Forum on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders

Committee

Margarita Alegria

Co-Chair

Margarita Alegría is the Chief of the Disparities Research Unit at the Massachusetts General Hospital and a Professor in the Departments of Medicine and Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. From 2002-2015 she was the Director of the Center for Multicultural Mental Health Research at Cambridge Health Alliance, and was previously the Director of the Center for Evaluation and Sociomedical Research at the University of Puerto Rico. Dr. Alegría has been a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School since 2004.

Throughout her career, she has remained dedicated to generating knowledge that can be used to increase equity in health outcomes and healthcare services for disadvantaged and minority populations. Dr. Alegría's research has integrated three methods: a multidisciplinary and multisectorial approach to research; a multi-level framework which gives necessary consideration to environmental and social context, the individual and family system; and a strong focus on which aspects of culture and context need to be addressed to improve health, as well as service delivery for diverse populations. Dr. Alegría sis currently the Principal Investigator (PI) of three National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded research studies: Building Community Capacity for Disability Prevention in Minority Elders; Mechanisms Underlying Racial/ Ethnic Disparities in Mental Disorders; and The Impact of Medicaid Plans on Access to and Quality of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment. She is also the PI of a grant funded by the William T. Grant Foundation, entitled Using the Experience of Majority and Minority Status Through Photovoice.

Dr. Alegría has published over 200 papers, editorials, intervention training manuals, and several book chapters, on topics such as improvement of health care services delivery for diverse racial and ethnic populations, conceptual and methodological issues with multicultural populations, and ways to bring the community's perspective into the design and implementation of health services. In October 2011, she was elected as a member of the National Academy of Medicine in acknowledgement of her scientific contributions to her field. She has also been a recipient of notable awards, such as the Mental Health Section Award by the American Public Health Association (2003), the Health Disparities Innovation Award by the National Institutes of Minority Health (2008), and the Simone Bolivar Award by the American Psychiatry Association (2009). Most recently, Dr. Alegria was the recipient of the 2018 Jonathan Mann Award by the New Mexico Public Health Association in recognition of her lifetime commitment to public health and social justice issues.

Dr. Alegría obtained her B.A. in Psychology from Georgetown University in 1978 and her Ph.D. from Temple University in 1989.

Rosalie L. Pacula

Co-Chair

Rosalie Liccardo Pacula, PhD holds the Elizabeth Garrett Chair in Health Policy, Economics & Law at the Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California and is a Senior Fellow with the Leonard D. Schaeffer Center for Health Policy & Economics, where she co-directs the RAND-USC Schaeffer Opioid Policy Tools & Information Center of Excellence (OPTIC) in addition to leading numerous National Institute of Health funded studies examining the impact of federal, state and local laws on the supply, demand and access to treatment for intoxicating substances. Previously she spent 21 years at the RAND Corporation, serving as co-director of RAND's Drug Policy Research Center for 15 of those years, working on drug policy studies for the U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, European Commission, and the U.K. Home Office. She served on NIDA's National Advisory Council Cannabis Policy Workgroup (2017), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA's) technical advisory committee on preventing cannabis use among youth (2020-present), the World Health Organization's Technical Expert Committee on Cannabis Use and Cannabis Policy (December 2019-2020), the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine Committee on the Review of Specific Programs in the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (2021 – present), the CDC's National Injury Prevention's Board of Scholarly Counsellors (2021- present), and is currently President of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy (2019- present). Dr. Pacula is a graduate from the Santa Clara University and received her doctorate in economics from Duke University.

