

# SESSION SPEAKERS

**SCOTT ANDERSON LCDC II**  
Alcohol and other Drug Program Specialist  
Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction  
Services (OMHAS)

Scott Anderson has been an alcohol and other drug program specialist for the state of Ohio since 2009. Currently, he serves as the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services' problem gambling treatment coordinator. Anderson has participated in the development and presentation of the problem-gambling level I and level II training curricula. He has attended hundreds of hours of gambling-specific training and many problem gambling state, national, and international conferences. He participates monthly in gambling supervision calls and provides support for agency providers and the Problem Gambling Helpline. He has presented on problem gambling at various conferences, workshops, and groups throughout the state and nationally.

**LAURA AUSTEN ESQ.**  
Director of Policy and Outreach  
Office of the Ohio Public Defender (OPD)

Laura Austen is the director of policy and outreach for the Office of the Ohio Public Defender (OPD). She holds a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Wittenberg University and a Juris Doctor from Capital University Law School, where she was a child welfare and adoption law fellow. Austen joined OPD in 2009, and has served as a law clerk, staff

attorney, and supervising attorney in the Juvenile Department. At OPD, she is a member of the Kids in Adult Prison Working Group and the Racial Justice Initiative. Prior to entering the practice of law, Austen was a mental health worker on an acute care psychiatric unit for adults, a youth leader in a residential treatment facility for adolescents, and a case manager for children at a community behavioral health center. She is co-author of the article, "Advocacy for Young or Expectant Parents in Foster Care," published in the American Bar Association's *Child Law Practice Journal*, Vol. 28 No. 7.

**ALEXIS BALKEY MPA RAS**  
Program Manager  
Children and Family Futures (CFF)

Alexis Balkey is a supervising manager and the program manager for the National Family Drug Court (FDC) Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Program at Children and Family Futures, Inc. Additionally, she provides TTA to FDCs across the nation, responding to more than 1,100 requests in less than eight years. Balkey is a change leader for the Statewide System Improvement Program initiative, enhancing state-system collaboration to improve outcomes for families within the child welfare system affected by substance use disorders. Additionally, Balkey is a change leader for the Prevention and Family Recovery initiative funded by the Duke Foundation

Charitable Trust. She is a certified addictive disorder counselor, credentialed by the Breining Institute, College for the Advanced Study of Addictive Disorders. She received a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice from Temple University and a Master of Public Administration from California State University, San Bernardino.

**STEPHANIE BELCONIS**  
Drug Court Coordinator  
Ashtabula County Drug Court

Stephanie Belconis started with the Ashtabula County Adult Probation Department in 2011. In 2013, she was selected to serve as the coordinator for the Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas Drug Court. Belconis earned a degree in criminal justice from Edinboro University and has had extensive training in drug court best practices. Her training includes cognitive behavioral thinking, EPICS, social skills and crisis intervention, critical role modeling skills and the Ohio Risk Assessment System.

**SHANNON CAREY Ph.D.**  
Co-President and Senior Research Associate  
NPC Research

Shannon Carey, co-president and senior research associate at NPC Research, has worked in the areas of criminal justice and substance abuse treatment for more than 15 years, particularly in the area of drug courts and cost analyses. Her experience includes managing,

designing, and implementing program evaluations related to substance abuse prevention and treatment and adult criminal justice and juvenile justice policy. Altogether, she has performed process, outcome, and cost evaluations in more than 175 adult, juvenile, family, reentry, and DWI drug courts across the United States, as well as provided technical assistance and training in drug courts operating in New Zealand, Chile, Australia, and England. Dr. Carey is a faculty member at the National Drug Court Institute and is a member of the American Evaluation Association, the Oregon Program Evaluators Network, the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, and the American Society of Criminology. Dr. Carey earned her Doctor of Philosophy from Portland State University in systems science and applied psychology.

#### JONATHAN CIAMPI

Chief Executive Officer  
Bright Heart Health

Jonathan Ciampi is the founder and CEO of Bright Heart Health, a telemedicine health care company focused on chronic disease management. Bright Heart Health is Joint Commission-accredited and currently engaged in two research studies with the University of California, Los Angeles and the National Institute of Drug Abuse. In addition, Bright Heart Health was the recipient of grants from SAMHSA, California Department

of Health Care Services, and the Ohio Department of Health. Prior to Bright Heart Health, Ciampi was chief marketing officer of CRC Health, overseeing 160 facilities across the country. Before joining CRC Health, he spent 12 years in the enterprise software space, where he served in a number of leadership roles for both publicly traded and private organizations.

#### MATTHEW COLLINSON

Senior Research Specialist  
Justice Programs Office (JPO)  
American University

Matt Collinson is a senior research specialist working on the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)-funded Juvenile Drug Treatment Courts (JDTC) Initiative at the Justice Programs Office (JPO) at American University. The Training and Technical Assistance Initiative provides JDTCs around the country with guidance on implementing the evidence-based practices outlined in the 2016 OJJDP JDTC *Guidelines*. Collinson works with courts around the country to implement the *Guidelines* in locally relevant and sustainable ways. He joined JPO after completing a master's degree in public mental health. Collinson earned a Master of Health Science from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and holds a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry.

