

**NASMHPD Annual 2021 Meeting
Presenter Bios**

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Thursday, September 9th

1:15 p.m. – 2 p.m. ET

Dialogue with Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, Ph.D., Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administrator of SAMHSA

Dr. Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon is currently Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. She previously served as Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) and served in this role for six years. Prior positions held at DMHAS include Deputy Commissioner, Senior Policy Advisor and Director of the department's Office of Multicultural Healthcare Equity. In her role as Commissioner, Dr. Delphin-Rittmon was committed to promoting recovery oriented, integrated, and culturally responsive services and systems that foster dignity, respect, and meaningful community inclusion.

2 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Ready to Respond: Mental Health Beyond Crisis and COVID-19

[Debra A. Pinals MD](#) is the Director of the Program in Psychiatry, Law, & Ethics and Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan Medical School and Clinical Adjunct Professor at the University of Michigan Law School. She also serves as the Medical Director of Behavioral Health and Forensic Programs for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Pinals was appointed as the Assistant Commissioner of Forensic Services from 2008 to 2016 and the Interim State Medical Director from 2012-2013 for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. She has worked in outpatient, inpatient settings, forensic and correctional facilities, emergency rooms and court clinics, has received public service awards and has been an expert witness in many cases. She is Board Certified in Psychiatry, Forensic Psychiatry, and Addiction Medicine. During her career she has consulted on complex systems cases for people with mental illness, substance use disorder, and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities who are receiving treatment or support in various places- such as in state hospitals, community and justice and forensic settings. She teaches and publishes extensively and has led and consulted on numerous federal grants including those related to opioids, juvenile justice, and behavioral health and justice partnerships. Recently she has been a lead subject matter expert on issues pertaining to competence to stand trial for the SAMHSA GAINS Center. She is a past President of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, current Chair of the American Psychiatric Association Council on Psychiatry and the Law, and past Chair of the Forensic Division and current Chair of the Medical Directors Division for the National Association for State Mental Health Program Directors. In her work with NASMHPD she has co-authored key policy papers including “*Beyond Beds: The Vital Role of a Full Continuum of Psychiatric Care*” and “*Crisis Services, Meeting Needs, Saving Lives.*” pinalsd@michigan.gov

2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The Effects of COVID-19 on Children, Youth, and Families

David Miller, MPAff, is NASMHPD's current Project Director. He has fourteen (14) years of direct state government experience and more than sixteen (16) years working at the National level. Mr. Miller has experience in delivering and directing a variety of multi-million dollar technical assistance projects to state and local entities related to behavioral health service delivery systems, including: SAMHSA's Transformation Transfer Initiative (to enhance state systems to advance recovery practices), its Employment Development project (to foster increased employment opportunities for people with mental health and/or substance use disorders), and the Technical Assistance Coalition project (which entails coordination with eight (8) national behavioral health organizations). Mr. Miller serves as Association lead on policy and technical assistance relating to the issues of Housing, Employment, Whole Health Integration, Olmstead Litigation, Co-Occurring MH/IDD Coordination, Peer Support Services, and Criminal Justice, including being staff liaison to NASMHPD's Housing Task Force and Criminal Justice Task Force. He also supports and directs NASMHPD's Children, Youth, and Families Division, Recovery Support Services Division, and Legal Division. Prior to coming to NASMHPD, Mr. Miller served as a division director in the Texas Governor's Office and the Executive Assistant to the Texas Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, where he was the liaison between the Commissioner, agency, and a 9-member operating board appointed by the governor. Mr. Miller holds a Master of Public Affairs degree from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin.

Kana Enomoto, Senior Knowledge Expert, is a nationally recognized expert in mental health, substance use, social determinants of health, and trauma. She is a consultant at McKinsey & Company and co-director of the Center for Societal Benefit through Healthcare. Kana has more than 20 years of experience as a federal executive in mental health and substance use policy, data, programs, and practice improvement. She is an adaptive leader with a strong record of achieving public policy goals, delivering programmatic impact, and inspiring organizational and social change.

Kenneth M. Rogers, MD has served as the state director for the South Carolina Department of Mental Health (SCDMH) since April 2020. He received his MD from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. He completed both his General Psychiatry residency and a Child Psychiatry fellowship at the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute/University of South Carolina. Dr. Rogers is Board certified in both General Psychiatry and Child Psychiatry. He also completed a Master of Science in Public Health from UCLA and Masters of Medical Management from the University of Southern California. His research, clinical, and academic focus during his 25-year career has been in the areas of cross-cultural issues, juvenile justice, and spirituality and mental health.

