Swain, MD, FACS, FASMBS Medical Director HonorHealth Bariatric Center
Prevention-Policy Room: Ocotillo	Essen Otu, Diversity & Community Affairs Director, Mountain Park Health Center	Access & Alliances: Challenging LGBTQ Health Disparities Jason Vail Cruz, ACPP III Community Prevention Lead, Community Development Coordinator TERROS, Inc.
		Advancing Health Equity in Arizona Lloyd Asato, Executive Director Asian Pacific Community in Action
		Disparities Among Children and Youth With Special Health Care Needs Katharine Levandowsky, BS Chief for the Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs Arizona Department of Health Services



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FUNDING PANEL

3:40pm – 4:20pm – Cottonwood Ballroom

Moderator	Panelist	Title & Organization
Marisue Garganta, Director of Community Health Integration, Community Benefit, Community Grants and Investments, Dignity Health – St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center	CJ Hager, MCP	St. Luke’s Health Initiatives Director, Healthy Community Policies
	Jacky Alling, BA	Arizona Community Foundation Chief Philanthropic Services Officer
	Susan M Pepin, MD	Virginia G. Piper Trust President/CEO



KEYNOTE BIO



Susan Shaw, PhD

Susan J. Shaw, PhD, teaches medical anthropology in the School of Anthropology at the University of Arizona. Her research focuses on chronic disease and health literacy among diverse medically underserved populations. Her research is based at a federally-funded community health center, and has been supported by the National Cancer Institute, National Institute on Drug Abuse, U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. Her first book, *Governing How We Care: Contesting Community and Defining Difference in U.S. Public Health Programs*, was published in 2012 by Temple University Press.

PRESENTER & MODERATOR BIOS

Deep thanks to our speakers and moderators for sharing their time, knowledge, and expertise.



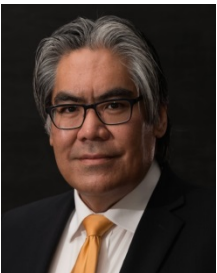
Jacky Alling, BA

Jacky Alling is the Chief Philanthropic Services Officer at the Arizona Community Foundation. She oversees ACF's donor services, statewide affiliates, new fund development, competitive grants and the various centers for corporate, sports, and LGBTQ Philanthropy. She also plays a leadership role in ACF's initiatives focusing on community development, innovation prizes and impact loan investing. In addition to serving on several foundation boards run by ACF, Jacky serves on the board of the Arizona Grantmakers Forum. She also serves on the Leadership Council for the ASU Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Innovation. Previously Jacky has served as a Program Steering committee member for the national Council on Foundations and is currently on the national "Community Foundation Leads" Executive Leadership group.



Catherine Amiot, BA

Since May 2004, Catherine Amiot has served as the Executive Director of Mission of Mercy free mobile health clinics, offering no cost primary health care and free prescription medications to Maricopa County's uninsured, underinsured working poor and homeless population. Prior to returning to her Arizona home, Ms. Amiot served in the public sector as a management consultant and policy advisor with the Department of Defense in Europe, The Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. and under two Arizona Governors. She was graduated from the University of Maryland with a B.A. in English. Ms. Amiot is a fourth-generation Arizonian and a native Phoenician.



Lloyd Asato

Lloyd Y. Asato is the Executive Director for Asian Pacific Community in Action (APCA). APCA is a community health organization serving Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander (AA and NHPI) and emerging communities in Arizona. APCA staff and certified interpreters are fluent in 29 of the 60 plus languages spoken in Arizona. Lloyd previously served as the Deputy Director for the National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians and as senior policy analyst for the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum. He is also a member of the Frontier and Rural Experts Panel, National Center for Frontier Communities.