#### MELISSA DARBY

Grants Administrator  
Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS)

Melissa Darby serves as the grants administrator for Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS). Darby became the director of the Grants Section in 2016. Previously, she managed the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program and the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant Program for the office. Prior to joining OCJS, Darby was an editor for McGraw-Hill Education. She also was a reporter and editor for the Circleville Herald in Circleville, Ohio for five years before that. She has a bachelor's degree in journalism from The Ohio State University and a master's degree in marketing and communication from Franklin University.

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## HON. THERESA DELLICK

Judge

Mahoning County Juvenile Court

Judge Theresa Dellick became a county court judge in 1999, where she implemented the first misdemeanor county drug court. Since 2001, Judge Dellick has served as judge of the Mahoning County Juvenile Court, overseeing the administration of the court, as well as the detention center, intake services, probation, clerk of courts, counseling services, and community services. Judge Dellick received the Champion of Hope Award from Sandy Hook Promise and received recognition for her court programs by the Obama White House, U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Department of Education, and the Supreme Court of Ohio. Under her leadership, the Mahoning County Juvenile Court has five Supreme Court of Ohio certified specialized dockets. She is past president of the Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges and currently is the District 6 trustee. Judge Dellick has been a national, state, and local seminar presenter at juvenile court judges' conferences, bar associations, schools, colleges, and community organizations and agencies. She is chair of the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Specialized Dockets and is vice-chair of the Governance Committee for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Judge

Dellick is chair-elect of the Ohio Department of Youth Services State Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Leadership Committee.

## DEANNA ENGLAND LICDC-CS

Clinical Manager for Treatment Services

of North Central Ohio

Oriana House

Deanna England is a licensed independent chemical dependency counselor with a clinical supervisor designation (LICDC-CS) and a licensed professional counselor (LPC) in Ohio. She received a bachelor's degree in psychology and organizational communication from The Ohio State University and a master's degree in mental health counseling from Bowling Green State University. England specializes in working with forensic clients and has worked primarily in substance-use-disorder treatment for the past seven years. In her current role with Oriana House, a non-profit community corrections and substance abuse treatment agency, she is the clinical manager for treatment services of North Central Ohio. She has served as a subject-matter expert through the International Credentialing and Reciprocity Consortium since 2017, and a member of the American Counseling Association and International Association of Addictions and Offenders Counseling since 2013.

## BRIAN FARRINGTON

Statistics Analyst

Office of Court Services, Supreme Court of Ohio

Brian Farrington joined the staff of the Supreme Court of Ohio in August 2002, as its judicial assignment officer, where he was responsible for administering Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer's visiting judge program. In November 2007, Farrington was promoted to statistics analyst in the Court's Office of Court Services. From 2011 through 2017, he served on the Conference of State Court Administrator's Court Statistics Committee, providing guidance and leadership to the Court Statistics Project staff at the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). Farrington serves as faculty for the Purposes and Responsibilities of Courts module to certified court manager candidates through the NCSC's Institute for Court Management. Before joining the Court, he worked for 10 years as a litigation paralegal at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease in Columbus. He graduated from Miami University.

## MARK FAY

Southwest Area Manager

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (ODD)

Mark Fay is the Southwest Area manager for Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities. He earned his Master of Social Work Administration from the University of Cincinnati and began his career in vocational rehabilitation 24 years

ago as a vocational rehabilitation (VR) counselor, serving people who are blind or visually impaired. He was promoted to a vocational rehabilitation supervisor and was appointed the Southwest Area Manager 12 years ago. He represents Ohio's vocational rehabilitation program, engaging employer partners and leading 11 VR teams to prepare people with disabilities to gain and maintain competitive employment. Under his leadership, the Southwest Area partnered with county developmental disabilities boards to serve transitioning students with cognitive and intellectual disabilities, and also collaborated with a county drug court to serve individuals with substance use disorders or mental illness.

**WILLIAM FROEHLICH ESQ.**  
Langdon Fellow in Dispute Resolution  
The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

William Froehlich is the current Langdon Fellow in Dispute Resolution at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. He graduated cum laude from Moritz in 2011, and served on the Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law while in law school. He also worked on public policy consensus-building projects as a research fellow with the Election Law @ Moritz program and served as research assistant in the areas of nonprofit law and professional responsibility. He has an undergraduate degree in math and political science from Denison

University and also practiced labor law as an associate attorney with Muskovitz & Lemmerbrock, LLC. Before law school, he was a legislative aide in the Ohio Senate.