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

MHTTC Network: School Mental Health Initiative

[Heather Gotham, PhD](#), Clinical Associate Professor, works to improve access to effective care in the public mental health and addiction treatment systems. Her research uses implementation science to assist behavioral health providers in utilizing evidence-based treatments at national, state, and local levels. Currently, Dr. Gotham directs the Coordinating Office of the SAMHSA-funded Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC) Network, which consists of 10 regional centers, a National American Indian & Alaska Native Center, and a National Hispanic & Latino Center. The goal of this network is the dissemination and implementation of evidence-based mental health prevention, treatment, and recovery support practices across US states and territories. Dr. Gotham has significant experience in clinical teaching and training behavioral health and health care students and professionals, including 10 years with the Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) Network, as well as leading two SAMHSA-funded SBIRT health professions training grants. She has designed curricula and provided training and technical assistance to behavioral health and health professionals on treatments for adult and adolescent substance use disorders, implementing EBPs into behavioral health settings, co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, integrating behavioral and primary healthcare, and SBIRT.

Friday, September 10th

12 Noon – 1 p.m. ET

Preparing for 988 Implementation

[Matt Taylor](#) serves as Director of Network Development for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, the nation's largest network of independently-operated crisis call centers. In this role, he is responsible for growing the capacity of the network as a whole. He works closely with crisis contact center directors and both state and federal officials on strategic development opportunities and capacity expansion initiatives, particularly related to planning for 989. Prior to joining the Lifeline, Matt served as Executive Director of Forefront: Innovations in Suicide Prevention at the University of Washington in Seattle, as well as both Director of the Montana Safe Schools Center and Associate Director of The Institute for Educational Research and Service at the University of Montana in Missoula, where he lives.

[Wendy Morris](#) is the current Commissioner at the KY Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities. Morris joined BHDID in 2013 as deputy commissioner after previously holding various leadership positions in the field of behavioral health, including in-patient, out-patient and home health. She previously served as the executive director of Appalachian Regional Healthcare's (ARH) Psychiatric Center in Hazard, community chief nursing officer for ARH's Regional Medical Center, and clinical nurse specialist for ARH's Division of Home Services, where she implemented a corporate-wide psychiatric home health care program. Morris has also worked in community mental health, general hospital, and academic settings where she taught and mentored many who remain colleagues in the field today. She graduated with a M.S.N. in Community Health Nursing from the University of Kentucky and with a B.S.N. in Nursing from SUNY at Brockport.

[Trina Ita](#) is the Associate Commissioner for Behavioral Health Services with the Texas Health

and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Single State Authority (SSA) Representative for Texas for the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Block Grants. Trina holds a Master of Arts Degree in Community Agency Counseling, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology. She has over 29 years of experience working with diverse populations in the provision of mental health and substance use services. She has provided addictions counseling as well as mental health counseling services in private practice and with entities in both the public and private sectors. In her current role, Ms. Ita has purview over the full behavioral health services continuum which includes both mental health and substance use services.

Doug Thomas, MSW, LCSW, is the Director of the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, for the state of Utah. He serves on the Board of Directors of NASMHPD, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL), NASADAD and is an active member of the Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council (USAAV+). Doug has worked in the mental health and substance use disorder field for over 26 years in various capacities as a direct service provider and administrator. He has worked in both urban and rural settings and initiated the current State Suicide Prevention Coalition which takes a public health approach and utilizes local coalitions throughout Utah. He worked as a member of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to revolutionize Utah's criminal justice laws, especially with regard to individuals experiencing substance misuse or mental health conditions. He emphasizes screening, assessment, and cross-system collaboration to achieve shared goals. Doug is passionate about prevention, early intervention, crisis services and integrating these efforts into systems to produce lasting outcomes to reduce risk and increase the mental and emotional wellbeing of individuals, families, and communities in Utah.