W. Perry Dickinson

Member-at-Large

Perry Dickinson, M.D., is a Professor in the University of Colorado, Department of Family Medicine, and Director of the Practice Innovation Program at the University of Colorado. He is also is the Director of the Colorado Health Extension System (CHES), a statewide cooperative of the major practice transformation organizations, state agencies, and other related groups involved in practice and health system transformation support and community health improvement. The Practice Innovation Program and CHES have provided practice transformation support to over 900 primary care and specialty practices over the past five years in large scale implementation and research projects that include the AHRQ-funded EvidenceNOW Southwest and the CMMI-funded Colorado State Innovation Model and Transforming Clinical Practice initiatives, all with Dr. Dickinson as the principal investigator or director of practice transformation. Dr. Dickinson has led multiple other studies investigating the process of practice transformation, particularly focusing on the implementation of advanced primary care models, self-management support, and integrated behavioral health services in primary care practices. His research expertise particularly lies in the area of health services research and implementation science, often blending traditional research, evaluation, and quality improvement methodologies in studying system and practice changes in response to large-scale transformation projects. Dr. Dickinson is Past President of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, the North American Primary Care Research Group, the Board of Directors of the Annals of Family Medicine, and the Council of Academic Family Medicine. He is the 2018 recipient of the Curtis Hames Award, an annual award from the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine and the Curtis Hames Foundation recognizing lifetime contributions to family medicine and primary care research.

Richard G. Frank

Member-at-Large

Richard G. Frank, Ph. D., is a senior fellow in Economic Studies and director of the USC-Brookings Schaeffer Initiative on Health Policy. He is the Margaret T. Morris Professor of Health Economics, Emeritus, in the Department of Health Care Policy at Harvard Medical School. From 2014 to 2016 he served as Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation in the Department of Health and Human Services. His research is focused on the economics of mental health and substance abuse care, long term care financing policy, health care competition, implementation of health reform and disability policy. Dr. Frank served as an editor for the Journal of Health Economics from 2005 to 2014. Dr. Frank was awarded the Georgescu-Roegen Prize from the Southern Economic Association, the Carl A. Taube Award from the American Public Health Association, and the Distinguished Investigator Award from AcademyHealth. He was elected to the Institute of Medicine (National Academy of Medicine) in 1997. He is co-author with Sherry Glied of the book "Better but Not Well" (Johns Hopkins Press).

Howard H. Goldman

Member-at-Large

Howard H. Goldman, M.D., Ph.D., is a professor of psychiatry at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. His expertise is in evaluating mental health services and financing programs and policies. Dr. Goldman's recent research has focused on evaluating employment demonstrations for people with severe mental disorders who are connected to the disability programs of the Social Security Administration (SSA). He has also been involved in various studies related to early intervention services for individuals experiencing a first episode of psychosis. In the past he served as principal investigator of the study team conducting the Evaluation of the Implementation and Impact of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Parity in the Federal Employees Health Benefits program, sponsored by the government. Dr. Goldman served as the senior scientific editor of the Surgeon General's Report on Mental Health from 1997 to 1999, for which he was awarded the Surgeon General's Medallion. During 2002 and 2003, Dr. Goldman was a consultant to the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health. From 2004 to 2016 he served as editor of Psychiatric Services, a mental health services research and policy journal published monthly by the American Psychiatric Association. He has served on the editorial boards of several other journals, including Health Affairs, the American Journal of Psychiatry and the Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics. He is a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance, having served on its disability policy panel. Dr Goldman is a member of the NAM, who currently is Chair Emeritus of a Standing Committee providing advice to SSA on its disability programs. He has also been a member or consultant on numerous NASEM consensus committees related to disability policy. He was the co-chair of the NAM Forum on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders from 2020-2023. Dr. Goldman received joint M.D.-M.P.H. degrees from Harvard University and a Ph.D. in social policy research from the Heller School at Brandeis University.

Ruth Shim

Member-at-Large

Ruth Shim, M.D., M.P.H., is the Luke & Grace Kim Professor in Cultural Psychiatry and Professor of Clinical Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of California, Davis. She also serves as Associate Dean of Diverse and Inclusive Education at the University of California, Davis School of Medicine. Dr. Shim's research focuses on mental health disparities and inequities, and she provides clinical psychiatric care in the UC Davis Early Diagnosis and Preventative Treatment (EDAPT) Clinic.