Agnes Attakai, MPA

Agnes Attakai (Navajo) is the Director of Health Disparities Outreach and Prevention Education for the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, University of Arizona and Program Coordinator for the Indians into Medicine program at the College of Medicine. She develops multimedia curriculum development, provides information dissemination to public health professionals via the Arizona Tribal Health listserv, facilitates trainings, provides capacity building and technical assistance to tribal communities in Arizona and coordinates the health professions pipeline for native students at the University of Arizona. Ms. Attakai has a bachelor's degree in Political Science and American Indian Studies and a Master's of Public Administration degree from the University of Arizona. She currently volunteers with the Saguaro Girl Scout Council of Southern Arizona, Native American Education Advisory Committee/Tucson Unified School District, and the Reading Seed Children's Literacy Program. She was appointed to the UA Commission on the Status of Women and the Region IX Pacific and Southwest Regional Health Equity Council.



Melissa Elliott, MSW

Melissa Elliott has worked with older adults for 15 years. She received her Master's in Social Work from Arizona State University. She currently is the Vice-President of Programs & Services for the Area Agency on Aging in Phoenix where she supervises 8 of the Agency's major programs and services. Most recently Ms. Elliott has worked with Medicare on the Community Care Transitions Program where she served as a faculty mentor. She has also worked as a home health social worker, nursing home social worker and is an adjunct faculty member at Arizona State University.



Bob England, MD, MPH

Dr. Bob is the Director of the Maricopa County Department of Public Health, the third-most populous local public health jurisdiction in the U.S. He's been a public health doctor his entire career, holding several positions in state and local public health, mostly in Arizona. Throughout it all, the interconnection between underlying social determinants of health and social inequities as root causes of health problems, beginning early in life, has only become more obvious to him. During his nearly ten years in his current position, he has sought to use policy, systems, and environmental change to begin to move the needle on health status in our community.



Marisue Garganta

Marisue Garganta is currently the Director of Community Health Integration and Community Benefit at Dignity Health, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, Barrow Neurological Institute, St. Joseph's Westgate Hospital and the joint ventures within St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center's Network. St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center is the flagship hospital within Dignity Health and is a teaching, medical and research center in the heart of Phoenix, Arizona. Ms. Garganta comes to her current position with over 30 years of experience in healthcare, education, international business, and nonprofit management. Her work in the nonprofit community included serving as an acting executive director, fund development, educator, researcher, trainer, public speaker, and leader in the community. Marisue is an Advisory Council Member on the Association of Community Health Improvement (ACHI) with American Hospital Association and is a Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET) Senior Fellow. She volunteers her time as the former Chairman of the Board of Directors for Foundation for Senior Living, Member for the Maricopa County Association of Government's Continuum of Care Board, Committee Member for the Elder Care Board Committee for Catholic Health Association, as well as holding several leadership roles on State and County wide advisory boards and councils. She received community awards including the Golden Heart Award, Humanitarian Award, 2014 Kevin Keogh Community Service Award, and the Spencer Foreman Award for Community Outreach and multiple community awards for her innovations and collaborations within the community. Her motto is "Your footprint is your mark on life, so tread gently. The world is fragile."



Megan Gilbert, MSN, CPNP-AC

Born and raised an Arizona native, Megan graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Grand Canyon University. She received her Master of Science in Nursing degree from Rush University in Chicago, Illinois with a specialty in Pediatric Acute Care. She has worked at Phoenix Children's Hospital for 8 years and has been a Pediatric Trauma Nurse Practitioner for 2 years. Her passion is education and outreach. Child abuse prevention is top on her list of many areas of interest. In her free time Megan enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, and scuba diving.



Gwenda Gorman, BA

Gwenda Gorman is a member of the Dine' (Navajo) Nation and is the Health and Human Services Director for the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona. She is involved with a number of projects promoting health promotion for youth and adults. Gwenda coordinates and manages chronic disease and teen pregnancy prevention programs and human services program activities and grants for the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. She builds capacity and revenue for tribal health and human services programs. In addition, she collaborates with federal, state, tribal and local agencies to provide education and resources for tribal communities.