**JENNIFER FOLEY BS CADC**  
Senior Program Associate  
Children and Family Futures (CFF)

Jennifer Foley currently serves as senior program associate at Children and Family Futures (CFF). In this role, Foley provides training and technical assistance to jurisdictions across the United States, is a change liaison, and provides training and consultation to assist with the implementation of the Sobriety Treatment and Reducing Trauma program. Prior to her employment at CFF, she spent 11 years in Eugene, Oregon at the Relief Nursery's Accessing Success Recovery Support Program. Initially a peer support specialist, she advanced to an alcohol and drug counselor, eventually managing the recovery support program for six years. Foley's focus was serving parents with substance use disorders who were involved in the child welfare system. Then, she spent seven years as a child welfare caseworker. In 2013, she accepted the position as the women's treatment services coordinator and the Access to Recovery Project director with the Oregon Health Authority and Oregon's Women's Service Network coordinator. Originally from California, she moved to Oregon for college, receiving

a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Oregon in sociology, with an area of concentration in substance abuse and prevention.

**ZEPHI FRANCIS**  
Research Associate  
Justice Programs Office (JPO)  
American University

Zephi Francis is a research associate at American University's Justice Programs Office. His research interests include racial and ethnic disparities in the criminal justice system, alternatives to mass incarceration, drug and alcohol use, and implementing evidence-based practices. At JPO, Mr. Francis is part of the National Drug Court Resource Center (NDCRC), an initiative charged with providing treatment court professionals with resources to enable their programs to operate as effectively as possible. He also manages NDCRC's Treatment Court surveys, which collect information on courts' counts, operations, and target populations. Francis previously worked as a research associate at George Mason University (GMU). While at GMU, he conducted research on re-entry.

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## JANICE FRANKE ESQ.

Senior Attorney

Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OMHAS)

Janice Franke is a senior attorney with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and has been with the department for more than 20 years. Franke provides legal advice and support to the director and agency staff on matters of programs, policy, and legislation relating to department operations and the wider public behavioral health and healthcare systems. She is the lead attorney for the department regarding policy and operations relating to compliance with HIPAA and 42 CFR Part 2 regulations, and participates in several statewide data protection workgroups.

## STACEY FROHNAPFEL-HASSON MPA OCPC

Chief of Prevention and Problem Gambling Services  
Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OMHAS)

Stacey Frohnafel-Hasson serves as chief of prevention and problem gambling services for the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. She oversees policy, planning, and public outreach for a statewide system of care for problem gambling services. Frohnafel-Hasson has more than 20 years in policy leadership, communications and public relations with for-profit, non-profit, and governmental entities. She worked with the

Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities for several years on advocacy, outreach, grants, and senior services, including developing a white paper on Ohio's Adult Care Facilities. Frohnafel-Hasson is an Ohio certified prevention consultant and a master trainer in Healthy IDEAS. She has a Master of Public Administration from Ohio University and a Bachelor of Science in communications from West Liberty University, West Virginia. She served six years on city council in Whitehall, Ohio.

## CATHERINE C. GEYER ESQ.

Manager

Dispute Resolution Section  
Supreme Court of Ohio

Catherine C. Geyer, Esq. is the manager of the Dispute Resolution Section of the Supreme Court of Ohio and a mediator for the Supreme Court. She administers the Court's dispute resolution program for conflicts among public officials and serves as the liaison to the Supreme Court's Commission on Dispute Resolution. Geyer graduated from Denison University with an economics degree and from The Ohio State University College of Law. Prior to joining the Court, she served as a private attorney and mediator, corporate counsel for a Fortune 100 company, and deputy director of the Ohio Department of Insurance. She serves as the co-chair of the American Bar Association's Court

ADR Committee. Geyer is a frequent lecturer and author on dispute resolution topics.

## ANDREA GOMEZ Mpsych LADC-MH

Counselor

Andrea Gomez is a master-level counselor with training in clinical psychology from Bond University in Australia. She is a licensed mental health, alcohol drug counselor in the state of Oklahoma and is nationally certified as a master addiction counselor. Gomez also is a certified member of the National Association of Forensic Counselors and an associate member of the American Psychological Association. She has practiced for 11 years in Oklahoma and also is the owner and founder of AXG Services Inc., a company that provides substance abuse and mental health services to adults in Oklahoma. Gomez's experience with drug court and DUI court includes eight years as a drug court treatment provider.

## HON. TARYN L. HEATH

Judge

Stark County Court of Common Pleas

Judge Taryn Heath has served the Stark County Court of Common Pleas since 2007. She has been the presiding judge of Honor Court (a veteran's treatment court) since 2011 and the Stark County HOPE Program (mental health track) since 2007. Judge Heath obtained her Juris Doctor

from the University of Akron School of Law and Bachelor of Arts in public administration from Miami University. She was in private practice for 25 years and also served as a magistrate for Canton Municipal Court for 13 years, a prosecutor for the City of Alliance, and an assistant Ohio attorney general. Judge Heath has been a national speaker for Justice for Vets and is a frequent lecturer on ethics, professionalism, and veteran issues for the Ohio Judicial College, Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association, Ohio State Bar Association, and the Ohio Association of Magistrates. Judge Heath was chair of the Ohio Attorney General's Task Force on Criminal Justice and Mental Illness Subcommittee on Veterans Treatment Courts and Military Affairs and now serves as co-chair to the Ohio Judicial Conference Specialized Dockets Committee.

