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# Brief Bios

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**Christopher D. Carroll, MSc** is the Director of Health Care Finance and Integration at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Mr. Carroll has an extensive background in health economics, behavioral health administration and financing, public health program implementation, organizational management, and behavioral health systems operations.

While at SAMHSA, he served as the Director of the Division of Policy Innovation and Chief of the National Policy Liaison Branch, within the Office of Policy, Planning, and Innovation. Mr. Carroll undertakes high priority assignments for SAMHSA and serves as primary contact on initiatives relevant to the mission and vision of the Agency to include: health reform policy and program development, strategic planning, organizational alignment, legislative issues, and maintaining valued public and private sector relationships.

Mr. Carroll has 25 years of public and private sector behavioral health experiences to draw upon. Prior to his work at SAMHSA, Mr. Carroll served as Director of Behavioral Health Operations for the Sisters of Mercy Healthcare Network.

Mr. Carroll received his B.Sc. in Organizational Management from John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas and M.Sc. in International Health Economics and Policy from SDA Bocconi School of Management in Milan, Italy.

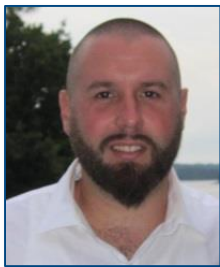


**Mady Chalk, PhD, MSW** is the Director of the Policy Center at the Treatment Research Institute (TRI) in Philadelphia, PA. The Center focuses on translation of research into policy, particularly focused on quality improvement and standards of care, new purchasing strategies for treatment services, implementation and evaluation of performance-based contracting by States, integrated organization and financing of substance use treatment in healthcare settings, and tracking and analyses of trends in healthcare reform related to behavioral health.

Prior to becoming a member of the staff of TRI, for many years Dr. Chalk was the Director of the Division of Services Improvement in the Federal Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). For 15 years before coming to the Washington area, Dr. Chalk was a faculty member in the Yale University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Director of the Outpatient /Community Services Division of Yale Psychiatric Institute. She received her Ph.D. in Health and Social Policy from the Heller School at Brandeis University.



**Redonna K. Chandler, PhD** is the acting Director of the Division of Epidemiology, Services, and Prevention Research at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), a component of the National Institutes of Health. She has served in numerous positions at NIDA including Chief of the Services Research Branch and as a health scientist administrator. She has developed research initiatives focused on improving the quality of drug abuse treatment and HIV care, addressing the intersection of drug use and criminal activity, implementing evidence based addiction treatment into a variety of settings, and harmonizing data across independent research studies. Prior to joining NIDA, she worked for the Bureau of Prisons implementing and evaluating substance abuse treatment programs for federally sentenced offenders and served as an adjunct professor at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Chandler earned her Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Kentucky and has authored numerous peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. Dr. Chandler has been recognized with several awards for her scholarship and leadership in drug abuse research.



**Michael Chaple, PhD** was appointed as Executive Director of NDRI-USA in July 2014 assuming responsibility for strategic planning, finance, and operations. In his 15 years at NDRI, Dr. Chaple has accumulated considerable expertise in applied research consisting of efficacy and effectiveness trials, including implementation science, as well as large-scale training and technical assistance initiatives designed to disseminate evidence-based and promising practices. This diverse body of work reflects the growing need to “bridge the gap” between research and practice by developing research studies relevant to emerging issues in the field and by translating findings into practical guidelines for immediate clinical application. His work has been focused on behavioral health issues and co-morbid conditions, including substance abuse, mental illness, HIV/AIDS, with a special focus on criminal justice populations. Dr. Chaple received his Ph.D. from Rutgers University and currently holds an Adjunct Faculty position at St. John’s University.