CJ Hager, MCP

C.J. Eisenbarth Hager is Director, Healthy Community Policies for St. Luke's Health Initiatives (SLHI). Her work centers on promoting public policies that support healthy lifestyles. Her current work includes developing health recommendations for Reinvent PHX, attracting new healthy food retailers to neighborhoods with few options, supporting the establishment of a food policy coalition in Maricopa County and supporting the recently-passed of a complete streets ordinance within the City of Phoenix. She also works with partners to bring health into the public policy decision-making process through tools like health impact assessments and health in all policies. C.J. received her bachelor's degree in economics from Marquette University and a master's degree in Regional and Community Planning from Kansas State University.



Lisa Hardy, PhD

Lisa J. Hardy, PhD is a medical anthropologist currently serving as Assistant Professor of anthropology at Northern Arizona University. Dr. Hardy's current research includes patient--provider communication and resilience, which she studies through her project within the Center for American Indian Research (CAIR) funded by the National Institutes of Health. Hardy's other work includes national healthcare studies, evaluation for community coalitions, health policy research and evaluation, and training for healthcare providers on social determinants of health. She is currently writing, working, and living research on the health impacts of social connectedness.



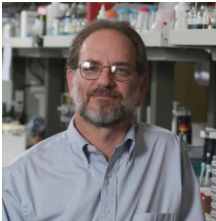
Vanessa Hill, RN, MS

Vanessa Nelson Hill is a Clinical Associate Professor with the College of Nursing and Health Innovation, at Arizona State University and part-time administrator of the Black Nurses Association Greater Phoenix Area (BNAGPA). She was recently co-director of the faith-based project "Heart and Soul", a Cardiovascular and Lung Disease project targeting the African American Community, Keep It Moving a healthy living/active lifestyle project, and of the Barbershop Program, a collaborative between the American Heart Association, Phoenix Affiliate and BNAGPA. Ms. Nelson Hill has held the positions of Chief of Local Health Services, Director of Public Health Nursing, and Director of the Center for Minority Health, all with the Arizona Department of Health Services. She is a board member of St. Luke's Health Initiatives and past member of the American Heart Association Health Equity Task Force. Vanessa is also a graduate from the Centers for Disease Control Public Health Leadership Institute and the American Public Health Association Maternal and Child Health Leadership Institute. Ms. Nelson Hill received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Arizona State University, College of Nursing and Health Innovation. Currently she is pursuing a PhD in Public Administration, specializing in health policy, at Arizona State University.



Dennis Huff, LCSW

Mr. Huff, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, began his 41 years of work among the Native American community in 1974 including both on and off reservation, and has been at Native Health (Native American Community Health Center, Inc.) in Phoenix, Arizona since 1992 where he is currently the Behavioral Health Director. He was integral in the development and growth of the agency's Behavioral Health Division since its inception under his direction in 1993 and expansion to the project's current level in 2015. His vision has moved what was a start-up program into the forefront of behavioral health practice with the introduction of a fully integrated system of care in 2012 and expanded third party billing. As the Behavioral Health Director of the Native American Community Health Center, he also oversees 3 program components that include the outpatient Mental Health and Substance Abuse counseling services and the Integrated Behavioral Health services. He is currently working to expand behavioral health services at NHW Community Health Center, the agency's second community health center. He was an original planning group member for the American Indian Disability Summit. Since 2011, he has been the producer of the Native Health sponsored weekly internet radio show "Native Talk Arizona" on www.radiophoenix.org.



Bertram Jacobs, PhD

Dr. Jacobs is Professor of Virology in the School of Life Sciences and the Biodesign Institute at Arizona State University. The main interest of Dr. Jacobs' lab is poxvirus:host interactions, in particular evasion of immune defenses by poxviruses. Disabling of the immune evasion genes in vaccinia virus has allowed the generation of highly attenuated strains of vaccinia virus as improved vaccine vectors for diseases such as HIV. Dr. Jacobs was awarded the Governor's Innovator of the Year Award in Academia for the work in vaccine development. Dr. Jacobs' teaching interests include HIV prevention education to lay audiences. In this regard, Dr. Jacobs teaches a highly regarded interdisciplinary HIV class at ASU and spends several weeks each year in Africa teaching HIV prevention. Dr. Jacobs serves on the Board of Directors of two non-profit organizations dealing with HIV/AIDS and public health; Aunt Rita's Foundation and HEAL, International. Dr. Jacobs serves as Chair of the ASU Institutional Biosafety Committee, and is Director of the ASU School of Life Sciences.