#### HON. PAUL HERBERT

Judge

Franklin County Municipal Court

Judge Paul Herbert is a lifelong resident of Columbus and has practiced law for 30 years. He is a graduate of The Ohio State University and Capital University Law School. After a brief time in private general practice, Judge Herbert joined the staff of the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office and served as a trial attorney. In 1996, he assumed the role of clerk of the Franklin County Municipal Court before

being elected judge in 2003. Judge Herbert was re-elected in 2009 and 2015. He proposed a specialized program focusing on human trafficking victims who are charged with the misdemeanor offense of solicitation. CATCH (changing actions to change habits) was started in September 2009. In 2015, Judge Herbert was recognized by the U.S. Justice Department and received an award from Attorney General Eric Holder for his contributions in the fight against human trafficking. In 2017, Judge Herbert received the State of Ohio Courage Award.

#### MARK HURST M.D.

Medical Director

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

Dr. Mark Hurst, medical director of the Ohio Department of Health, advises the director of health on clinical and medical issues as the agency fulfills its mission to protect and improve the health of all Ohioans. Dr. Hurst is board certified in psychiatry and addiction psychiatry. He joined ODH in 2019, and has more than 25 years of experience with the State of Ohio. Previously, Dr. Hurst worked at the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for more than 26 years, holding positions of director and medical director for the agency. Before his career with the state, he held leadership positions in psychiatry and addiction psychiatry in the veterans' affairs health system, at Harding Hospital, and

at The Ohio State University. Dr. Hurst is a graduate of Muskingum College and the Medical College of Ohio. He completed his medical residency at the University of Michigan and at Ohio State. He has been recognized by his peers as a "Best Doctor in America" on numerous occasions.

#### TAMMY JENSEN LICDC-CS LPCC-S

Clinical Manager

Oriana House

Tammy Jensen is a licensed independent chemical dependency counselor with a clinical supervisor designation (LICDC-CS) and a licensed professional clinical counselor with supervision (LPCC-S) in the State of Ohio. She received her Bachelor of Arts (psychology and sociology) and a master's degree in guidance and counseling, both from Bowling Green State University. Jensen has worked in the substance use field for more than 20 years. She has been employed at Oriana House, Inc. since January 2001. Her current role is a clinical manager at ADM Crisis Center, where she is on the frontlines of working with detox patients. She previously served as the cognitive behavioral administrator, responsible for implementing evidence-based correctional practices with clients and staff.

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## BETSY JOHNSON

Policy Advisor

Treatment Advocacy Center

Betsy Johnson is a policy advisor for the Treatment Advocacy Center (TAC), a national non-profit organization. Her responsibilities include advocating for the implementation and expansion of assisted outpatient treatment programs for individuals with serious mental illness who, on their own, do not recognize their need for treatment and get trapped in the revolving door of hospitalization and incarceration. Prior to joining TAC, Johnson was the associate executive director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio (NAMI Ohio) for more than 10 years. Before joining NAMI Ohio, she was the associate CEO of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities. She co-chaired Attorney General Mike DeWine's Task Force on Criminal Justice and Mental Illness' Subcommittee on Policy and Legislation from 2010 to 2018.

## JOSEPH JOHNSON

Equity and Inclusion Specialist/Management Analyst

Research and Planning Unit

Mecklenburg County's Criminal Justice Services

Joseph Johnson is the equity and inclusion specialist/management analyst in the Research and Planning Unit of Mecklenburg County's Criminal Justice Services located in Charlotte, North Carolina. Within this role, Johnson

works in conjunction with criminal justice partners to identify and develop practices that promote equitable outcomes for majority and minority populations and to reduce the racial and ethnic disparities for those who come in contact with the criminal justice system. Johnson is the vice president for the Charlotte Area Liaison Group. His previous professional experiences include working in affirmative action for BB&T and The Employers Association. Furthermore, he spent time working within the EEOC aiding federal investigators with charges of workplace discrimination. Johnson attained a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing from Winston-Salem State University and earned his Master of Business Administration degree with a concentration in human resource management from Winthrop University.

## T'LIZA KIEL

Veterans Behavioral Health Program Director

Mental Health America of Greater Houston

T'Liza Kiel is the Veterans Behavioral Health Program director at Mental Health America of Greater Houston. She has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Lamar University and a master's degree in sociology from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Kiel served eight years in the Texas Army National Guard, which included hurricane relief efforts and an overseas deployment. A year after her 2009 deployment to

Iraq, she experienced firsthand the effects of war, which included several suicides within her brigade. For the past five years, Kiel has worked with various veteran service networks, supporting both local and national platforms. Since 2013, she has worked with both local veterans treatment courts (VTCs) and has applied training for all Texas veteran peer mentors involved with VTCs. Kiel also worked alongside the Honorable Marc Carter, who pioneered the first Texas veterans treatment court. She is a 2019 NADCP conference presenter, and her awards and recognitions include Volunteer of the Year, Recipe for Success Service Award, and The Mission Continues and Operation Empowering Arms.