Dr. Shim is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the American Association for Community Psychiatry. She serves on the Research and Evaluation Committee of the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission. Additionally, Dr. Shim serves on the editorial boards of JAMA Psychiatry, Psychiatric Services, Community Mental Health Journal, and American Psychiatric Publishing. She is co-editor of the books, The Social Determinants of Mental Health, and the recently published, Social (In)Justice and Mental Health.

Dr. Shim is a former fellow of the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program, and an at-large member of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Forum on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders.

Dr. Shim received a Master of Public Health specializing in health policy from the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University and an M.D. from Emory University School of Medicine.

Patricia A. Arean

Ex Officio Member

Dr. Areán is currently the Director of the Division for Services and Interventions Research at the National Institute at NIMH. She was formerly professor and ALACRITY Center director at the University of Washington, where she conducted research on access to psychosocial interventions for historically underserved populations, including older adults, inner city and rural populations. Relevant to this Workgroup is her work in studying alternative provider models to address the mental health workforce shortage, including the use of peers, Bachelor's prepared health workers, and technology assisted care. Dr. Areán has received several honors for her work, including the APA David Shakow Early Career Award, the AAGP Award for Diversity, the Wayne Katon Mentoring Excellence Award from University of Washington, and the Susan Essock Career Award in Services Research from Columbia University. Dr. Areán is a trained clinical psychologist and trained in health services research.

Carlos Blanco

Ex Officio Member

Carlos Blanco, PhD is the 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. Dr. Blanco is a national known expert in the epidemiology and treatment of addictive disorders with and without comorbid disorders. His accomplishments include, among others, a detailed examination of the course and stages of substance use disorders, the development of methods to quantify the generalizability of clinical trials, the development and testing of interventions that combine motivational interviewing with cognitive-behavioral therapy to improve retention and outcome in individuals with addictive disorders, and the creation of a virtual map of psychiatric disorders, based on empirical data, to guide research into the causes of mental disorders. Prior to joining NIDA, Dr. Blanco was Professor of Psychiatry at Columbia University Medical Center and a Research Psychiatrist at the New York State Psychiatric Institute. He is a graduate of Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain) and completed his psychiatry residency at Columbia University, where he also completed a research fellowship. Dr. Blanco has authored over 200 peer-reviewed publications.

Anita Everett

Ex Officio Member

Dr. Anita Everett is the Director of the Center for Mental Health Services within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), which is within the U.S. Health and Human Services Department. In this role, she leads multiple programs that increase access to quality treatment and recovery support for adults and children with, or at risk for, mental illnesses. Dr. Everett has worked in policy and practice of mental health services in rural and urban areas and at the local, state and federal levels and most recently came to SAMHSA from her role as faculty and Division Director of Community Psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. She is a past president of the American Psychiatric Association and the American Association of Community Psychiatry and has received commendation for her work in national healthcare reform and advocacy.

Kristin Kroeger

Ex Officio Member

Kristin Kroeger currently serves as the Chief of Policy, Programs, & Partnerships at the American Psychiatric Association. Ms. Kroeger primary role at APA is to oversee coordination and implementation of all policy priorities and programs, as well as build relationships with all allied and external partners. It comes at an important time when we need to push Congress to implement mental health parity, become leaders in developing quality measures for our field and encourage our practitioners to embrace new models of care. Ms. Kroeger has worked in the mental health policy and advocacy arena for over 25 years and comes to us from our allied organization, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP). For 18 years she served as AACAP's Deputy Executive Director and Director of Government Affairs and Clinical Practice. She wore many hats, including setting internal and external policy with leadership and members, advocating to members of Congress and federal agencies, as well as working with leadership and staff to ensure they built stronger relationships with allied pediatric medical organizations and consumer organizations. Prior to working at AACAP, Ms. Kroeger worked for the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Jan L. Losby

Ex Officio Member

Jan L. Losby, PhD, MSW, is a behavioral scientist and serves as the branch chief for the Health Systems and Research Branch in the Division of Overdose Prevention (DOP) at CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Dr. Losby helps advance the implementation of evidence-based prescribing guidelines, conducts applied health systems research, and builds scientific evidence to support state, community, and tribal efforts to address the opioid overdose epidemic. Dr. Losby works with healthcare systems on quality improvement, electronic clinical decision support tools, and data system integration with electronic health records.