Marion Kelly

Marion Kelly serves as Director for the Office of Community Affairs and Business Relations at Mayo Clinic. In this role, Mr. Kelly provides leadership for the organizations' efforts to build solid neighbor, civic and corporate relationships. "Community" in its broadest sense encompasses the entire Southwest region of the United States. In addition to providing leadership in Community Affairs, he is also responsible for institutionalizing "Diversity" as a corporate objective within the strategic plan of Mayo Clinic. Mr. Kelly's broad experiences are in both the education and political arena. His experiences include teaching elementary education, working in the United States Senate, Indiana University School of Medicine Administration and Assistant Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs at Mayo Medical School. Mr. Kelly was an appointee in the former Bush White House administration as Special Assistant for At Risk Youth Initiatives at the United States Department of Labor, and as the White House Liaison for the Labor Department.



Erin Kuroiwa, MHI

Erin Kuroiwa, MHI is the Manager of Community Outreach and Injury Prevention at Phoenix Children's Hospital in Arizona. Erin enjoys working with families, professionals, and communities to create advocacy groups and community campaigns to improve health and safety. Ms. Kuroiwa is a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician and Instructor. She has also completed the Special Needs enrichment training. She co-created the Car Seat Helper App and believes that innovation is an important element in promoting public health. Ms. Kuroiwa earned her master's in healthcare innovation from Arizona State University.



Catalina Laborin

Catalina Laborin has worked at El Rio Community Health Center for the past 20 years she is the Eligibility and Outreach Manager and oversees the team of Navigator, Certified Application Counselors, Eligibility Outreach workers, Community Health Advisors and Patient Benefit Coordinators. Catalina Laborin has worked in the development and implementation of various health education programs at El Rio Health Center. Currently she oversees the Affordable Care Act Market Place Eligibility Team and the Community Health Advisors. She is sensitive to the needs of patients in the community. Her greatest satisfaction is assuring that patients receive access to medical care.



Jill Lemna, MBA, CCRC

Jill E. Lemna, MBA, CCRC is a healthcare professional with 20 years of experience in the medical and research arenas. Ms. Lemna received her BA in Communications through the University of Arizona and went on to work with nationally recognized organizations, like the American Heart Association and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, in raising funds and awareness for these organizations. Ms. Lemna's background in healthcare marketing and advertising led to representing several hospital systems as well as small and large biomedical companies. In 2003 Ms. Lemna joined the Translational Genomics Research Institute, where she served as the Division Manager of the Neurogenomics Research Division. Upon earning her MBA, she directed the research operations for the Division as well as managed the Business Development office at TGen. Currently, Ms. Lemna is the Director of Operations for HonorHealth Research Institute. Her focus is the operational and business development activities to support the growth of innovations in healthcare research.



Tomás León, MBA

Tomás León is president and CEO of the Institute for Diversity in Health Management, an affiliate of the American Hospital Association. His leadership brings an innovative, inclusive and purpose-driven approach to promoting diversity within the health care field. León has two decades of experience in community mobilization, diversity and inclusion, business development, public health, policy advocacy, philanthropy and marketing communications from his previous senior executive roles: President and CEO of the People of Color Network, Inc., Vice President of the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona, President and CEO of the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director of Youth On Their Own, Inc. and Associate Director of the Border Health Foundation. León holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from The University of Arizona and an MBA from the University of Phoenix.



Katharine Levandowsky, BS

Katharine Levandowsky serves as the Office Chief for the Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs in the Bureau of Women and Children's Health at the Arizona Department of Health Services and is the department's lead on children with special health care needs. For the past 25 years, she has worked with community, families, stakeholders, and providers to develop and improve services for individuals with disabilities. As the Chief, Katharine works to lead efforts to improve the systems of care that enhance the health and future and quality of life for children and youth with special health care needs.



