

Blueprint for a National Prevention Infrastructure for Behavioral Health Disorders: Meeting 1 Part 2

Speaker Biosketches

Kirsten Beronio, J.D., has over 20 years of experience developing federal policies aimed at improving access to and quality of mental health and substance use disorder treatment. Her experience includes leadership positions at federal agencies, advocacy organizations, and the United States Senate. She recently returned to the Center for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Services (CMCS) at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of the Center Director. She was previously the Director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs for the National Association for Behavioral Healthcare (NABH). Before joining NABH, Kirsten served as a Senior Advisor on Behavioral Health Care for CMCS. From 2012 to 2016, she was the Director of the Behavioral Healthcare Division within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Prior to working for HHS, Kirsten was Vice President for Federal Policy Development and Advocacy at Mental Health America for many years. She previously served as Medicaid and CHIP Counsel for the Senate Finance Committee and held other staff positions in the Senate.

Joshua Breslau, Sc.D., is a senior behavioral and social scientist at RAND and a professor of policy analysis at the Pardee RAND Graduate School. His work focuses on social and cultural influences on psychiatric disorders and their treatment. An anthropologist and epidemiologist with over two decades of research experience, Breslau's research examines racial/ethnic disparities in risk for psychiatric disorders and treatment use, life course consequences of psychiatric disorders, and impacts of policy on treatment for people with behavioral health conditions. Breslau's work has been continuously supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health for over 15 years. He is currently principal investigator of NIH-funded studies of integrated primary and mental health care for adults with serious mental illness and policy impacts on racial/ethnic disparities in behavioral health service use. He also leads the RAND team in the national evaluation of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers demonstration project. Breslau has published in leading peer-reviewed journals in psychiatry, public health, pediatrics, and health policy, and he is a fellow and council member of the American Psychopathological Association. He earned his Ph.D. in anthropology from Harvard University and his Sc.D. in epidemiology from Harvard School of Public Health.

Pamela Buckley, Ph.D., is an associate research professor in the Institute of Behavioral Science at the University of Colorado Boulder. She is also the Principal Investigator of Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development, a globally-recognized registry of experimentally proven interventions promoting rigorous scientific standards for certification that serves as a resource for governmental agencies, foundations, community organizations, and practitioners seeking to make informed decisions about their investments in preventive interventions. Her expertise is in evidence-based decision-making, i.e., the use of scientific evidence to inform decisions about social programs and policies for youth. Her scholarship focuses on interdisciplinary and applied research to understand what works, for whom and in what settings, and in generating reliable evidence concerning responses to educational, health, and social problems. She

received the 2023 Society for Prevention Research Nan Tobler Award for her contributions to the summarization or articulation of the empirical evidence relevant to prevention. Her research has been published in leading academic journals, including *Prevention Science* and the *American Educational Research Journal*. Dr. Buckley has worked extensively with large data sets and administrative records, including (most recently) partnering with multiple state agencies to link over 250,000 individual-level records and study policies that equitably and effectively support career-connected education pathways. As a former school psychologist, she also has considerable experience consulting in classrooms with teachers, students, families, and communities.

Nancy J. Donovan, M.D., is Chief of the Division of Geriatric Psychiatry at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Associate Researcher, Massachusetts General Hospital and Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School. She obtained her MD from Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons and completed clinical and research training at Stanford University Medical Center, Cambridge Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School. Dr. Donovan's research investigates brain changes associated with emotional and behavioral symptoms in aging and early Alzheimer's disease. She is a co-investigator in the Harvard Aging Brain Study at Massachusetts General Hospital. She provides clinical care for patients with late-life psychiatric and cognitive disorders through the Center for Brain Mind Medicine at BWH.

Abigail Fagan, Ph.D., is a professor of Criminology, Law & Society at the University of Florida. Her research focuses on the etiology and prevention of juvenile delinquency and drug use, with an emphasis on using scientific advances to inform crime policy and practice. Dr. Fagan has been a Principal Investigator on research funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Institute of Justice to study the role of victimization and community influences on juvenile offending. She has worked on the Community Youth Development Study, a randomized trial examining the effectiveness of Communities That Care, which assists community agencies and practitioners to identify and replicate with fidelity effective delinquency prevention programs. Her etiological and applied work has been published in leading journals in criminology, psychology, and public health and shared with scientists, policy makers, and practitioners at conferences and invited presentations. A 2012 study published in the *Journal of Criminal Justice Education* ranked Dr. Fagan as one of the most productive scholars among Assistant Professors (her rank at the time of the study) in the U.S., measured by the number of published peer-reviewed journal article and citations, H-Index, and m-quotient. She has served on the Society for Prevention Research (SPR) Board of Directors, as SPR President, and on the Advisory Board for the Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development.

