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Speaker Bios



Opening Session

Treating the Whole Person through Innovative Programs

Moderator

Erika Kerber, Esq., President/Executive Director, Community Health Law Project



Erika Kerber is the President/Executive Director at the Community Health Law Project (CHLP), a non-profit legal services organization which provides legal and advocacy services to low-income New Jersey residents living with disabilities, chronic health conditions, and the frail elderly. Ms. Kerber has been with CHLP for 19 years, moving up the ranks within the organization. She began her career at CHLP first as Supervising Attorney of its Monmouth/Ocean office, then as the Managing Attorney of that office. She then moved up to Director of Litigation and then Associate Executive Director to ultimately being appointed as the new President/Executive Director in January 2022.

Roger Borichewski, LCSW, CPC Behavioral Healthcare



Roger Borichewski is responsible for facilitating quality management and performance improvement activities at CPC. He provides guidance to staff regarding implementation and adherence to Federal and NJ State laws/regulations, as well as agency policy and procedures. As a NJ Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Roger manages CPC's internship program, supervises student interns and NJ Licensed Clinical Social Worker candidates, and provides individual therapy to agency clients as assigned.

Leslie Chaillet, RN MSN, Clinical Design Liaison, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ



Leslie Chaillet is a registered nurse for over 20 years. She earned her BSN in 1999 from Seton Hall University, School Nurse Certification in 2001 and her MSN in 2016 from Kean University. During her career, Leslie Chaillet has worked in a variety of healthcare settings including home health and clinics specializing in pediatrics. Leslie's current role at Horizon BCBSNJ is a Clinical Design Liaison working on the Community Health team supporting the Neighbors in Health program, Maternal Child Health Initiatives, and the current partnership with the Community Health Law Project. For over 15 years, Leslie has been fortunate to work alongside clinicians at the largest healthcare insurer in the state, supporting clinical operations, case management, quality and appeals. Leslie is passionate about providing whole person care and being mindful of each member's specific preferences and needs.





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Donna Coyle, LCSW, LCADC, CCS, Senior VP of Clinical Operations, CPC Behavioral Healthcare



As a critical part of the CPC team since 2006, Donna Coyle's leadership and impact on our mission is vast and far-reaching. She oversees the administrative and clinical components of our Outpatient Programs and Addictions Programs in Aberdeen, Freehold, Howell and Red Bank, as well as the Adult Partial Care Program, Community Youth Services Team, Integrated Case Management Services, Justice Involved Services, Supported Housing, Supported Employment, and PACT.

Mary Remhoff, RN, MSN, APN, Director, Center for Early Childhood & Family Support and the Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) Center Director/Clinical Team Supervisor



Mary Remhoff received a BSN in Nursing from Rutgers and MSN/APN from the College of New Jersey with a focus in Family Health Nursing. Ms. Remhoff has over 45 years of experience as a nurse working in clinical and leadership roles promoting the health and well-being of vulnerable children and their families. For twenty seven years Ms. Remhoff has worked at the VNACJ leading community based care management programs including Early Intervention and Special Child Health as well as, community coalitions and advisory boards. For the Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) Initiative she serves as Center Director-Clinical Team Supervisor for the Care Integration Managers, Advanced Care Management Teams and supporting the Partnership Council.

Sharae Robinson, Certified Community Health Worker, University Hospital, Horizon Neighbors In Health



Sharae Robinson is a Mentor, Advocate, Community health Worker and a Strategist. Sharae is the 1st Community Health Worker hired for a Program called Horizon's Neighbors in Health through University Hospital. As a CHW Sharae brings to population health a results driven desire to help the community of patients encountered make and reach short term and long term goals. Born and raised in Jersey City N.J. Sharae has been self-taught to recognize the resources available to her. Always being open minded and on a journey to foster continual growth Sharae's biggest asset she brings to the team is "lived experience." The ability to relate and show compassion to the members of Horizon Neighbors in Health has proven to be successful in meeting her objectives and progressing.