1 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. ET

Suicide Prevention and 988: Effectiveness of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL)

Dr. John Draper has nearly 30 years of experience in crisis intervention and suicide prevention work, and is considered an international expert in crisis contact center practices (hotline, online chat, text services, etc.). Since 2004, Dr. Draper has been the Executive Director of the SAMHSA-funded National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800-273-TALK), overseeing all aspects of this service—including its subnetwork, the Disaster Distress Helpline—and the Lifeline's partnership with the VA in administering the Veteran's Crisis Line. As an expert in crisis services, Dr. Draper has regularly engaged with print, broadcast and web-based media for over 20 years. Dr. Draper has been quoted in *The New York Times*, *ABC News*, *The New York Post*, and *TIME* among others.

Madelyn Gould, PhD, MPH, is the Irving Philips Professor of Epidemiology in Psychiatry at the Columbia University Medical Center in the U.S. and a Research Scientist at the New York State Psychiatric Institute, where she directs the Community Suicide Prevention Research Group. For nearly four decades, she has attained internationally recognized expertise in the area of suicide prevention, conducting numerous federally funded grants from the National Institute of Health (NIMH), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), research studies with international collaborators, and

publishing several seminal articles on youth suicide risk and preventive interventions. Dr. Gould has a strong commitment to applying her research to program and policy development. Her current projects focus on the evaluation of suicide crisis interventions using new media (e.g., chat and text crisis services) as well as traditional telephone crisis services. This research has been used by SAMHSA and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to support the passage of the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020. Her research - most notably in the areas of suicide contagion/clusters; screening and assessment of suicide risk; and crisis interventions - has laid the groundwork for state, national and international suicide prevention programs.

2 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. ET

Law Enforcement and Crisis Services: Past Lessons for New Partnerships and the Future of 988

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Matthew L. Edwards, MD is a forensic psychiatry fellow at Emory University School of Medicine. He completed his psychiatry residency at Stanford Health Care, where he also served as Chief Resident, completed additional training in psychodynamic psychotherapy, and received distinctions in the medical humanities and clinical teaching. He graduated from Princeton with a degree in sociology, magna cum laude, and received his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, summa cum laude, with honors in medical humanities. A medical historian and a psychiatrist, Dr. Edwards has received numerous awards in recognition of his research, scholarship, advocacy, and service.

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. ET

Crisis Services Response for IDD and Other Special Populations

Debra A. Pinals, MD, is the Director of the Program in Psychiatry, Law, & Ethics and Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan Medical School and Clinical Adjunct Professor at the University of Michigan Law School. She also serves as the Medical Director of Behavioral Health and Forensic Programs for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Pinals was appointed as the Assistant Commissioner of Forensic Services from 2008 to 2016 and the Interim State Medical Director from 2012-2013 for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. She has worked in outpatient, inpatient settings, forensic and correctional facilities, emergency rooms and court clinics, has received public service awards and has been an expert witness in many cases. She is Board Certified in Psychiatry, Forensic Psychiatry, and Addiction Medicine. During her career she has consulted on complex systems cases for people with mental illness, substance use disorder, and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities who are receiving treatment or support in various places- such as in state hospitals, community and justice and forensic settings. She teaches and publishes extensively and has led and consulted on numerous federal grants including those related to opioids, juvenile justice, and behavioral health and justice partnerships. Recently she has been a lead subject matter expert on issues pertaining to competence to stand trial for the SAMHSA GAINS Center. She is a past President of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, current Chair of the American Psychiatric Association Council on Psychiatry and the Law, and past Chair of the Forensic Division and current Chair of the Medical Directors Division for the National Association for State Mental Health Program Directors. In her work with NASMHPD she has co-authored key policy papers including “*Beyond Beds: The Vital Role of a Full Continuum of Psychiatric Care*” and “*Crisis Services, Meeting Needs, Saving Lives.*”

Wendy Bailey is the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, a role she assumed in January 2021. She has been with the agency for 16 years, beginning her career at Mississippi State HospShe received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees and is a Licensed Mental Health Administrator. She serves on numerous boards and task forces including the Governor’s School Safety Task Force, Southeast Mental Health Technology Transfer Center

Advisory Board, Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services Board, State Early Childhood Advisory Council, and the Mississippi's Suicide Prevention Task Force.