## JERICA KRUSE

Vocational Rehabilitation Supervisor

Opportunities for Ohioans (OOD)

Jerica Kruse is a vocational rehabilitation (VR) supervisor for Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities. She earned her master of rehabilitation counseling degree from the University of Alabama and is a certified rehabilitation counselor. Kruse has worked at OOD since 2004 and has been a vocational rehabilitation supervisor for four years and before that was a VR counselor for 10 years. Under Kruse's leadership, OOD, in partnership with Judge Spaeth and the Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery

Board, created a service model designed to improve outcomes for individuals with dual mental health and substance use disorders. Since 2016, this model has assisted 216 individuals in successfully gaining employment.

#### MARIE LANE ESQ.

Director

Ashtabula County Public Defender Office

Marie Lane, Esq. has served as the director of the Ashtabula County Public Defender Office since 1998. She is a founding member of the Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas Drug Court Program, which started in 2008. Lane currently serves as the defense attorney representative on the Supreme Court of Ohio's Commission on Specialized Dockets. In 2018, she was appointed as a faculty consultant for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and has served as an instructor and technical advisor for new drug court programs and attorneys in Ohio, Georgia, Idaho, Alabama, Mississippi, and Iowa.

#### JANICE MADER

Program Administrator

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD)

Janice Mader is a program administrator for Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Drug Court Initiative. Mader has worked at OOD since 2001, when she was hired as a vocational rehabilitation counselor to work with students transitioning from

high school into adulthood. She transitioned into the role of a rehabilitation program specialist in 2010, and has worked in different units, including policy and training, contract services, and most recently, the supported employment and transition unit. Prior to joining OOD, Mader worked at the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities in the Transition Pathways Program and in Athens for a provider as a job coach, work incentives specialist, and job developer. She graduated from Ohio University with a bachelor's degree in education and master's degree in community mental health and rehabilitation counseling.

#### DOUG MARLOWE J.D. Ph.D.

Senior Scientific Consultant

National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP)

Douglas B. Marlowe is a senior scientific consultant for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) and senior science & policy advisor for Alcohol Monitoring Systems. Previously, he was the chief of science, law & policy for NADCP, the director of law & ethics research at the Treatment Research Institute, and adjunct associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. A lawyer and clinical psychologist, Dr. Marlowe studies the impact of coercion in substance use disorder treatment,

the effects of drug courts and other rehabilitation programs for persons with substance use disorders involved in the justice system, and behavioral treatments for persons with substance use disorders and justice system involvement. He is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, has received proficiency certification in the treatment of psychoactive substance use disorders from the APA College of Professional Psychology and is a designated master addiction counselor by the National Certification Commission for Addiction Professionals. Dr. Marlowe has published more than 175 journal articles, monographs, books, and book chapters on the topics of correctional rehabilitation, forensic psychology, and treatment of substance use disorders. He is the editor-in-chief of the *Journal for Advancing Justice*, serves on the editorial board of *Criminal Justice & Behavior* and previously was the editor-in-chief of the *Drug Court Review*.



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ERIK MESSAMORE M.D. Ph.D.  
Medical Director  
Northeast Ohio Medical University Best Practices in  
Schizophrenia

Dr. Erik Messamore is an associate professor of psychiatry at Northeast Ohio Medical University. He also serves as the medical director for the University's Best Practices in Schizophrenia Treatment (BeST) Center, where he promotes recovery and improvement of those with schizophrenia by accelerating the adoption of evidence-based and promising practices. Dr. Messamore also leads a first-of-its-kind telementoring and learning community, SZconsult, designed to assist clinicians in the psychiatric care of people with schizophrenia-spectrum illness.

BRIAN L. MEYER, Ph.D. LCP  
PTSD-Substance Abuse Specialist H.H. McGuire  
Veterans Administration Medical Center

Brian Meyer is the PTSD-substance abuse specialist at the H.H. McGuire Veterans Administration Medical Center and an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Virginia Commonwealth University. He obtained his bachelor of arts from Harvard University and his Doctor of Philosophy in clinical psychology from Duke University. Dr. Meyer has worked in the child welfare and the child and adult mental health fields as a clinician, administrator, teacher,

policy maker, program developer, trainer, and researcher. Dr. Meyer has spent his career working with people who experienced trauma, and his clinical expertise is in treating trauma and its co-morbid disorders. He currently provides evidence-based treatments for veterans who have problems with PTSD, substance use, depression, traumatic brain injuries, and other co-occurring conditions, conducts research on treatments for veterans with PTSD, and trains and supervises psychologists and psychiatrists at multiple levels. Dr. Meyer is a nationally known speaker and trainer in areas including the trauma continuum, treatment of trauma and co-morbid conditions, effects of trauma on families, veterans' mental health, mindfulness meditation, secondary traumatization and self-care, and collaborative courts.