Dr. Losby joined CDC in 2010 in the Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention on the Evaluation and Program Effectiveness Team. She provided evaluation support to states working with health care providers to address heart disease and worked directly with communities implementing sodium reduction strategies.

Prior to joining CDC, Dr. Losby was with a non-profit organization for 20 years designing and conducting program evaluations in the area of social service and public health programs in welfare reform, asset development, refugee services, behavioral health services, substance abuse services, and employment services. She earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Iowa.

Octavio N. Martinez

Ex Officio Member

Octavio N. Martinez Jr., M.D., MPH, is a professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. He is also the fifth executive director to lead the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health since its creation in 1940 and senior associate vice president of The University of Texas at Austin Division of Campus and Community Engagement. The foundation's grants and programs support mental health services, research, policy analysis and public education projects in Texas. The Hogg Foundation is part of the Division of Campus and Community Engagement at UT Austin. Martinez heads up the Community Integrated Health Initiatives program for the division. He is also a clinical professor in the university's Steve Hicks School of Social Work; faculty affiliate with the Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice in the School of Law and an adjunct professor at UT Health San Antonio/Long School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Martinez currently serves on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Center for Preparedness and Response Board of Scientific Counselors and on the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine's Health and Medicine Division's Roundtable on the Promotion of Health Equity. He formerly served on NASEM HMD's Standing Committee on Medical and Public Health Research during large-scale emergency events, as well as on the Institute of Medicine's Committee on the Governance and Financing of Graduate Medical Education (2014) and the Committee on the Mental Health Workforce for Geriatric Populations (2012). From 2002 to 2006, he served as a Special Emphasis Panel member for the National Institutes of Health, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities. Martinez also served on the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services to the Secretary of Health. Additionally, Martinez is a member of the board of directors for Trust for America's Health, board member (and former chair) of the National Hispanic Council on Aging, a commissioner on the Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health, executive committee member of the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium and a member of the Austin State Hospital Redesign Steering Committee. Prior to joining the Hogg Foundation in 2008, Martinez was a clinical psychiatrist at Albemarle Mental Health Center and an affiliate associate professor at the Brody School of Medicine in North Carolina. He was part of a team that created a 23-hour crisis unit at Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, to serve a 10-county catchment area that includes the Outer Banks. Before that, he was an assistant professor and psychiatrist at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and a faculty associate with the Center for Medical Humanities and Ethics. In San Antonio, he served as director of psychiatric consultation-liaison services for University Hospital and the Audie L. Murphy Veterans Administration Hospital. He also was co-director of behavioral sciences for the UTHSCSA medical school and developed two community psychiatric clinics for underserved areas of Bexar County.

Benjamin F. Miller

Ex Officio Member

Benjamin F. Miller, PsyD, was the past President of Well Being Trust, where he oversaw the implementation of the foundation's strategies and full portfolio of investments and partnerships to help Well Being Trust have a real-world impact on America's mental health and addiction crisis. These responsibilities build on those in Dr. Miller's prior role as Chief Strategy Officer of Well Being Trust, through which he ensured alignment across the foundation's grants, research, partnerships, and policy recommendations.

Dr. Miller is a nationally recognized mental health expert and a highly sought-after public speaker. Dr. Miller has presented around the world on the need to make mental health an integral part of health care, most recently testifying before the Senate Committee on Finance about the need for an integrated approach to treating mental health and addiction He is also the author of the weekly newsletter – Mental: Fighting the fragmentation of mental health one policy at a time, where hundreds of subscribers gather to read about how everyday happenings are connected to mental health, and what actions they can take to address them.

In addition, Dr. Miller has been featured in numerous local and national media outlets – the New York Times, CNN, NBC News, USA Today, NPR, PBS NewsHour, among countless others – and today maintains advisory and adjunct professor positions at the following organizations: Inseparable; the University of Colorado School of Medicine's Eugene S. Farley, Jr. Health Policy Center; Mental Health Colorado; the Stanford School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences; and the British Journal of General Practice. He was previously president of the Collaborative Family Healthcare Association and an Institute for Healthcare Improvement faculty member.