[Mary Sowers](#) joined NASDDDS in 2014 and became the NASDDDS Executive Director on July 1, 2019. Before joining NASDDDS, Mary was with Mercer Government Human Services Consulting where she provided consultation and technical assistance to state governments on a wide array of Medicaid-related issues, with a focus on integrated care, home and community-based services and managed long-term services and supports. Prior to joining Mercer in 2011, Mary held senior positions with the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group within the Center for Medicaid, and CHIP Services (CMCS). During her tenure at CMS, Mary specialized in Medicaid home and community-based services, managed long-term services and supports (including strategies for reducing institutional reliance), self-direction, and strategies to design person-centered systems of care. Mary also has extensive experience within state government and non-profit organizations serving individuals with I/DD. Like many others in our field, Mary has also served as a direct support professional.

4 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. ET

SAMHSA Funded E4, Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health Disparities in Aging

[Brian R. Sims, MD](#), is the Senior Director of Medical and Behavioral Health for the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors, where he provides lectures and trainings both nationally and internationally on the practice of Trauma-Informed Care and the neurobiology of trauma. Most recently, he has been the lead for Trauma Informed Care in the Faith Based community. Dr. Sims is a former staff psychiatrist with Correctional Mental Health Services, an organization serving the mental health needs of inmates in 60 detention centers in 10 states, where he was responsible for the provision of care for more than 3,000 inmates. Before joining Correctional Mental Health Care Services, he was the Senior Director for Behavioral and Mental Health for Conmed Healthcare Management where he was responsible for the development of core strategic planning for the company's correctional mental health provisions in 8 states. Prior to his work with Conmed, Dr. Sims served with the State mental health system for 25 years and maintained a private practice for 10 years. Dr. Sims also previously served in the U.S. Army Reserve at Walter Reed working with soldiers with PTSD.

[Erin E. Emery-Tiburcio, PhD, ABPP](#), is an Associate Professor of Geriatric & Rehabilitation Psychology and Geriatric Medicine at Rush University Medical Center, as well as Co-Director of the Rush Center for Excellence in Aging (aging.rush.edu). She is past-Chair of American Psychological Association Committee on Aging, and past-President of the Society for Clinical Geropsychology. Dr. Emery-Tiburcio is Co-Director of CATCH-ON, the Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program based at Rush University Medical Center (www.catch-on.org). Dr. Emery-Tiburcio also co-directs the brand new Engage, Educate, Empower for Equity: E4, The Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health Disparities in Aging at Rush (www.e4center.org).

Monday, September 13th

1 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. ET

Disaster Behavioral Health through the Lens of COVID-19

Debra A. Pinals, MD, is the Director of the Program in Psychiatry, Law, & Ethics and Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan Medical School and Clinical Adjunct Professor at the University of Michigan Law School. She also serves as the Medical Director of Behavioral Health and Forensic Programs for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Pinals was appointed as the Assistant Commissioner of Forensic Services from 2008 to 2016 and the Interim State Medical Director from 2012-2013 for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. She has worked in outpatient, inpatient settings, forensic and correctional facilities, emergency rooms and court clinics, has received public service awards and has been an expert witness in many cases. She is Board Certified in Psychiatry, Forensic Psychiatry, and Addiction Medicine. During her career she has consulted on complex systems cases for people with mental illness, substance use disorder, and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities who are receiving treatment or support in various places- such as in state hospitals, community and justice and forensic settings. She teaches and publishes extensively and has led and consulted on numerous federal grants including those related to opioids, juvenile justice, and behavioral health and justice partnerships. Recently she has been a lead subject matter expert on issues pertaining to competence to stand trial for the SAMHSA GAINS Center. She is a past President of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, current Chair of the American Psychiatric Association Council on Psychiatry and the Law, and past Chair of the Forensic Division and current Chair of the Medical Directors Division for the National Association for State Mental Health Program Directors. In her work with NASMHPD she has co-authored key policy papers including “*Beyond Beds: The Vital Role of a Full Continuum of Psychiatric Care*” and “*Crisis Services, Meeting Needs, Saving Lives.*”

Ann Sullivan, MD, is currently the Commissioner of the New York State Office of Mental Health. As Commissioner, she is responsible for a multi-faceted mental health system that serves more than 800,000 individuals each year. The Office of Mental Health (OMH) operates psychiatric centers across the State, and oversees more than 4,500 community based programs. As Commissioner, she has guided the transformation of the state hospital system in its emphasis on recovery and expansion of community based treatment, reinvesting over 100 million dollars in community services; implemented the incorporation of critical recovery services for the seriously mentally ill in the Medicaid benefit plan and expanded services for the mentally ill in the criminal justice system and in community reentry. Working closely with all mental health providers and health plans, she has been guiding the integration of physical, mental health and substance use in care and treatment, the integration of early prevention, wellness and the social determinants of health in service delivery, and the statewide implementation of critical programs such as Zero Suicide, First Episode Psychosis Teams, crisis intervention services and school-based mental health clinics.