Diana (Denni) Fishbein, Ph.D., is a senior research scientist at the UNC Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute. She is also a professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies and the director of the Program of Translational Research on Adversity and Neurodevelopment at Pennsylvania State University. She holds positions as adjunct professor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University, and the University of California, Irvine, as well as a faculty subcontractor at Georgetown University, and a guest researcher at the National Institute on Drug Abuse Intramural Research Program. Her studies use transdisciplinary methods and a developmental approach to understanding interactions between neurobiological processes and environmental factors. Her research supports the premise that underlying neurobiological mechanisms interact with the quality of our psychosocial experiences and environmental contexts to alter trajectories either toward or away from risk behaviors. Her work further suggests that compensatory mechanisms can be strengthened

with the appropriate psychosocial and environmental manipulations. She has published extensively and serves in an advisory capacity for federal and state government bodies as well as several universities and organizations. Given the inherent translational nature of this research, she founded and directs the National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives (NPSC), a national organization dedicated to the transfer of knowledge from the basic sciences to practices in real-world settings and public health policies.

Amy Goldstein, Ph.D., joined the Prevention Research Branch in October 2018. She came to NIDA from the MedStar Health Research Institute, where she was the Scientific Director for Behavioral Health Research. Prior to MedStar, Dr. Goldstein spent a decade at the National Institute of Mental Health as the Chief of the Preventive Intervention Research Program and the NIMH Associate Director for Prevention. During her time at NIMH Amy held leadership roles in several signature projects for the Institute, including the NIMH Recovery After an Initial Schizophrenia Episode (RAISE) Project. Dr. Goldstein also played key roles in national suicide prevention projects, including the Emergency Department Safety Assessment and Follow Up Evaluation Study (ED-SAFE) and the Emergency Department Screen for Teens At-Risk for Suicide Study (ED-STARS). Dr. Goldstein led the Prevention Research Consortium at NIMH and represented the Institute on several NIH and HHS prevention related committees and workgroups. Dr. Goldstein received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Washington University in St. Louis and her MA and PhD in Clinical Child Psychology from Case Western Reserve University. She completed post-doctoral fellowships at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and began her career as a Senior Instructor in Psychiatry at Case Western Reserve University.

Rani Hoff, M.P.H., Ph.D., serves as Director of the Northeast Program Evaluation Center (NEPEC), responsible for national program evaluation of mental health services in the Department of Veterans Affairs nationally. NEPEC is located within the Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention in the Department of Veterans Affairs and also oversees several national clinical and quality improvement initiatives in VA, including the Psychotropic Drug Safety Initiative and the Measurement Based Care Initiative. She is also the Director of the Evaluation Division of the National Center for PTSD. At the national level, Dr. Hoff advises senior leadership within the VA Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and other areas of VA Central Office regarding VA performance with respect to mental health services and programming. As Director of NEPEC she directly or indirectly oversees program evaluation for acute inpatient and residential treatment programs, vocational services for Veterans with serious mental illness, intensive community mental health care and day programs, specialized PTSD services, team-based care in outpatient settings, community-based interventions for suicide prevention, tele-mental health services for suicide prevention and services provided to women veterans. Dr. Hoff received both her M.P.H. in chronic disease epidemiology and her Ph.D. in mental health services research and psychiatric epidemiology from Yale University School of Public Health.

Shari M. Ling, M.D., is the Deputy Chief Medical Officer for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and Medical Officer in the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ). She assists the CMS Chief Medical Officer in the Agency's pursuit of better health care, healthier populations, and smarter spending. Dr. Ling represents CMS on several Health and Human Services (HHS) efforts. She leads the Clinical Services federal workgroup for the National Alzheimer's Project Plan and represents CMS on the workgroups to eliminate and prevent Healthcare Associated Infections (HAIs) and the National Strategy to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance. Dr. Ling is a board certified Geriatrician,

Rheumatologist and Internist who received her medical training at Georgetown University School of Medicine and received her clinical training in Internal Medicine and Rheumatology at Georgetown University Medical Center, and Geriatric Medicine training at Johns Hopkins University.

Robert Morrison, B.A., is the executive director and director of legislative affairs at the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directory. Robert Morrison first came to the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD) in 1998 when he worked on legislative and regulatory affairs as Public Policy Associate. Robert then broadened his health care portfolio by serving as Associate Director of Government Relations at Smith, Bucklin and Associates from 1999 to 2001 where he directed government affairs programs for a variety of organizations, including the American Psychiatric Nurses Association. Robert returned to NASADAD in 2001 as Director of Public Policy and went on to become Deputy Executive Director; Interim Executive Director; and, in 2009, Executive Director. Robert began his career working for the late U.S. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg (NJ) for approximately four years, spending his last two years as a Legislative Aide. In 2013, Robert re-assumed the lead for the Association's legislative and regulatory affairs program – returning to the type of work that originally brought him to NASADAD. Robert graduated from Drew University in New Jersey with a B.A. in Political Science and completed graduate work in American Government at the Johns Hopkins University.