Dr. Miller's expertise in this space largely stems from the early days of his career. In receiving his doctorate in clinical psychology from Spalding University in Louisville, Kentucky, completing his predoctoral internship at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, and working as a postdoctoral fellow in primary care psychology at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, Dr. Miller gained firsthand insight into our country's foster care, education, health care and criminal justice systems. He helped emotionally disturbed children navigate school, individuals with breast cancer cope with their diagnosis, prisoners plan for a successful return to society, and trained primary care physicians on how to best handle their patients' mental and behavioral health concerns – experiences that showed Dr. Miller how the continued marginalization of mental health in America has ripple effects throughout every layer of society.

This realization inspired Dr. Miller to become a principal investigator on several federal grants, foundation grants, and state contracts related to comprehensive primary care and mental health, behavioral health, and substance use integration. And during the eight years he spent as an associate professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, it contributed to him becoming a founding director of the Eugene S. Farley, Jr. Health Policy Center. Under Dr. Miller's leadership, the Farley Health Policy Center evaluated policies related to behavioral health integration, payment reform, workforce response and preparedness, and community-based prevention to help key decision makers positively improve mental health in their communities.

Dr. Miller has received numerous awards for his work, which includes leading the Agency for Healthcare Research

and Quality's Academy for Integrating Behavioral and Primary Care project, the Sustaining Healthcare Across Integrated Primary Care Efforts (SHAPE) project, and acting as a technical expert for multiple CMS panel discussions. He has also written and published extensively on enhancing the evidentiary support for integrated models, increasing the training and education of behavioral health providers in medical settings, and the need to address specific health policy and payment barriers for successful integration. Dr. Miller was the lead author on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Whole Health report – which provided specific direction to advance mental health nationally – and is on the editorial board for Families, Systems and Health.

Dr. Miller's work has taken him into communities all across the country, from the Rocky Mountains in Colorado to the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he currently plays music, paints, and spends time with his wife and daughters.

Zainab Okolo

Ex Officio Member

Zainab Okolo, Ed.D., LCMFT, is the Senior Vice President of Policy, Advocacy, and Government Relations at the JED Foundation. Dr. Okolo leads JED's growing Advocacy and Government Relations function, leveraging key relationships with external networks to strengthen the organization's national and state-level presence as a trusted resource in advocating for new federal, state, and local support for a comprehensive approach to mental health and suicide prevention. With more than a decade of practice, policy, and advocacy experience, Dr. Okolo comes to JED after most recently serving as Strategy Officer at Lumina Foundation, an independent, private foundation committed to making opportunities for learning beyond high school available to all. She led efforts focused on holistic student supports, including mental health, student parents, and proactive advising. Dr. Okolo designed and established the foundation's mental health partnerships and investments while advising key stakeholders, including the U.S. Department of Education (ED), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO), the American Council on Education (ACE), and the Steve Fund. In her role, she ensured an equity lens underpinned all strategic conceptualization, design, and management while collaborating with colleagues across the foundation in piloting new investments. Dr. Okolo is a licensed clinical marriage and family therapist, higher-education scholar, adjunct professor, published author, public speaker, and equity advocate. She received her Bachelor of Science in family/consumer sciences from the University of Maryland, her Master of Arts in marriage and family therapy from Syracuse University, and her Doctor of Education from George Washington University.

Annie Peters

Ex Officio Member

Dr. Annie Peters joins the NAATP team as Director of Research and Education. Dr. Peters possesses a rare combination of scientific acumen, clinical experience, and a core understanding of the disease of Substance Use Disorder. She will lead the national effort to further understand this disease through scientific research and create treatment solutions for those who suffer from it. Annie Peters, PhD, LP, was formerly the Chief Clinical Officer (CCO) of Harmony Foundation, Inc., Colorado's longest running residential addiction treatment center. As CCO, Dr. Peters directed the delivery of clinical services, including addiction counseling, mental health services, and clinical case management. Dr. Peters earned her PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Colorado Boulder. Her clinical interests include integrated care for individuals with addiction and co-occurring disorders, and mindfulness-based cognitive-behavioral psychotherapies.