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Addressing Workforce Issues with Crisis Service Implementation: Short Term and Long-Term Strategies

Joan Gillece, PhD, has 40+ years of experience working in the behavioral health field, specializing in systems transformation through the implementation of trauma informed responses and the prevention of seclusion and restraint. As director of NASMHPD Center for Innovation in Behavioral Health Policy and Practice, she oversees contracts and provides technical assistance and training, helping transform systems across various disciplines including mental health, substance abuse, adult and juvenile justice and homeless services through various federal, state, local, and private contracts. Fortunate to have the opportunity to advance many systems across the country through various contract's she has overseen partnerships with SAMHSA's National Center for Trauma Informed Care, US DOJ Office of Victims of Crime services to underserved populations, MD Department of Juvenile Justice, DC and NY Department of Corrections, California Department of Behavioral Health, Casey Family Programs, Baltimore City Health Department and many more. She champions the cause of full consumer integration in the development of culturally competent programs. Dr. Gillece is committed to strength-based support by implementing trauma informed values with the overarching theme of healing. Prior to joining the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) in 2005, Dr. Gillece served as Director of Special Populations for Maryland's Mental Hygiene Administration.

Sheri Dawson, RN, BS, has served as Director of the Division of Behavioral Health in the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) since being appointed by Governor Pete Ricketts in 2015. She graduated from Bryan School of Nursing and Nebraska Wesleyan University. She has devoted over 34 years to the prevention, treatment and recovery of individuals with mental illness and/or substance use disorders and has been in healthcare for 40 years as a nurse. She has served in a variety of roles in Public Health and Behavioral Health at Nebraska DHHS over the last 20 years. Sheri served in nursing administration roles in mental health and substance use treatment in both private and public settings. She is passionate about ensuring behavioral health is a normalized and integrated part of the healthcare conversation.

Valerie Mielke is the Assistant Commissioner for the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) in the Department of Human Services and serves as the Single State Agency (SSA) for Substance Abuse and the State Mental Health Authority (SMHA) as designated by the US Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Division is responsible for the coordination, administration, management and supervision of the community public mental health system, and is also responsible for regulating, monitoring, planning and funding substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery support services. Valerie currently serves on the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) Board of Directors as the President.

Stephanie Woodard, PsyD was recently appointed as the Behavioral Health Authority for Nevada and is a licensed psychologist. She received her doctoral degree in clinical psychology from the Stanford University-Palo Alto University Doctor of Psychology Consortium in Palo Alto, California. Over the past 15 years, much of her work has included integration of behavioral health care within health care settings, effective treatment for individuals with complex co-occurring behavioral health issues and training clinicians in evidence-based practices to treat addiction. She works across the Department of Health and Human Services to develop

sustainable systems of care that support the implementation of best practices for the delivery of effective integrated health services.

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Supported Employment and the Continuum of Care

[Meighan Haupt, MS](#), has worked for the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) for over 20 years and has served as Chief of Staff since January 2016 where she serves in an advisory capacity to the Executive Director. Prior to this position she served as Associate to the Executive Director from 2000 – 2016 and Policy Associate from 1999-2000. Ms. Haupt has a wide array of project lead and writing experience and is the lead at NASMHPD on Deaf and Hard of Hearing issues. She was the project officer for a SAMHSA white paper contracted to NASMHPD entitled, “Trauma in the Deaf Population: Definition, Experience, and Services.” She has also overseen, contributed to, and edited two assessment working papers related to meeting the mental health service needs of people who are deaf and hard of hearing, which were funded through the SAMHSA Technical Assistance Coalition contract. She also served as the technical writer for a key NASMHPD Medical Directors Technical Report, synthesizing information from a diverse group of experts. Since 2001, Ms. Haupt has organized and coordinated NASMHPD Board of Directors Meetings and overseen NASMHPD’s monthly Meet-Me Calls. Ms. Haupt has extensive conference and meeting management experience and has overseen 27 NASMHPD semi-annual and annual Membership meetings and multiple experts meetings in coordination with the Executive Director and NASMHPD staff. Ms. Haupt received her Bachelor’s Degree in Family and Child Development from Virginia Tech in 1993 and her Master’s Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Virginia Tech in 2001.