Zili Sloboda, Sc.D., is the president and CEO at Applied Prevention Science International. She is trained was trained in medical sociology at New York University and in mental health and epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. Her research has focused on substance use epidemiology, services research, and the evaluation of treatment and prevention programs. Her current focus is on workforce development in the area of prevention and the relationship between training and the implementation of evidence-based prevention interventions and policies. She has served on the faculties of Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, the University of Illinois School of Public Health, and until 2009, The University of Akron. Prior to this last position, Dr. Sloboda worked for twelve years at the National Institute on Drug Abuse in several capacities, finally as the Director of the Division of Epidemiology and Prevention Research. This Division's focus was on the development and support of national research programs in HIV/AIDS epidemiology and prevention and drug abuse epidemiology and prevention and at the time had the responsibility for several large national epidemiological and treatment data systems. While at NIDA she and her staff organized the International Epidemiology Work Group and the International HIV Prevention Network. She was a founder of the U.S. and E.U. Societies for Prevention Research and is well-published in the area of drug abuse epidemiology and substance use prevention. Her most recent contribution to the prevention science literature is from the Springer Publishers Series, Advancing the Science of Prevention. She has a long standing commitment to the dissemination of evidence-based programming and the advancement of Translation I and II research through work with the Society for Prevention Research (SPR), with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to develop international standards for drug use prevention based on research evidence, with the International Narcotics Control Board in developing Chapter 1 of the Board's 2019 Report, Improving Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Services for Young People, and as an advisor to the U.S. Prevention Technology Transfer Centers.

Tequila Terry, M.B.A., M.P.H., serves as the director of the CMS Innovation Center's state innovation and population health portfolio where she leads teams responsible for the design, implementation, and management of national healthcare payment reform and delivery models across Medicare and

Medicaid. In this dual role, Terry partners with states on innovative models designed to transform healthcare delivery systems, improve health outcomes, and reduce healthcare costs. She also leads prevention and population health models related to chronic disease prevention, behavioral health, opioid use disorder, and social determinants of health.

Prior to joining CMS, Terry was with the State of Maryland where she was a principal deputy director and led the Center for Payment Reform & Provider Alignment within the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC). Terry was part of the State of Maryland's work with the Innovation Center on the unique Total Cost of Care Model where she led the team that designed the State's first multi-payer value-based payment model for physicians and the statewide population health strategy. She was responsible for collaborating with hospitals, physicians, and other stakeholders on care transformation and payment reform, and led legislative affairs, communications, and grant strategies. Additionally, she worked closely with Maryland's Medicaid department on initiatives to align with CMS' primary care models, design new episode-based payment models, and expand access to critical behavioral health, post-acute LTSS, and oral health services. Terry earned a Master of Business Administration from Emory University's Goizueta Business School, a Master of Public Health from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, and a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from Towson University.

Robert Ursano, M.D.¹ (Col. USAF, retired), is Professor of Psychiatry and Neuroscience at the Uniformed Services University, Bethesda, Maryland. He is founding Director of the Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress and served as the Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at USU for 25 years (1992-2017). In addition, Dr. Ursano is Editor of *Psychiatry*, the distinguished journal of interpersonal and biological processes, founded by Harry Stack Sullivan. Dr. Ursano completed twenty years of service in USAF medical corps and retired as Colonel in 1991. He was educated at the University of Notre Dame and Yale University School of Medicine and did his psychiatric training at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center and Yale University.

Dr. Ursano served as the Department of Defense representative to the National Advisory Mental Health Council of the National Institute of Mental Health and is a past member of the Veterans Affairs Mental Health Study Section and the National Institute of Mental Health Rapid Trauma and Disaster Grant Review Section. He is a Distinguished Life Fellow in the American Psychiatric Association. He is a Fellow of the American College of Psychiatrists. Dr. Ursano was the first Chairman of the American Psychiatric Association's Committee on Psychiatric Dimensions of Disaster. This work greatly aided the integration of psychiatry and public health in times of disaster and terrorism. Dr. Ursano was an invited participant to the White House Mental Health Conference in 1999. He has received the Department of Defense Humanitarian Service Award and the highest award of the International Traumatic Stress Society, The Lifetime Achievement Award, for "outstanding and fundamental contributions to understanding traumatic stress." He is the recipient of the William C. Porter Award from the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, and a frequent advisor on issues surrounding psychological response to trauma to the highest levels of the US Government and specifically to the Department of Defense leadership.

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