Kathy Pham

Ex Officio Member

Kathy Pham is the Director of Policy and Professional Affairs at the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), a professional and scientific society that provides leadership, education, advocacy, and resources enabling clinical pharmacists to achieve excellence in practice, research, and education. Dr. Pham came to ACCP from the Pew Charitable Trusts, where she served as Senior Officer of the Drug Safety Project. Her previous clinical experience has been in pediatric pharmacy practice, with the majority of that time spent as the NICU clinical specialist and pharmacy residency director at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. She is also a board-certified pediatric pharmacotherapy specialist.

Dr. Pham earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. After completing her pharmacy residency at the University of Illinois at Chicago, she practiced as a pediatric clinical pharmacist and held faculty appointments at various schools of pharmacy including Long Island University, Rutgers, Creighton University, University of Maryland, and Virginia Commonwealth University.

Dr. Pham leads ACCP's engagement, collaboration, and communication with medical, pharmacy, other health professional societies, health quality organizations, and payers/purchasers to promote and help achieve medication optimization for individual patients and populations. She participates as the ACCP representative in working groups and task forces of health policy development and research enterprises at the national level that address issues of interprofessional practice, research, and education.

Deidra Roach

Ex Officio Member

Dr. Roach is a general internist with more than 35 years of experience in addiction treatment. Prior to starting her federal career, she served as the Administrator and Medical Director for all government-funded addiction prevention and treatment programs in Washington, D.C., collectively known as the Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration (APRA). She currently serves as a Program Director in the Division of Treatment, Health Services, and Recovery at the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, where, among other responsibilities, she manages research portfolios addressing the treatment of co-occurring mental health and alcohol use disorder and alcohol-related HIV/AIDS among women. Dr. Roach co-chairs the Interagency Work Group on Drinking and Drug Use in Women and Girls, a trans-DHHS committee that promotes collaborative research and other activities focused on the prevention and treatment of substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders among women and girls. She also serves on the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, the NIH Coordinating Committee for Research on Women's Health, and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine Forum on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders, among many other committee memberships.

Glorinda Segay

Ex Officio Member

Glorinda Segay, MA, DBH is the division director of Behavioral Health at Indian Health Services. She obtained her Master's Degree from Western New Mexico University and Doctorate in Behavioral Health (DBH) from Arizona State University. She completed 4 years of residency at Chinle Comprehensive Health Care Facility in the Adult Primary Care Clinic. Her resident was with Dr. Stephan Flynn and Krista Haven and she was trained for integrated behavioral health care. Dr. Segay resides in mountainous beautiful terrain of Blue Canyon, Arizona. She is a fluent Navajo Speaker. She is of the Tsejikini(Two-Rocks-Sit-Together) Clan and born for Todecheenie(Bitter Water) Clan. Her maternal grandparents are of the Tabaaha(Edge Water) Clan and her paternal grandparents are of the Honaghaanee (One-Who-Walks-Around) Clan. She is of the Tseyah(Segay) bloodline. She enjoys reading, spending time with family, and learning.

Julie Seibert

Ex Officio Member

Julie Hayes Seibert, PhD, MPH, MA leads NCQA’s efforts to advance the quality of behavioral health care. In this role sheconducts research on behavioral health measurement approaches and methods to evaluate behavioral health access, quality and outcomes. She has over 30 years of combined experience in research,program and policy development, and behavioral health care. Her work has focused on developing system performance and consumer outcome quality measures in health and behavioral health care, as well as accessible behavioral health services for diverse populations, including Deaf, Hard of Hearing and DeafBlind individuals. Dr. Seibert has demonstrated knowledge in measure development, leading teams in preparing quality measures for NQF endorsement. In her prior work at Truven Health Analytics (now IBM Watson) and RTI International, Dr. Seibert developed expertise novel mechanisms to capture service recipient voice, having piloted a CAHPS survey for home and community-based services and an internet-based CAHPS- like survey for addiction treatment providers. Dr. Seibert has a Ph.D. in Health Policy Management and an M.P.H. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, an M.A, in mental health counseling from Gallaudet University, and a B.A. from Duke University.