Darlene Little, EdD

Dr. Darlene Little is the newly appointed Executive Director of Tanner Community Development Corporation, TCDC, a non-profit organization recognized as an intermediary organization that connects the community of need with the community of resources. Prior to her current role, she was the program director of TCDC's early childhood program, ECD. Serving over 360 families each year, the ECD program provided home-visits, hearing and vision and developmental screenings. Dr. Little is a retired educator with over 36 years in public education as a teacher, principal and director of special services. She is a member of the HEAAL Coalition, serves on the Health Equity Round table, the Senior Round table, and is member of FOZ, Faith Opportunity Zone. She is a consultant for the Dept. of Education and University of Arizona working with school leadership teams, new principals and failing school. Dr. Little received her Bachelors at Southern Illinois University, a Masters at Northern Arizona University and her Doctorate at Arizona State University.



Nicole Lomay, BIS

Nicole Lomay is the Community Outreach Representative for the Native American Program at Banner Alzheimer's Institute where she is responsible for raising awareness about Alzheimer's disease/dementia by bringing culturally sensitive education and outreach activities to meet the unique needs of the Southwest tribes. Nicole completed her Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis on Sociology and Native American Justice Studies from Arizona State University. Nicole has extensive experience working with the Native American Community providing community based programs for an urban school district, facilitating Native American support groups and serving as a case manager for the State of Arizona.



Damara Lotten

Damara Lotten grew up in a military family and has lived overseas and in various states within the U.S. She attended Arizona State University, where she obtained con-current bachelor's degrees in Humanities and English Literature. She also holds a Certificate in Parenting Education from Louisiana State University and is currently pursuing a MBA and M.S. in Leadership from Grand Canyon University. Ms. Lotten has worked in the human services field for 16 years and is dedicated to making a positive impact on the community. She currently serves as the executive director for FIBCO Family Services, Inc. in downtown Phoenix.



Alicia Mangram, MD, FACS

Dr. Mangram is Medical Director of Trauma Services and Acute Care Surgery, as well as Medical Director of Surgical Intensive Care Unit at John C. Lincoln Medical Center, Phoenix, Arizona. Dr. Mangram was recently appointed Program Director for the John C. Lincoln Health Network General Surgery Resident Program. Dr. Mangram distributes her practice time between trauma clinical care delivery, general surgery, surgical intensive care, administrative work and research. She serves on the American College of Surgeons General Surgery Advisory Board, Western Trauma Association Board, and Executive Council for the Southwestern Surgical Society. Dr. Mangram has published many scientific and medical articles in peer-review journals. She is highly recognized nationally for her G60 geriatric trauma program.



Toni Means

Toni Means works for the Arizona Department of Health Services/Bureau of Women’s and Children’s Health as the Office Chief for Women’s Health. She oversees the administration of the following programs: Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Domestic Violence, Reproductive Health, Health Start, Sexual Assault Prevention Education, Sexual Assault Services and Community Health Grants. In addition, Ms. Means leads the agency’s preconception health and life course efforts.



Melanie Mitros, PhD

Melanie Mitros is SLHI’s Director of Strategic Community Partnerships. Melanie works with disease specific groups, coalitions and community boards to help identify timely and relevant topics and establish strategic alliances for effective change initiatives such as working with Fire Departments/Districts on their Mobile Integrated Health Programs (e.g. Community Paramedicine). Melanie is the lead staff for SLHI’s Innovation Grants and Medical Assistance Program where she oversees the application, evaluation and engagement processes. She holds a Ph.D. from Arizona State University in Physical Activity, Nutrition and Wellness.