DENNIS MICHELSON Ph.D.  
Founder  
Advanced Clinical Consultant

Dennis Michelson has been a counselor for 47 years. In 2015, he spoke on dual diagnosis issues in 52 conferences, meetings and other venues. He is past executive director of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) for Geauga County. He currently serves as the treatment manager for the Lake County Drug Court, as well as the court counselor for the Mentor Municipal Court. Dr. Michelson founded Advanced

Clinical Consultants three years ago and is a clinical consultant for the Geauga County Court of Common Pleas, specializing in dual diagnosis assessment and the formulation of intervention-in-lieu-of-conviction recommendations for the court. He has a bachelor's degree from Furman University, master's degrees from Temple Seminary and Walsh University and a doctorate from Temple Seminary. He holds the LICDC-CS and LPC licenses in Ohio.

MICHAEL MURPHY  
Executive Director  
Lake Area Recovery Center

Michael Murphy is the executive director of Lake Area Recovery Center, the primary treatment provider of substance use disorders for the Ashtabula County Common Pleas Drug Court. He previously worked in the addiction field as an outpatient counselor for Lake Area Recovery Center for more than 10 years and was the counselor for the first two drug court participants in Ashtabula County. He is certified as a cognitive behavioral interventions-substance abuse trainer, a SAMHSA GAINS Center criminal justice trauma informed trainer, and a licensed counselor in the state of Ohio. Murphy holds a Master of Science in criminal justice from the University of Cincinnati and a Bachelor of Arts in justice studies from Kent State University.

## AMANDA MYERS

Problem-Solving Court Coordinator/Project Director  
Colorado 18th Judicial District

Amanda Myers earned a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice in 2003 from Metropolitan State University in Denver, Colorado. Myers' journey into the criminal justice system began in 1999 as an intern in the Criminal Justice Planning Office. Since that time, her positions included diversion counselor, assessment specialist for the Juvenile Assessment Center in Jefferson County, Colorado, residential treatment counselor at Alternative Homes for Youth, legal assistant, Treatment Accountability for Safe Communities (TASC) case manager for Denver Juvenile Drug Court, screening specialist for Denver Juvenile Drug Court, and probation officer. She also participated in the Minority over Representation Committee in the 18th Judicial District. Meyers has received numerous awards, including the Youth Serving Professional of the Year, Judicial Excellence Award for Probation Officer of the Year and Court Employee of the Year, and Denver Community Beacon Award. She recently completed the Behavioral Health and Justice Leadership Academy. She currently serves as a problem-solving court coordinator and project director for the 18th Judicial District veterans' treatment court, adult drug court, truancy court, felony DUI court, and mental health court.

## MICHELLE O'BRIEN ESQ.

Principal Court Management  
Consultant  
National Center for State Courts (NCSC)

Michelle R. O'Brien is a principal court management consultant with the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) and previously was the executive director of the Illinois Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health and Justice, where she provided statewide and local training and technical assistance to jurisdictions working with persons with behavioral health disorders who were involved with the criminal justice system. She also was the specialty courts administrator for the 17th Judicial Circuit Court, Winnebago County, Rockford, Illinois and a Winnebago County Assistant State's Attorney. She also oversaw the operations of the drug court, mental health court, family drug court, veterans' court, and juvenile mental health court. O'Brien is a board member of the Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts, past president and past board member of the Mental Health Court Association of Illinois, past board member of the Illinois Association of Drug Court Professionals and past president of the Winnebago County Bar Association. O'Brien is co-author of a chapter in *The Sequential Intercept Model and Criminal Justice*, contributor and editor to the Illinois Department of Human Services Forensic Handbook, and

a peer reviewer for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals' Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards, Volume II. She is a trainer for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's *How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses* and is a trainer for the Council of State Governments' *Mental Health Court Curriculum*. O'Brien graduated from Drake University Law School and received a Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice from Simpson College.

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## JACK O'CONNOR

Mentor Coordinator

Buffalo Veterans Treatment Court

Jack O'Connor is a combat infantry veteran who served with the 82nd Airborne Division in Vietnam. Upon discharge from the service, he received both a bachelor's and master's degree in counseling (1974) from Canisius College in Buffalo, New York. O'Connor was the director of Medicaid services for the Erie County Department of Social Services. In 2007, when Judge Robert Russell decided to start a unique court to assist veterans, O'Connor was asked to convene a group of veterans to act as "mentors" for "vets helping vets." He continues as the coordinator of the mentor group for the Buffalo Veterans Treatment Court. O'Connor is on the advisory board of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Buffalo and works part-time for the Erie County Department of Mental Health.