Matthew Tierney

Ex Officio Member

Mattew Tierney represents the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA), the largest professional membership organization committed to the specialty practice of psychiatric-mental health nursing and wellness promotion, with over 11,000 nurse members from around the world. Matt is Associate Clinical Faculty at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) School of Nursing, and is the Clinical Director of Substance Use Treatment and Education at the UCSF Office of Population Health. As a Nurse Practitioner in Adult Primary Care (ANP) and Psychiatric/Mental Health (PMHNP), he is a clinician and educator whose work is focused on improving essential substance use treatment delivery locally, regionally, and nationally.

Matt's clinical work focuses on developing and implementing innovative care models for addiction treatment, including the first clinic in the nation dedicated solely to the initiation of buprenorphine treatment of opioid use disorder. As an educator, his work focuses on provider knowledge and empowerment. Since 2008, he has taught the federally-mandated educational content required for the DEA waiver to prescribe buprenorphine. He was one of the first nurses to be a national mentor in SAMHSA's Provider's Clinical Support System (PCSSnow.org). He has contributed to the development of national and international nursing education and professional competencies in mental health and substance use. At APNA, Matt was the inaugural chair of the Addictions Council from 2013 to 2018, where at the request of the White House ONDCP he led the development of free on-line education to help nurses nationwide address the opioid epidemic. These educational products have been accessed by over 25,000 nurses nationwide.

Matt Received an MS degree from the UCSF School of Nursing, and in 2018 was named a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN), where he is a member of the Expert Panel on Psychiatric-Mental Health and Substance Use.

Halaevalu Vakalahi

Ex Officio Member

Halaevalu F.O. Vakalahi, PhD, MSW, MEd is the President and CEO of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Prior to CSWE, she was a Professor and Dean of the interdisciplinary College of Health and Society at Hawai'i Pacific University (HPU). Her two areas of research/scholarship are: Pacific Islander culture and community, and Women of Color in academia, in which she has contributed extensively to the existing literature through peer-reviewed articles, chapters, references, books including their most recent work titled Mentoring Women for Leadership: Empowering the Next Generation (Starks, Mallinger, Countee-Gilliam, Vakalahi, & Schmitz, 2021). With a passion for mentorship, she was the Principal Investigator on an NIH-funded Student Research Center at HPU, modeled after the Morgan State University ASCEND Center, that provided tiered-mentorship to support entrepreneurial undergraduate research in the biomedical and health sciences. Likewise, as a mentorship tool with colleagues from Morgan State University, Lehman College, and New York Community Trust, they co-founded and co-edited "Urban Social Work", a peer-reviewed journal published by Springer Publishing. She earned a BS in Business Management from BYU-Hawai'i, MSW from University of Hawai'i-Manoa, and MEd and PhD in Social Work from University of Utah.

Aaron Weiner

Ex Officio Member

Dr. Aaron Weiner is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist, board-certified in Counseling Psychology (ABPP), and Master Addiction Counselor (NAADAC). He earned his doctorate in Counseling Psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and completed his postdoctoral fellowship with VA Ann Arbor Health System in Addiction Psychology. He currently works as a professional speaker and consultant, educating nationally on topics related to addiction, behavioral health, and the impact of drug policy on public health. He also maintains a small private practice. His perspective is informed by his years of experience growing and directing addiction service lines for hospitals and healthcare systems, the current state of medical and psychological research, and his own observations in private practice. Dr. Weiner is the immediate Past President of the Society of Addiction Psychology, on the Public Policy Committee for the American Society of Addiction Medicine, and a member of the Science Advisory Board for the Foundation for Drug Policy Solutions.