[Robert Drake, MD, PhD](#), is a Vice President of the Westat Corporation and Professor (Retired), of The Dartmouth Institute on Health Policy and Clinical Practice, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, and the former Director of the Dartmouth Psychiatric Research Center. Dr. Drake has studied psychiatric rehabilitation for 50 years and published nearly 700 books and research articles. He is recognized internationally for his many contributions to transforming services toward greater alignment with client goals and the recovery process. Along with Deborah Becker, he developed the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) model of supported employment, one of the most successful and influential evidence-based practices in psychiatric rehabilitation. Dr. Drake has devoted his career to the conceptualization, development, evaluation, and dissemination of evidence-based practices, including IPS, integrated dual disorders treatment, and many other models. He has directed numerous randomized controlled trials, and has extensively reviewed the psychiatric rehabilitation literature.

[Mark Liverman](#) is the Director of Wellness and Employment at the TN Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. He works with community mental health providers across the state who use the My Health, My Choice, My Life peer-led health and wellness initiative and the Individual Placement and Support supported employment model to help individuals improve their health, wellness behaviors and find competitive integrated jobs. Mark’s 30+ years of professional experience began as a team leader in the United States Army. He has worked for the Tennessee Board of Probation and Parole as a hearings officer. Mark taught criminal justice

and general education classes for a local college and held a position as a campus director. In his role as campus director, he was responsible for managing the daily academic, financial and administrative performance of the campus. He holds a B.S. degree in Sociology, an M.S. degree in Human Development and Leadership, and an Education Specialist post master's degree in Education Leadership.

[Mandy Johnson](#) joined the Tennessee Department of Human Services as the Assistant Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services in 2017. Over the last four years she has introduced several transformation initiatives to modernize the vocational rehabilitation program. At the heart of each of these initiatives is a focus on the customer and the customer experience. Through the hard work of an amazing team of vocational rehabilitation professionals located across the state, the vocational rehabilitation program is on the path to becoming a more innovative and person-centered organization. Prior to joining DHS, Ms. Johnson served as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Quality and Compliance for the Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Division of TennCare, the state's Medicaid agency. In total she has over 20 years' experience managing federal, state and local government programs. Ms. Johnson holds a Bachelor of Science degree from East Tennessee State University and a Master of Arts from Indiana University.

3:15 p.m. – 4 p.m.

CCBHCs: Incubator for Innovation and Improving Crisis Services

[Chuck Ingoglia, MSW](#), is the president and CEO of the National Council for Mental Wellbeing where he leads the national charge to ensure people have access to quality, affordable mental health and addiction services. To accomplish this, he harnesses the voices and support of the more than 3,000 National Council members who serve over 10 million individuals nationwide. Chuck previously lead the organization's policy and practice improvement work, directing the organization's federal and state policy efforts and overseeing trainings and programs offered to more than 500,000 behavioral health professionals across the U.S. He has effected change at both the national and state level by playing a major role in policy advocacy and analyses issues relevant to behavioral health.

[Carrie Slatton-Hodges](#) is the Commissioner for the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Prior to her current role, Carrie served 12 years as Deputy Commissioner for ODMHSAS, overseeing treatment and recovery services statewide. She is committed to mental health and substance use prevention, treatment and recovery for Oklahomans and believes that everyone deserves to live a valuable, productive life in the community. Carrie has transformed the delivery of treatment services through innovative programming and strategically leveraging resources to improve Oklahoma's behavioral health, including the launch of Urgent Behavioral Health Care Centers, integrating Comprehensive Community Addiction Recovery Centers, developing a system of ambulatory detoxification services, and transitioning to an outcome-based payment system for Community Behavioral Health Centers. She been a Licensed Professional Counselor for 29 years.