## TED PARRAN M.D.

Addiction Medicine

Psychiatry

Dr. Ted Parran is a graduate of Kenyon College and a graduate from Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) School of Medicine. He completed a residency in internal medicine at the Baltimore City Hospital of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Following his residency, Dr. Parran was selected as medical chief resident

and received the Outstanding Faculty Teacher Award from the Department of Medicine. In 1988, he returned to the CWRU School of Medicine. Dr. Parran is the co-director of the Foundations of Clinical Medicine Course, a course with topics about the doctor-patient relationship, health disparities, professionalism, cultural competence, and health policy. He is the medical director of the Program in Continuing Medical Education and was named the Isabel and Carter Wang Professor and Chair in Medical Education, both at CWRU School of Medicine. Dr. Parran's areas of special interest include doctor-patient communication, faculty development, continuing medical education, and addiction medicine.

## BRADFORD PRICE Ph.D.

Therapist

Townhall II

Bradford Price is a therapist at Townhall II in Kent, Ohio, a fully affiliated associate professor at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio, and is in private practice at the Copley Counseling Centre in Poland, Ohio. Dr. Price's career spans 37 years, working in addiction treatment centers, psychiatric hospitals, outpatient agencies, school systems, county jail and community-based correctional facilities, and drug courts in Woodbury County, Iowa and Portage County, Ohio. At the Methodist Theological School

in Ohio, Dr. Price taught in the graduate counseling program and also taught addictions counseling at Kent State University for 10 years. As a visiting staff member of the Gestalt Institute of Cleveland, he provided training in the Couples, Family and Small Systems Program and also is a frequent lecturer and workshop instructor. He served on the faculty of the Addiction Studies Institute at the Ohio State University for more than 10 years, the West Virginia Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors Annual Conference for four years, the All-Ohio Counselors Conference in 2016 and 2017, and also served as a trainer for the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy, where he trained peace officers on trauma-informed policing.

## VANESSA PRICE

Director

National Drug Court Institute (NDCI)

Vanessa Price, National Drug Court Institute (NDCI) director, was employed as a police officer with the City of Oklahoma City from October 1990 through January 2012. She retired at the rank of inspector and was assigned to operations administration as the interim executive director for Weed and Seed Programs. Price held that position from September 2009 through January 2012. Her prior assignment was with the Oklahoma County Drug Court. In May 2014, Price was appointed by the governor of Oklahoma to

serve on the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board. In January 2015, she was reappointed to a four-year term and elected to serve as chair. She joined the staff of National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) in August 2016, to serve as the director of NDCL. Price has an associate degree from Oklahoma State University in applied police science and a bachelor's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma in criminal justice.

#### DANIELLE PUGH-MARKIE

Director of Judicial Education and Leadership  
Center for Court Innovation (CCI)

Danielle Pugh-Markie is the director of judicial education and leadership at the Center for Court Innovation (CCI). Prior to joining CCI, Pugh-Markie was the director of program development and judicial engagement for the Family Violence and Domestic Relations Program (FVDR) at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). She also worked at the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) where she served as administrative manager of the Washington State Supreme Court Commissions on Gender and Justice, Minority and Justice, and Court Interpreters and the Office of Trial Court Services and Judicial Education. While at the AOC, she led efforts to strengthen the justice system's capacity to address gender, racial, and language bias and managed court operations

and services to the judiciary and court management. She earned a Bachelor of Science in industrial and labor relations and a Master of Public Administration from Cornell University.

#### LINDSEY N. ROBERSON ESQ.

Trial Attorney  
Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit  
Civil Rights Division  
U.S. Department of Justice

Lindsey Roberson joined the U.S. Department of Justice Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit (HTPU) as a trial attorney in January 2017. The HTPU is a component of the Civil Rights Division's Criminal Section and is responsible for investigating, prosecuting, and providing guidance to enforcement partners on cases involving domestic and international human trafficking offenses. Roberson began her legal career as a law clerk following her graduation from the University of North Carolina School of Law. She also served as a prosecutor for the state of North Carolina and was a litigator in the private sector in New York and North Carolina. During her time as a state prosecutor, she drafted the Safe Harbor Act for Victims of Sex Trafficking, which became effective in 2013. Roberson prosecuted the first conviction under the new law in September 2014, and in January 2015, the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission presented her with the Prosecution Award for her work on legislation and prosecution of

human trafficking cases. Roberson serves as an adjunct professor at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, where she teaches courses on human trafficking and has lectured on criminal law.

#### SCOTT TIROCCHI MA MS LPC

Chief of Training and Research  
Justice For Vets

Scott Tirocchi served in the U.S. Army Reserves and the Rhode Island Army National Guard for a total of 21 years. His occupational specialty was a 31A (military police officer). While deployed to Afghanistan in 2003 and 2004, he served as commander for the training and doctrine component of Training Assistance Group II to the Afghan National Army. He retired at the rank of Major. Tirocchi is a licensed behavioral health clinician and has an employment background rooted in treatment and criminal justice. Prior to joining Justice For Vets, he was employed with the Rhode Island judiciary, serving in a dual capacity as deputy director for their District Court's Pretrial Services Unit and program coordinator for their veterans' treatment court. He has served as a behavioral health clinician in correctional and hospital settings and in various community behavioral health agencies located in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. He has a Master of Arts in human development and Master of Science in human services.

