

6TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Transforming Advanced Practice Postgraduate Training
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Kerry Bamrick, MBA

Kerry Bamrick is the Executive Director for the Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers (“the Consortium”). In this role, she serves as the key management leader of the Consortium. Bamrick is responsible for overseeing the administrative, fiscal, and technical, programs and services of the Consortium, while carrying out the strategic plan of the organization. As the Executive Director, key responsibilities include oversight of the development, implementation, and operation of the Accreditation Commission of the organization in accord with the rules governing that Commission, supporting the business growth and development of accreditation business for the consortium, and maintaining its Federal Recognition as an accreditor by the U.S. Department of Education. Over the last sixteen years, she has been directly involved in the growth and development of the organization including moving it from an informal group of six organizations to becoming its own 501c3. In addition, Bamrick was a member of the accreditation planning committee and contributed to the development of consortium’s accreditation standards. She served as both faculty and trainee in the online accreditation site visitor-training program.

Bamrick is a recognized leader in the area of postgraduate nurse practitioner residency training. She has extensive experience in both managing postgraduate nurse practitioner residency training programs and serving as a content expert to organizations interested in implementing postgraduate APP residency and fellowship programs. Prior to becoming the Executive Director, she managed Community Health Center, Inc.’s (CHCI’s) remotely hosted nurse practitioner residency programs in the states of California, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Washington. Bamrick served as the Co-Principal Investigator for HRSA’s National Cooperative Agreement (NCA) on Clinical Workforce Development focused on providing training and technical assistance to health centers interested in transforming teams and training the next generation. Her passion and interest in this field is reflected in her work nationally.

Bamrick has an undergraduate degree from Merrimack College and a Master’s Degree in Business Administration from Western New England College.



Ramona Benkert PhD, ANP-BC, FAANP

Ramona Benkert, PhD, ANP-BC, FAANP, is a Professor and Associate Dean of Academic and Clinical Affairs at Wayne State University, College of Nursing. Dr. Benkert conducts research focused on explicating the role of medical mistrust, racial identity and cultural competence on adherence to primary care recommendations and quality of care. Her research has focused on the role of nurse practitioners and other primary care providers in nurse managed and traditional primary care settings. Dr. Benkert has received numerous Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grants. She is currently the principal investigator (PI) for the statewide Area Health Education Center (AHEC) in Michigan and the PI of a Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention (NEPQR) grant focused on enhancing the registered nurse role in primary care.



Charise Corsino, MA

Charise Corsino is the Program Director for Community Health Center, Inc.’s (CHCI’s) Nurse Practitioner Residency Training Programs. In this role Charise manages the operations and growth of CHCI’s NP Residency Programs which includes training programs for Family, Adult-Gerontology, Pediatric, and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners. In addition, Charise also serves an expert faculty and coach on the National Collaborative Agreement on Clinical Workforce Development funded through HRSA. In this role, Charise supports organizations in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of new postgraduate NP Residency Programs at FQHCs across the country. Charise has developed expertise in the development, planning, implementation and operation of postgraduate NP Residency Programs, particularly focused on the safety net setting. Charise also serves as a member on CHCI’s Emerging Leadership Team as well as Weitzman’s Education Programs Leadership team.

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Charise joined CHCI in 2010 as the Program Manager for the Statewide Mobile Program and Community Wellness Programs, overseeing the organization's in-school dental program, Community Health Corps program, and a portfolio of community wellness programs. In 2012, Charise became the Director of Middlesex County Sites, managing the daily operations of three of CHCI's primary care health center locations. She joined the Weitzman Institute in 2014 as a Program Manager for the NP Residency Programs. Charise completed training at the Dartmouth Institute and is a certified Clinical Microsystems coach. She also completed a 10-month Health Leadership Fellowship through the Connecticut Health Foundation focused on system-based strategies for reducing racial and ethnic health disparities in Connecticut.

Charise earned a Bachelor of Science in Health Care Management from the University of Connecticut's School of Business and a Masters of Arts degree in Health Communication from Emerson College in collaboration with Tufts University School of Medicine.