Tuesday, September 14th

1 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Funding Opportunities for Expanding Crisis Stabilization Systems and Services

[Kirsten Beronio](#) has over 20 years of experience in federal policy development aimed at improving access to and quality of mental health and substance use disorder treatment. Her experience includes leadership positions in the Senate, advocacy organizations, and the executive branch of the federal government. She is currently Director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs for the National Association for Behavioral Healthcare. She previously served as the Senior Policy Advisor for Behavioral Health for the CMS Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services. Prior to that, Kirsten was director of the behavioral healthcare division within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Kirsten also served as a behavioral health subject matter expert within ASPE where her work focused on federal parity legislation and regulations, implementation of key provisions of the Affordable Care Act, and various policies in Medicaid, Medicare, and CHIP. Before working for HHS, she was Vice President for Federal Policy Development and Advocacy at Mental Health America (MHA). Prior to joining MHA, Kirsten served as Medicaid and CHIP Counsel for the United States Senate Finance Committee and held other positions in the Senate. She has a B.A. from Princeton University and a J.D. from Georgetown University.

[Sonja Gaines, MBA](#), has more than 25 years' experience leading community mental health services in Texas. Sonja came to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in 2014 as the first Associate Commissioner for Mental Health Coordination working across 23 state agencies. In 2016, Sonja also assumed leadership for the policy and delivery of community IDD and BH services within Texas HHSC as the Deputy Executive Commissioner for IDD and Behavioral Health Services. Sonja holds a master's degree in business administration from Texas Women's University, as well as bachelor's degrees in psychology and sociology from the University of Maryland and William Paterson University, respectively. Her vision is to create a unified approach to behavioral health services that allows Texans to gain access to care at the right time and place.

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

SMI Adviser and PO vs. LAI Antipsychotic Medications Evidence Based Guide to Policy Making

[Amy Cohen, PhD](#), is a licensed clinical psychologist and health services researcher who has dedicated her career to improving the quality of care for individuals with serious mental illness. The goal of her work is to eradicate inequities in physical and mental health outcomes for this population. Specifically, her work has focused on improving implementation and utilization of evidence-based practices for this population and reorganizing care to be recovery-oriented and patient-centered. Dr. Cohen's work has been continually funded through grants from the Veterans Administration, NIMH, SAMHSA, and foundations. Dr. Cohen is currently the Director of SMI Adviser, the Clinical Support System for Serious Mental Illness, implemented through the American Psychiatric Association, and funded by SAMHSA.

[Leon Ravin, MD](#) is a board-certified general adult and forensic psychiatrist who completed his residency and fellowship training at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic. He is currently serving in the position of Statewide Psychiatric Medical Director for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, DHHS, State of Nevada. Dr. Ravin holds academic appointments with several universities, including his appointment as a Clinical Professor with the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Medicine.

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Technology's Acceleration in Behavioral Health: COVID, 988, Social Media, Treatment and More

[Karen Stubbs Church, J.D.](#),

Karen joined the Louisiana Department of Health in 2013 and serves as the Assistant Secretary for the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Office of Behavioral Health (OBH). As head of the state Office of Behavioral Health, Karen leads policy decisions addressing prevention and treatment of mental illness, substance use disorders, and addictive disorders. Her office acts as monitors and subject matter consultants for the children's Medicaid Coordinated System of Care program and the Medicaid Healthy Louisiana managed care plans, which manage behavioral health services. OBH also delivers direct care through hospitalization and monitors behavioral health community-based treatment programs through the human services districts and authorities. In Karen's role as Assistant secretary she values collaboration with stakeholders to better serve the residents of Louisiana. OBH serves adults, families, children, adolescents, pregnant woman and the forensic population.

[Stephen Phillippi, J.D., Ph.D., L.C.S.W., C.C.F.C.](#), Associate Professor, LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans; Chair of Behavioral & Community Health at the LSU School of Public Health; Director of the Institute for Public Health and Justice and Founding Director of the Center for Evidence to Practice, New Orleans, Louisiana

3:15 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Mental Health System Development in Rural and Remote Areas during COVID-19

[Zoe Barnard](#), Administrator, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division, MT Department of Public Health and Human Services