Jeanne Nizigiyimana, MSW, MA

Jeanne F. Nizigiyimana is the Program Manager and co-founder of the Refugee Women’s Health Clinic at Maricopa Integrated Health System in Phoenix, AZ where she also chairs the Refugee Women’s Health Community Advisory Coalition. Originally from Burundi, Ms. Nizigiyimana holds several undergraduate degrees, speaks six different languages, and earned her Master’s Degree in Social Work. She began her career as a case manager with Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement, and has also served as the Strengthening Families Project Program Coordinator, Adjustment Services Program Supervisor, and Phoenix Family Programs Director for BRYCS. In 1999, she co-founded Refugee Women United for Progress, Inc.



Sister Adele O’Sullivan, MD

Sister Adele O’Sullivan is the Founder and Chief Medical Officer of Circle the City, the first 501(c)(3) organization to open a Medical Respite Center for people experiencing homelessness in the metro Phoenix area. She provided medical care to homeless persons through the Maricopa County Health Care for the Homeless Program from 1996 to 2009 before resigning to devote her time to Circle the City. Dr. O’Sullivan’s long years of practicing family medicine with the homeless population of Phoenix have established her as a speaker and teacher on matters related to homeless medicine.



Essen Otu

Essen Otu serves as Diversity & Community Affairs Director for Mountain Park Health Center where he is responsible for creating a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming environment for all Mountain Park stakeholders and ensuring the organization is embedded in the communities surrounding their five clinic locations. Essen is a graduate of Valley Leadership, a Phoenix Business Journal Forty and 40 award recipient, and serves as a Trustee of St. Luke’s Health Initiatives, as a Diversity Leadership Alliance board member, and as the founder of the REAP fund at the Arizona Community Foundation. Essen is the proud husband of Allison Otu and the proud father of three beautiful daughters.



Patricia Penn, PhD

Dr. Penn is a psychologist and the Director of Research and Evaluation at La Frontera Arizona. She has been the principal investigator or evaluation director for grants funded by federal, state and private agencies to study treatments for co-occurring conditions. She was an invited participant for several national expert panels on co-occurring conditions. La Frontera is a member of the NIDA Clinical Trials Network and she is the site director. In addition, she directs La Frontera Center's program evaluations, is faculty in their psychology doctoral internship program, and for years has led a women's trauma recovery group there.



Susan Pepin, MD

Dr. Susan Pepin is a nationally recognized medical educator, clinician, and researcher. She joined Piper Trust as president and CEO in July 2014. Prior to joining the Trust, Dr. Pepin served as associate dean for diversity and inclusion and associate professor of surgery and pediatrics at Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. She is known for diversifying the medical school's student body and is a leader in the field of neuro-ophthalmology. She is currently a Clinical Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix. She is a member of Greater Phoenix Leadership and the New Health Solutions Advisory Board at Arizona State University.



Kenneth Poole, MD, MBA

Dr. Kenneth Poole, Jr. was born and raised in St. Louis, MO. He earned his bachelor's degree from Tennessee State University; he earned his M.D. from Northwestern University; and he earned his MBA from Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Poole completed his residency training in internal medicine from Mercy Hospital in St. Louis and went into solo medical practice thereafter. He joined the staff at Mayo Clinic Arizona in 2014, where he is a member of the Division of Community Internal Medicine. At Mayo Clinic Dr. Poole sits on the Arizona Space and Capital Committee, is a member of the Arizona/Florida Health Information Coordinating Subcommittee, and is a member of the Mayo Medical School Admissions Committee. Dr. Poole also regularly lectures at the University of Arizona Eller College of Management.



James Swain, MD, FACS, FASMBS

Dr. Swain is the Medical Director of the HonorHealth Bariatric Center in Scottsdale, AZ as well as Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Arizona School of Medicine – Phoenix. He previously served as Director of Bariatric Surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. His areas of specialty include minimally invasive surgery, bariatric surgery, anti-reflux and general surgery. Dr. Swain has presented at numerous national and international meetings and has over 65 publications in medical journals and serves on several journal editorial boards. He is currently the Primary Investigator in 5 randomized, prospective device related trials.