Johannah Crogan, ARNP, CPNP

Johannah Crogan is the Pediatric Acute Care Fellowship Director at Seattle Children's Hospital. She is a board certified pediatric nurse practitioner working as an advanced practice provider in the Emergency Department at Seattle Children's Hospital since 2012. She completed her advanced practice training at Boston College in 2008 and worked in pediatric primary care in both Boston and Seattle prior to joining Seattle Children's. She has been involved in the APP Fellowship program since its inception in 2017, initially as a clinical preceptor, before becoming more involved in the development and management of the program and ultimately the director in 2022. Johannah is passionate about providing education and mentorship to newly graduated APPs and seeing them develop the skills and confidence necessary to provide excellent care for children in an ever-evolving complex healthcare system.



Bethany Croke, MSN, FNP-BC

Bethany Croke has been the Clinical Program Manager of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's FNP Residency since the program's inception in 2021. A graduate of Boston College Connell School of Nursing, she returned to Boston College in 2021 to pursue a Doctorate of Nursing Practice and recently joined their faculty. Bethany demonstrates a strong commitment to underserved populations and to the development of new nurse practitioners. She has provided primary care in the community health setting for more than 11 years. Additionally, since 2016, Bethany has helped foster the mentorship program for new graduate and new hire nurse practitioners in EBNHC's family medicine department.



Laina Cross, MSN, APRN, FNP-C

Laina Cross is a family nurse practitioner currently practicing at Community Health Center, Inc. (CHCI) in Clinton, Connecticut. She completed her undergraduate training at Carleton College, majoring in Biology as well as French and Francophone Studies. After receiving her masters in nursing from Boston College in 2019, she completed a postgraduate NP residency at CHCI's Middletown location. Laina is passionate about primary care and NP education, and precepts both NP students and residents. Her mission is to provide high-quality, evidence-based primary care to her patients and to enable novice nurse practitioners to learn how to do the same.



Radha Denmark, DNP, FNP-C, FHM

Dr. Radha Denmark is a nurse practitioner hospitalist and the Director of Advanced Practice Education and Professional Development at UNM Hospital, where she's worked for the last 17 years. She completed a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of New Mexico in 2007 and a Master of Science–Family Nurse Practitioner from Frontier Nursing University in Kentucky in 2012. She completed a Doctorate in Nursing Practice from Frontier in March 2023, focusing on Improving Patient Safety with a Pressure Injury Prevention Bundle in a Trauma-Surgical Intensive Care Unit. Radha co-founded two APP fellowships at UNM in 2019 and currently has oversight of all four programs in Hospital Medicine, Critical Care, General Surgery, and Pediatric Diabetes. She received recognition for that work with an Award for Innovative Educational Program in Hospital Medicine and a faculty appointment from the UNM School of Medicine. Radha speaks and consults nationally on her favorite topics, including APP preceptor development, remediation, and transition to practice. She also loves to garden, run, and spend time with her two-year-old granddaughter Amaia.



Patricia Dennehy, DNP, NP-C, FAAN

Dr. Patricia Dennehy is the owner and Principal of Dennehy & Associates LLC, a NP owned consulting firm.

Dr. Dennehy is currently working with the LA County Department of Health Services (LACDHS) on projects examining the roles of advanced practice providers throughout the system. She is currently contracted to lead a three-year project creating an organizational structure for Advanced Practice Providers. Included in this contract is the first postgraduate Nurse Practitioner Residency Program, a Professional Advancement Model, and evaluation of organizational standards for employment and practice.

Prior to her work in LA, she was a Principal Consultant for Health Management Associates. She led many projects including a 3-year grant with the State of Idaho taking 55 primary care practices through Primary Care Medical Home (PCMH) recognition/certification a year (total 165 practices over project period).