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Workshop 1

MEDICAID UNWINDING

Moderator

Meena Song, Esq., Director of Litigation, Community Health Law Project



Meena Song is the Director of Litigation at the Community Health Law Project ("CHLP"). She began serving as Managing Attorney of the CHLP Union and Hudson County Offices in 2018 and was promoted to the position of Director of Litigation in 2021. Ms. Song is a member of the Mental Health Association of New Jersey (MHANJ) Public Policy Committee as well as The Arc Government Affairs Committee. She also takes part in the HUD Stakeholder meetings and is involved in statewide tenancy advocacy initiatives. Prior to joining CHLP, Ms. Song practiced housing, consumer and family law at Northeast New Jersey Legal Services. Ms. Song obtained her law degree from Widener University School of Law and her bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware.

Michael Brower, Disability Rights of NJ



Michael Brower serves as the legal director at Disability Rights NJ, the private non-profit agency designated as the Protection and Advocacy system for people with disabilities in the state of New Jersey. He has worked as an attorney there since 2016, and has represented clients and worked on systemic issues affecting individuals with I/DD, brain injuries, physical disabilities, and mental health conditions. Before joining Disability Rights NJ, Michael represented people struggling with medical and consumer debt in NJ and PA. Michael received an undergraduate degree in history from The College of New Jersey in 2009 and his law degree from Rutgers Law School in Camden in 2012.

Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services of New Jersey



As Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in New Jersey's Department of Human Services, Jennifer Langer Jacobs leads New Jersey's Medicaid program and the Children's Health Insurance Program, which together are known as NJ FamilyCare. Jenn is passionate about making government programs work the best way possible for the people they serve. Before leading the largest long-term care plan in Florida, she spent eleven years in leadership at Amerigroup New Jersey, most recently as Chief Operating Officer. Earlier in her career, Jenn worked in the New Jersey Senate Majority Office on a range of legislative initiatives and taught fifth grade in Jersey City. She graduated summa cum laude from the honors college at Penn State and holds a master's degree in urban policy and planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.





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Beverly Roberts, Director, The Arc of New Jersey



Beverly Roberts has been the Director of The Arc of New Jersey's Mainstreaming Medical Care Program for more than 30 years, providing health care advocacy for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families. She provides information on a wide range of topics that are important to individuals with IDD including Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security income, dual eligibility for both Medicare and Medicaid, and Medicaid managed care. She serves on a number of work groups and committees, including the Medical Assistance Advisory Council (MAAC). Individuals with IDD who want to receive services from the NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities must have Medicaid. Therefore, she is often asked to provide individualized information about eligibility for the various Medicaid categories

Workshop 2

SENIORS – THEIR UNIQUE NEEDS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THEM

Moderator

Harold Garwin, Esq., Former Executive Director and Current Board Member, Community Health Law Project



Harold Garwin, Esq. is a West Orange resident and a 1972 graduate of Rutgers University School of Law. He is the former Executive Director of the Community Health Law Project, a statewide public interest legal and advocacy organization serving persons with disabilities since 1976, and serves as a current Board Member. He has been the Assistant Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of the Public Advocate, Staff Director for the Federal New Jersey Mental Health Plan, Counsel to the Director of the New Jersey Division of Mental Health Services, a Legal Services attorney, and Adjunct Professor at Seton Hall University's Master of Public Administration Program. He is the Past Chair of the Board of the Mental Health Association in New Jersey, Past Chair of the Board of New Jersey Shares, Past Chair of the Mental Health Association Public Policy Committee, Past Chair of the ARC of New Jersey Public Policy Committee and Past Chair of the Board of Arts Unbound.





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Rebecca Kolas, Esq., Managing Attorney, Community Health Law Project



Rebecca Kolas completed her undergraduate degree at Montclair State University and is a graduate of Seton Hall Law School. She has practiced law in the non-profit realm for over twenty years in various areas of law including Social Security, Entitlements and Housing. When not advocating for her clients, she spends her time at home with her husband and nine children.

Maria LaFace, Esq., Director, Ocean County Office of Senior Services



Maria La Face was appointed to the position of Director of the Ocean County Office of Senior Services on August 1, 2018. Ms. La Face graduated from Rutgers University with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science in 1990 and went on to earn her Juris Doctorate at Golden Gate University in San Francisco, CA in 1994. She is licensed to practice law in both New Jersey and California. In 2009, Ms. La Face also earned a Leadership Certificate from Columbia University, New York, New York. Ms. La Face was appointed to the Age-Friendly State Advisory Council on March 2, 2021. As the Director of Senior Services, Ms. La Face focuses her advocacy efforts on the rights of Older Adults in Ocean County. In her role as the Director for the Ocean County Office of Senior Services, she is committed to ensuring that our seniors have access to the services needed to allow them to live independently in their homes and communities with the dignity and respect they deserve.