**Barbara Cimaglio** is the Deputy Commissioner for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs at the Vermont Department of Health (VDH). She is a nationally recognized leader in the field of alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment and recovery. Her career spans almost 40 years of service at the state and local level. Prior to joining VHD in 2004, Ms. Cimaglio directed the Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs for the State of Oregon (1997-2004) and held the position of Director of the Department of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse for the State of Illinois from 1994 – 1997. Before joining state service in 1988, Ms. Cimaglio spent 15 years working at the community level managing adolescent substance abuse programming in the City of Chicago. She is most proud of her accomplishments in leading and developing integrated community programming.



**Ms. Corinna Dan, RN, MPH** is the Viral Hepatitis Policy Advisor in the Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy (OHAIDP) at the US Department of Health and Human Services where she works to implement the National Viral Hepatitis Action Plan and support coordination of viral hepatitis activities across federal agencies and the community. Prior to joining the OHAIDP, Corinna served as Hepatitis B Policy Fellow at the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO). In this role, Corinna worked with community leaders and policy makers to promote improved prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care of viral hepatitis in Asian American communities across the United States. Corinna

received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Rush University in Chicago and Masters in Public Health from the University of Illinois at Chicago.



**Lori Ducharme, PhD** is Program Director for Health Services Research at the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, NIH. She manages a portfolio of research grants on the availability, utilization, and quality of treatment services for alcohol use disorders. These include studies on the dissemination and implementation of evidence-based practices; integration of alcohol detection and treatment in general medical settings; and the role of health reform in shaping access to effective treatment services. Prior to joining NIAAA, Dr. Ducharme was a program official at the National Institute on Drug Abuse.



**Ronald Dwinells, MD, MBA** is a pediatrician board certified physician executive (CPE) who has served, since 1998, as the Chief Executive Officer at the Ohio North East Health Systems, Inc. located in Northeast Ohio. He obtained his undergraduate and medical degrees at the University of Kentucky and received his MBA from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He is a former National Health Service Corps scholar who served in the capacity of pediatrician and medical director for 10 years prior to his current post. Dr. Dwinells is a frequent speaker on a national level discussing topics of health disparities, health care leadership

and health care administration. He has testified before congressional committees on health care delivery and also has hosted a number of state and federal legislators on various health care topics. In 2004, Dr. Dwinells hosted President George W. Bush in Youngstown on the topic of community health centers before a town hall style meeting.



**Shelina D. Foderingham, MSW, MPH** is a public health social work professional and Director of Practice Improvement at the National Council for Behavioral Health. At the National Council, she directs the National Behavioral Health Network for Tobacco and Cancer Control and Prevention, a newly CDC funded initiative that aims to support the enhancement of the quality and performance of specific public health programs, data and information systems, practice and services, partnerships, and resources that focus on tobacco-related and cancer

health disparities in individuals with mental health and substance use disorders. She serves as a quality improvement facilitator for National Council learning communities, facilitating practice change through web-based and in-person TA.

Over the past 7 years, much of her work has focused on integrating primary-behavioral health and public health in the Greater New Orleans area. She has provided leadership to large project teams to ensure coordination locally in the Greater New Orleans area, across the State of Louisiana, and the Gulf Coast Region on behavioral health integration activities. Most recently, Ms. Foderingham managed the full scope of the New Orleans Charitable Health Fund program which provided funding and technical assistance to local community-based organizations to improve the physical and mental health of residents in the Greater New Orleans area through integration of behavioral health, primary health care and linkages to social services using evidence-based and innovative approaches. She has led and served as faculty for quality improvement projects focused on primary-behavioral health integration, health information technology, quality improvement, population health management and linkage to the public health system. She holds a dual Masters in Social Work and Public Health from Tulane University and a Bachelors of Science degree in Psychology from Xavier University of Louisiana.



**Heather J. Gotham, PhD** is an Associate Research Professor within the Collaborative for Excellence in Behavioral Health Research and Practice at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and has been with the Mid-America ATTC for eight years. Dr. Gotham's research focuses on implementation of evidence-based substance abuse and mental health treatments for adolescents and adults; Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT); and treatment fidelity for co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. She also studies interprofessional health education. Dr. Gotham provides technical

assistance to states and individual treatment providers to implement evidence-based practices and assessments, and is a licensed clinical psychologist.