Jason Vail Cruz, ACPH III

Jason Vail Cruz is the co-chair for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans*, Queer (LGBTQ)/Gender & Sexual Minorities (GSM) State Advisory board for Arizona. He also is the Safe Out chair for the LGBTQ Consortium of Arizona and the Advocacy Chair for Arizonans for Prevention. He has worked for TERROS for ten years in various capacities including prevention program manager and clinically with adults with co-occurring diagnoses. Jason has worked with several diverse communities including faith organizations, minority communities, and individuals with incarceration histories. His current aim is a reduction of substance use and suicide in the LGBTQ community. Jason has a passion for social and health justice.



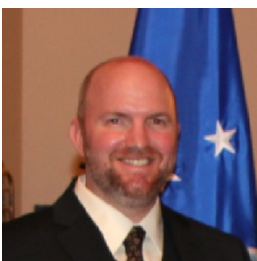
Eric Walden, BA

Eric Walden is the Executive Director of the Poore Medical Clinic – a free medical and dental clinic – in Flagstaff, AZ. He has over 25 years of experience serving the non-profit sector in executive director and senior management roles. Currently the president of the northern Arizona chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Eric’s past organizations include Community Counselling Service, one of the nation’s leading fundraising firms headquartered in New York City, The Arboretum at Flagstaff, the Flagstaff Symphony Orchestra, Second Chance Center for Animals, and the Flagstaff Family YMCA. He continues to serve on the boards of directors of various non-profit organizations.



Charlton Wilson, MD

As Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Wilson assures that Mercy Care Plan delivers high-quality, cost-effective, culturally-competent medical care. He has extensive leadership experience in medicine and public health with an emphasis on the populations served by Medicare, Medicaid and the Indian Health Service programs. As a commissioned officer in the U.S. Public Health Service, he had extensive clinical experience in both rural and urban locations. He has published over 40 peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, and conference proceedings. Dr. Wilson is a Fellow of both the American College of Physicians and the American College of Healthcare Executives. He is a Board Member and Officer for Native Health.



Thomas Winkel, MA, LPC, NCC

Thomas Winkel is the Director of Community Engagement for the Arizona Coalition for Military Families, a nationally-recognized public/private partnership focused on building Arizona’s capacity to care for and support all service members, veterans, their families and communities. Mr. Winkel works closely with key stakeholders from the military, government and community to implement strategic initiatives and to effect systems change. He holds a Master’s Degree in Counseling Psychology and is a licensed professional counselor in the State of Arizona. In 2014, he was awarded The Adjutant General Medal for his efforts in implementing the Coalition and strengthening support for the military, veteran and family population throughout Arizona. Mr. Winkel has briefed at national and international conferences and consults on national initiatives relating to building capacity in support of service members, veterans and their families. He is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, the Arizona National Guard and Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.



Wendy Wolfersteig, PhD

Dr. Wendy L. Wolfersteig is Director of Evaluation and Partner Contracts at the Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center (SIRC) at Arizona State University. For the past 17 years, Dr. Wolfersteig has worked with local, county, state and national agency partners to design and perform evaluations, provide trainings and disseminate findings. Her program and evaluation efforts are aimed at preventing, reducing and eliminating health disparities as well as promoting the use of effective evidence-based strategies and data-driven decision-making. Current community-based projects implement and adapt SIRC's Families Preparing A New Generation parent education program with parents of urban American Indian youth and also with parents in a rural school district along with SIRC's model youth prevention program, keepin' it REAL. Other evaluations cover community health assessments, teen pregnancy prevention, and evidence-based prevention curriculum development, training and research. Further, Dr. Wolfersteig serves as a member (former chair) of the Arizona Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group.



Duane Wooten, MD

Duane M. Wooten, M.D. is founder and CEO of Wooten Healthcare Group formerly, Rainbow Pediatrics in Phoenix, Arizona. Dr. Wooten is a native of Phoenix, Arizona. He attended Northwestern University where he majored in chemical engineering. He graduated from college at 19 years of age and was the youngest medical school entrant ever at the University of Arizona. Dr. Wooten is married to Dyanna and has two daughters. His HOPE Scholarship has graduated almost 100 individuals in allied health related fields and education in the last 20 years.

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