Megan O'Keefe, Executive Director Caregivers Volunteers of Central Jersey



Megan O'Keefe is the Executive Director of Caregivers Volunteers of Central Jersey, a non-profit that provides over 30,000 hours annually of free supportive services to seniors to help them age in their homes as a part of their community. To help Caregiver Volunteers navigate new challenges in implementing their volunteer program during the pandemic, she led a digital strategy that streamlined workflow, allowing staff to run the program remotely. These automated processes increased capacity without adding fixed overhead costs. They collected program data to provide real-time insight to trends in service requests and grow their database from 4,000 to 11,000 people. Since the implementation of this system, Caregiver Volunteers has been able to grow their core programs in Ocean and Monmouth Counties and will be adding two new services in 2023- The Handy-Andy, a volunteer handyman service for seniors, and The Health Hop, a partnership with Uber Health to arrange rides to medical appointments for seniors.





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Workshop 3

ADDRESSING THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

Moderator

Kimberly E. Devinney, M.A., Assistant Director of Administration, Community Health Law Project



Kimberly Salomon Devinney is the Assistant Director of Administration at the Community Health Law Project. She obtained a Masters Degree in Forensic Psychology at John Jay College in Manhattan, NY. She previously was a disability advocate at the Union and Hudson County Office for over 20 years. Ms. Devinney spent years representing the low income, frail elderly and disabled population in the areas of public entitlements, consumer matters and home care issues, and insurance appeals. Ms. Devinney recently moved into the Administrative Office in 2021.

Mary Jo Buchanan, LCSW, MPA, Executive Director, Ocean Partnership for Children



Mary Jo Buchanan has been the Executive Director of Ocean Partnership for Children, Ocean County's Care Management Organization (CMO) for the past seven years. Prior to coming to Ocean County, Mary Jo worked in Morris County, for County government as the Director of Human Services and Assistant County Administrator, and as the Executive Director of Family Service of Morris County. She has over 40 years' experience in the field of social work, including in a hospital, Easter Seal Society, United Way, Child Guidance Clinic, and a domestic violence shelter. Mary Jo currently serves as the Board Secretary for the New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies (NJAMHAA) and as a Board member of the Toms River Business Improvement District. She also serves as an appointed member of the Ocean County CIACC, Workforce Development Board, and is Co-Chair of the Youth Services Commission.





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Diana Salvador, PsyD., Clinical Director, The Children's System of Care,
NJ Department of Children and Families



Diana Salvador is the Clinical Director of the Children's System of Care and a licensed Clinical Psychologist and School Psychologist. She has worked in the field for over twenty years in the public behavioral health sector with a focus on increasing access to care and reducing health disparities. In her current role Dr. Salvador is charged with addressing complex youth specific issues, identifying gaps in services, leading system improvement efforts and supporting the implementation of innovative projects designed to ensure NJ children, young adults and families have access to high quality care.

Jacques Hryshko, LPC, ACS, Chief Executive Officer, Family Connections



Jacques Hryshko, LPC joined Family Connections 30 years ago as a clinician providing both in-office and in-home treatment services. He has extensive experience in working with families who are involved with the child welfare system. He has served as the CEO of Family Connections for the past 7 years. Jacques currently serves as the Board Chair of the New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies.

Konniesha Moulton, LMFT, Chief Operating Officer, In Community Services & Inclusion



Konniesha Moulton is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and the COO of In Community and Inclusion at Family Connections. She has more than 10 years of experience working with the child welfare system and the Children System of Care; including roles in, in-home therapeutic treatment, out of home placement facilities, juvenile justice and community resource agencies. She has also created new program initiatives to enhance ongoing support for families and children within the community. Ms. Moulton has been trained in various evidence-based and promising practices of trauma treatment, including Attachment Self-Regulation and Competence (ARC), ARC GROW, Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT), Sensory Motor Arousal Regulation Treatment (SMART), Motivational Interviewing and the Integrative Treatment of Complex Trauma for Adolescents (ITCT-A).