**Holly Hagle, PhD** has been actively working with providers since joining the Institute for Research, Education and Training in Addictions (IRETA) in 2003. She is the Director of the National Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment Addiction Technology Transfer Center (National SBIRT ATTC) and as such oversees all of the training and educational initiatives. Dr. Hagle oversees the curriculum development and project coordination for three Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) SBIRT federally funded projects with the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing since 2006. Dr. Hagle is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Health and Community Systems, University of Pittsburgh, School of Nursing. Dr. Hagle has her BS in Psychology, MA in Education, Curriculum and Instruction and PhD in Education, Instructional Management and Leadership.



**A. Seiji Hayashi, MD, MPH, FAAFP.** Dr. Hayashi is the Chief Medical Officer for the Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). As Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Hayashi oversees BPHC's clinical quality strategy for the nation's nearly 1,300 health center organizations that operate over 9,200 sites. These community health centers, migrant health centers, health care for the homeless centers, and public housing primary care centers provide comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care to almost 22 million people. Health centers are health homes for more than one in three people living in poverty. Dr. Hayashi is a board-certified family physician and continues to care for patients at a federally qualified health center in the District of Columbia. Dr. Hayashi graduated from Vassar College with a degree in Studio Art. He received his medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and he completed the Family and Community Medicine Residency Program at the University of California San Francisco. He received his Masters of Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health while serving as a fellow for the Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy.





**Renata J. Henry, MEd** is currently the Executive Director of the Danya Institute in Silver Spring Maryland. The Institute manages the Central East Addiction Technology Transfer Center which provides training and technical assistance to the behavioral health workforce in HHS Region III states and the District of Columbia.

Ms. Henry has over thirty five years of experience in the behavioral health field, serving in clinical and administrative positions in community-based mental health and substance abuse organizations and leadership positions in state and county government. Most recently, Ms. Henry was the Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health and Disabilities with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, where she was responsible for developing and leading an integrated system for policy development, planning, and services for the mental health, substance use, and developmental disabilities administrations. Prior to this position, she was the director of Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, an operating division of Delaware Health and Social Services, where she was responsible for the administrative direction and oversight of public sector behavioral health services for adults in Delaware.

Ms. Henry has provided leadership at a national level in various capacities. From 2002-2006, she served a four-year term on the National Advisory Mental Health Council for the National Institutes of Health. From 2005-2007, she was president of the board of directors of the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors. From 2008-2011, she was a member of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Advisory Committee for Women's Services. Ms. Henry is currently a member of the Smoking Cessation Leadership Center's National Advisory Council, a member of the Board of Directors of the American College of Mental Health Administrators; and on the Board of the Fellowship Health Resources, a community based behavioral health agency. Ms. Henry holds a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin and a master's degree in education from Antioch University.



**Dr. Kimberly Jeffries Leonard** recently joined the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration as the Deputy Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. She brings with her more than 20 years of experience in applied social and behavioral research and evaluation, and has served on advisory committees for the Centers for Disease Control. Her expertise is in substance use and disorders, HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention, cardiovascular disease, and mental health – particularly as these affect the disadvantaged and underserved.

Dr. Leonard has led multi-year, multidisciplinary projects for federal and private entities, including smoking cessation and women’s cardiovascular health education campaigns, and campaigns for the National Cancer Institute and the National Institute on Drug Abuse, among others.

Dr. Leonard earned her Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology from Howard University, her Master of Science from North Carolina Central University, and a Bachelor of

Arts in Psychology from Fayetteville State University, where she was awarded a National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) Alumni of the Year Award.

She was a National Institutes of Health pre-doctoral fellow at George Washington University Medical School; a post-doctoral fellow at the Howard University Cancer Center; and completed the Graduate Summer Program in Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health.