Zoe Barnard is Montana's Mental Health Commissioner and the Administrator of the Addictive and Mental Disorders Division at the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. Her responsibilities include oversight of three healthcare facilities, including the State's public psychiatric hospital, as well as publicly funded prevention and treatment programs for substance use disorder and mental health. During her tenure as Montana's Commissioner, she oversaw the implementation of Medicaid Expansion in adult behavioral health in the State, which has allowed the State to invest in more universal and targeted prevention programs as well as to improve the crisis continuum of care, a significant challenge in a rural State. Prior to coming to the State of Montana, Ms. Barnard worked in and oversaw treatment programs in

Montana. She has a graduate degree in public policy from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

[Kevin Martone](#) is the Executive Director of the Technical Assistance Collaborative, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping our nation's mental health, addictions, homelessness, and affordable housing systems implement policies and practices that empower people to live healthy, independent lives in the communities they choose. Kevin has provided consultation to numerous federal, state and local agencies on a range of issues related to behavioral health systems, including Olmstead and community integration, crisis services, supportive housing, and Medicaid financing. Prior to TAC, Kevin spent six years at the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS) as the state mental health commissioner. During this time, he was on the NASMHPD Board for four years, including a year as Board President. Earlier in his career, he was CEO of a supportive housing agency and spent several years working in community mental health. He has taught courses at the Rutgers University School of Social Work and Tufts University School of Medicine. Kevin is currently president-elect for the National Association for Rural Mental Health.

Wednesday, September 15th

1 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. ET (*Please return to NASMHPD Annual 2021 Zoom Link*)

Anita Everett, M.D., Director, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Anita Everett

Dr. Everett is the Director of the Center for Mental Health Services. In this role, she provides executive leadership for federal efforts to improve the nation's mental health service systems. Prior to her arrival at SAMHSA, she served as the Section Chief of The Johns Hopkins Bayview Community and General Psychiatry in Baltimore, Maryland. She was on the faculty of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and the Bloomberg School of Public Health. At Hopkins, she directed 22 community psychiatry programs that provide a range of services to individuals from preschool age to older adults and through a range of programs that include intensive acute services as well as recovery support services for persons with Serious Mental Illnesses. More recently at Hopkins, she has been involved with the leadership of health system behavioral health integration into accountable care structures. Earlier in her career, Dr. Everett served as the Senior Medical Advisor to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. There she worked on the promotion of access to quality services and access to medications in the Medicare prescription drug benefit. From 1999 to 2003 she served as the Inspector General to the Office of the Governor in the Department of Mental Health in Virginia. During this time she completed over 80 inspections of Institutions operated and licensed to provide mental health services in Virginia. She received the Patrick Henry award for outspoken advocacy.

1:15 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Crisis Services State Planning and State 988 Legislation

[Christine L. Malik, MSW](#), is the Project Manager for the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD). In this role, Ms. Malik serves as the key lead on suicide prevention, crisis services, behavioral health integration, and mental health and aging initiatives by partnering with state mental health commissioners/directors, state and federal agencies,

members of Congress, behavioral health organizations, and other stakeholders. Responsibilities include providing training and technical assistance, developing educational materials, including white papers, support letters, and webinars; and participating in policy activities to monitor national mental health and substance abuse policy, provide guidance, and advocate when appropriate for the membership and constituents of NASMHPD. In addition, Ms. Malik administers the NASMHPD Older Persons Division to ensure service delivery for older adults with behavioral health needs. She has over 15 years of experience in the field of mental health and substance abuse working at county, state, and national levels. This firsthand experience has given her the knowledge and insight to promote policies and program changes that are person-driven and recovery oriented.

Matthew Taylor serves as Director of Network Development for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, the nation's largest network of independently-operated crisis call centers. In this role, he is responsible for growing the capacity of the network as a whole. He works closely with crisis contact center directors and both state and federal officials on strategic development opportunities and capacity expansion initiatives, particularly related to planning for 989. Prior to joining the Lifeline, Matt served as Executive Director of Forefront: Innovations in Suicide Prevention at the University of Washington in Seattle, as well as both Director of the Montana Safe Schools Center and Associate Director of The Institute for Educational Research and Service at the University of Montana in Missoula, where he lives.

Laura Evans currently serves as the Director for National and State Policy for Vibrant Emotional Health, administrators of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the Disaster Distress Helpline. In this role, she oversees a portfolio that includes many facets of healthcare policy, including suicide prevention, appropriations, telecommunications, and 988 implementation(!). With over 10 years of experience in health policy and government relations, Laura is proud to have begun her career in the Ohio General Assembly.