# SESSION SPEAKERS

**KELLY VAN DEVELDE ESQ.**  
Senior Program Manager for Technical Assistance  
Center for Court Innovation (CCI)

Kelly Van Develde is a senior program manager for technical assistance at the Center for Court Innovation. In this role, Van Develde provides expert assistance to jurisdictions nationwide and advises attorneys, judges, and other practitioners on issues relevant to drug courts, court-based opioid intervention programs, and other forms of problem-solving justice. Prior to joining the Center, Van Develde was an assistant district attorney in the Bronx District Attorney's Office. She was a member of the Alternative to Incarceration Bureau, where she worked with several problem-solving courts. Develde is a graduate of Wellesley College and Brooklyn Law School.

**JACQUELINE VAN WORMER Ph.D.**  
Assistant Professor in Sociology  
Whitworth University

Dr. Jacqueline van Wormer is an assistant professor in sociology at Whitworth University. She also served as the Spokane regional criminal justice administrator, as well as an assistant professor at Washington State University in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology. Dr. van Wormer has held various positions in the criminal justice field, including serving as the MacArthur Foundation coordinator for the Benton/Franklin Counties

Juvenile Court, intervention services manager, probation supervisor, and coordinator for both the adult and juvenile drug programs in Benton/Franklin Counties. Dr. van Wormer is a faculty member for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the National Drug Court Institute, and the National Institute of Corrections. She has lectured and trained extensively on issues related to courts, criminal justice and pretrial reform, adolescent brain development, and the drug court model. Dr. van Wormer received her Doctor of Philosophy in 2010 from Washington State University.

**HON. COURTNEY A. WACHAL**  
Judge  
Kansas City Municipal Court

Judge Courtney Wachal graduated from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln in 2001, with Bachelor of Arts degrees in English, psychology, and political science. She received her law degree from the University of Kansas in 2004. Following her graduation from law school, Judge Wachal accepted a position with the Missouri state public defender system. She left the public defender system in 2011 to serve as an assistant prosecuting attorney with the City of Kansas City. Judge Wachal also served as the mental health court prosecutor for the municipal court. In January 2015, Judge Wachal was appointed by the mayor and city council to serve as

Kansas City Municipal Court Judge in Division 203, which has primary jurisdiction over domestic violence cases filed in municipal court. As part of her commitment to offender accountability and victim safety, she initiated and continues to improve the compliance docket. Due in part to the work done on the compliance docket, in October 2017 the U.S. Department of Justice awarded the Kansas City Municipal Court Domestic Violence Docket a mentor court grant. In January 2019, Judge Wachal became presiding judge of the Kansas City Municipal Court Drug Court Program. In June 2019, she and her compliance docket team initiated the Kansas City Municipal Court Domestic Violence Drug Court Docket. Kansas City operates the second-known drug court program specifically for domestic violence offenders in the nation.

**AARON WEINER Ph.D.**  
Director of Addiction Services  
Linden Oaks Behavioral Health

Aaron Weiner is the director of addiction services at Linden Oaks Behavioral Health. Dr. Weiner, a licensed clinical psychologist, earned his doctorate in counseling psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and completed his post-doctoral fellowship in addiction psychology with the Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Healthcare System in Michigan. He is an advocate for evidence-based care in treating

chemical dependency and behavioral addictions, as well as for the benefits of integrating behavioral health services into medical settings.

#### LISA WILLIAMS

Program Director

Stark County Honor Court

Lisa Williams has served as the program director for Stark County Honor Court since 2011, helping justice-involved veterans reclaim their honor, dignity, and lives. Williams received her Bachelor of Arts in applied communication from Kent State University and has worked in the court system for 12 years. As director of the first felony-level veterans' treatment court in Ohio, she advocates for and frequently mentors other area veterans' treatment courts in building and maintaining success. She has served as a national speaker for Justice For Vets, state conferences, the Ohio State Bar Association, the Ohio Attorney General's Office, and the Supreme Court of Ohio. Williams serves as co-chair of the Stark County Bar Association's Military Affairs Committee and also serves as a member of the Ohio Attorney General's Subcommittee on Veterans Treatment Courts and Military Affairs, Stark County Veterans Task Force, VFW Post 1036 Auxiliary, and Women's Impact, Inc. She is a frequent volunteer for the Serving Area Military Center and Rebuilding Together Northeast Ohio.

#### SARA ZOLINSKI

Health System Administrator

Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM)

Sara Zolinski has been with the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) for the past five years as a health system administrator, concentrating in the Chapter One General Policy Section. Zolinski co-lead the ODM development of the standard authorization form and rule with guidance from the Ohio General Assembly, harmonizing state privacy law with federal law. Prior to her policy career with ODM, Zolinski was a rural health extension volunteer with the United States Peace Corps, serving in The Gambia, West Africa from 2012 to 2014. She received her Master of Public Health degree in public health and global development from Tulane University.