**Kim Johnson** is the deputy director for operations of CHES/NIATx, a research center at the University of Wisconsin, Madison that focuses on systems improvement in behavioral health and the development of mobile applications for patient self management. Ms. Johnson is also co-director of the national coordinating office of the ATTC. Prior to her move to Wisconsin, Kim served for seven years as the director of the Office of Substance Abuse in Maine. Kim has also been an executive director of a women’s addiction treatment agency, managed intervention and prevention programs and been a child and family

therapist. She has a master’s degree in counselor education and an MBA and is a PhD candidate in population health with an expected graduation of December 2014.





**Laurie Krom, MS** is a Program Director in the Collaborative for Excellence in Behavioral Health Research and Practice at the University of Missouri-Kansas City's School of Nursing and Health Studies. Ms. Krom is the Co-Director of the SAMHSA-funded Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network Coordinating Office and the PI/Co-Director of the CDC-funded National Capacity Building Assistance for High Impact HIV Prevention Resource Center. Ms. Krom is an experienced educator, instructional designer, and technology transfer specialist. She serves in an advisory capacity for several national groups, including the International Certification &

Reciprocity Consortium and the Brandeis University Prescription Monitoring Program Center of Excellence. Ms. Krom holds a Master's in Adult and Continuing Education from Kansas State University and a Bachelor's in Political Science from Vassar College.



**Peter Luongo, PhD, LCSW-C.** Before joining IRETA in 2011, Dr. Peter Luongo worked in the behavioral health field for over thirty years as a social worker and administrator. In Maryland, Dr. Luongo was the Single State Authority under three governors as the director of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration. He also served within the Montgomery County, MD Department of Health and Human Services for over two decades, including as the Clinical Director of Adult Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. He received

his B.A. and M.A. in Psychology from The Catholic University of America and his Ph.D. in Social Work from the University of Maryland. Dr. Luongo has served as a faculty associate at Johns Hopkins University. In 2008, he received the Maryland Social Worker of the Year award from the National Association of Social Workers and in 2012, he was selected as one of "50 Heroes for Justice" by The University of Maryland School of Social Work



**Stanley Sacks, PhD** is the Director of the Center for the Integration of Research and Practice at National Development and Research Institutes, Inc. He was Principal Investigator (PI) of a series of 5 NIDA-funded studies that demonstrated the effectiveness of the Modified Therapeutic Community (MTC) model for persons with co-occurring substance abuse and mental disorders; the MTC model has been listed on the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs & Practices since 2008. At present, Dr. Sacks is the Director of the Northeast & Caribbean Addiction Technology Transfer Center that serves New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands. Author of numerous publications, he served as

Chair and Lead Writer of SAMHSA's Treatment Improvement Protocol (TIP) #42, Substance Abuse Treatment for Persons with Co-Occurring Disorders, a comprehensive compendium of substance abuse and mental health treatment approaches and research that continues to be widely used. Dr. Sacks was the Expert Leader on a related project, SAMHSA's national Co-Occurring Center for Excellence (COCE), which delivered technical assistance to 40 states, and was the Director of the Center for Excellence in Integrated Care (CEIC), a project that assessed 603 addiction and mental health outpatient clinics in New York State, demonstrating system-wide improvements in the delivery of integrated care through the provision of technical assistance and implementation supports.



**Marjean Searcy, SSW** is the Project Director for the Central Rockies Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network. Specifically, she assists the Principle Investigator to provide training and technical assistance to Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. Through these efforts the Central Rockies improves and strengthens the addiction treatment workforce and upgrades practice standards. Ms. Searcy's professional experience includes assisting individuals with severe and persistent mental illness to obtain employment, housing and rebuild social networks through a Clubhouse model

program. Additionally, she coordinated two multiagency taskforces, the Salt Lake City COPS Methamphetamine Initiative and the Utah Pharmaceutical Drug Crime Project. Ms. Searcy also served as the Logistic Coordinator for the 2002 Olympics Medals Plaza and Grant Director for the Salt Lake City Police Department providing strategic planning, design, development and project oversight. Ms. Searcy received her Bachelors of Arts from Southern Utah University and is licensed as a Social Service Worker in Utah.



**Dr. Thomas Simpatico, MD** is a psychiatrist who trained at the University of Chicago and specializes in public health systems, serious mental illness, substance abuse services and public policy. He is Research Professor & Director of the Division for Integrated Health & Human Services at the UVM Center for Clinical & Translational Science and Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Division of Public Psychiatry at the UVM College of Medicine. He receives over \$2 million in annual funding from the Veterans Administration for projects

designed to connect veterans and their families with health care and human services. Through UVM he serves as Chief Medical Officer for the Department of Vermont Health Access (the Vermont Medicaid Authority), which oversees \$1.3 billion in health care funding annually. He is a member of Governor Shumlin's Criminal Justice and Substance Abuse Cabinet and is part of the leadership team overseeing Vermont's "hub and spoke" system for opiate replacement therapy.



**Les Sperling** has served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Central Kansas Foundation since October of 1999. The Foundation provides a full continuum of substance use prevention and treatment services in five locations throughout Kansas. Les is a Licensed Addiction Counselor and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from McPherson College. He has 30 years of experience in the substance use disorder field and specializes in the integration of behavioral health services into acute and primary medical care settings. Les has served on the Kansas Substance Abuse Policy

Board, the Kansas DUI Commission, and the Governor's Mental Health Initiative Task Force. He currently consults with behavioral health organizations and medical care providers throughout the country and serves on several State of Kansas advisory panels including the Kansas Veterans Initiative, KanCare Health Homes, and the Kansas SBIRT initiative.



**Adam Viera** is a Policy Associate at Altarum, where he works on a variety of projects to provide capacity building assistance in the form of training, technical assistance, resource development, and meeting facilitation. Mr. Viera's career has focused on capacity building in public health systems, with a special focus on public health initiatives related to sexual health and drug use. Mr. Viera has 10 years of HIV/AIDS experience, with a great deal of experience in providing and overseeing services for LGBT communities, African American and Latino communities, adolescents and young adults, and active and recovering drug users. Mr. Viera has over five years of experience providing capacity building assistance services at the national, regional, and local levels; much of this experience stems from his work at Harm Reduction Coalition overseeing its CDC-funded capacity building assistance program for organizations engaged in HIV prevention, care, and treatment initiatives. Currently, in addition to his work at Altarum, Mr. Viera acts as an adjunct professor at Columbia University's School of Social Work, teaching a course entitled "Social Work Practice in the AIDS Epidemic" that focuses on building the skills of social workers to enter the field of HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment.



**Glenda Wrenn, MD, MHSP** is currently Director of the Division of Behavioral Health at the Satcher Health Leadership Institute (SHLI) at Morehouse School of Medicine. Dr. Wrenn, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences most recently served as the Associate Residency Training Director in the Department of Psychiatry. She completed undergraduate education at the United States Military Academy at West Point; earned her medical degree from Jefferson Medical College, and completed psychiatry residency at the University of Pennsylvania where she was Chief Resident. Dr. Wrenn earned a Master of Science in Health Policy Research from the University of Pennsylvania during her tenure as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar. Dr. Wrenn has worked to develop integrated primary and behavioral health care demonstration sites in safety net systems of care and educational curriculum for the integrated, interprofessional Veteran's Administration, Women's Center of Excellence for Specialty Care in Atlanta. Her research interests include strengthening resilience in vulnerable populations, addressing the disparity in help seeking for post-traumatic stress disorder among African Americans, and culturally sensitive collaborative care models.



**Jan Wrolstad, MDiv** is Associate Director of Mid-America ATTC which is located at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Nursing and Health Studies. Wrolstad provides project oversight for Mid-America ATTC, assists in grant writing, and is one of the organization's trainers. She has worked in the field of behavioral health education for 19 years, presenting at state and national conferences and conducting trainings throughout the Midwest. Her passion is working to increase the rights of marginalized individuals and groups.