Dr. Dennehy had a long, rich history at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF). She had clinical practices in Women's Health and Adult Internal Medicine. She was a Professor of Nursing and Director of Glide Health Services in San Francisco. Glide was a collaboration between the School of Nursing, Glide Foundation, Catholic Healthcare West–Saint Francis Memorial Hospital and the SF Department of Health Services. Her work included leading projects funded by a variety of sources including multiple grants from HRSA Division of Nursing and Public Health and many private foundations. She was the author and Project Director of the first HRSA grants for NP Residencies granted to UCSF/Glide and included UCLA as a sub-recipient.

Dr. Dennehy is a healthcare leader and strong spokesperson for nursing's and advanced practice providers' contribution to healthcare access and quality. She served on the Board of Directors for the following organizations: National Nurse Practitioner Residency & Fellowship Training Consortium (NNPRFTC), National Nursing Centers Consortium and the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium. In her work with the NNPRFTC she was a founding member, is Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, and Chair of the Membership Committee.

Dr. Dennehy received her BSN and FNP from Sonoma State University, MSN from the University of California San Francisco and DNP from Rush University. In 2012, she was the recipient of the James Irvine Leadership Award for her "creative and inspirational leadership benefiting the people of California" for increasing the access to primary care through the use of nurse practitioner providers in expanded roles. In 2014, she received the Dr. Francis Curry Award for promoting the role of nurses in primary care.



Mitchel Erickson, DNP, MS, BSN, BSc, ACNP-C

Dr. Mitchel Erickson is a board-certified acute care nurse practitioner who practiced as an emergency medicine provider for 25 years and previously worked as a hospitalist and in primary care. He has filled several leadership roles. He was the first to develop the role of UCSF Health's Chief of Advanced Practice overseeing 600 APPs and the first to Chair the California Board of Registered Nursing's Advanced Practice RN Advisory Committee. His role as Chief helped mobilized advanced practice leadership across all University of California health systems to address common practice and administrative optimization. At UCSF Health he focused on APP onboarding for newly hired APPs to address provider attrition and engagement and published the data in 2023. He is currently building and optimizing a 3-year collaboration between the Department of Emergency Medicine and Division of Geriatrics creating an age-friendly model of care in the emergency department utilizing advanced practice providers.

Dr. Erickson maintains his role as an Associate Clinical Professor position at UCSF School of Nursing and is a consultant to the Los Angeles Dept of Health Services APP workforce. He completed his Doctor of Nursing degree at UCSF in 2022 focusing on medication self-management for older adults in the emergency department during medication reconciliation and received the 2022/2023 American Association of Colleges of Nursing's Excellence in Advancing Nursing Practice award in recognition of his doctoral work.



Margaret Flinter, PhD, APRN, FNP-c, FAAN, FAANP

Margaret Flinter is Senior Vice President and Clinical Director of the Community Health Center, Inc. and its parent organization, the Moses/Weitzman Health System. She is a family nurse practitioner by clinical training. She earned her BSN from the University of Connecticut, her MSN from Yale University, and her PhD from the University of Connecticut. She was the recipient of a Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellowship from 2002-2005. In 2021, she was honored with a Yale-Jefferson Award for her steadfast dedication to providing healthcare services for those in need.

Following her graduate training at Yale University, Margaret joined the Community Health Center, Inc. (CHCI) in 1980 as a National Health Service Corps Scholar and CHCI's first nurse practitioner. Since 1987, she has held both clinical and administrative leadership roles in the organization and established the Weitzman Center, now the Weitzman

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Institute, in 2005 as the research, development, and training arm of CHCI. Margaret continues to serve as senior faculty for the Institute. In 2007, she launched the first formal postgraduate NP residency training program at CHCI, and has worked nationally at the policy, practice, and organizing level to expand the model nationally. She serves as Chairperson of the Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers.



Robert Gamboe, PA-C

Robert Gamboe, PA-C is the Program Director of the Shasta Community Health Center NP/PA Postgraduate Fellowship in Primary Care. He graduated from Midwestern University PA Program in Glendale Arizona in 2011. He has been a PA in Family Medicine at Shasta Community Health Center since 2014. Prior to coming to Shasta Community Health Center, he was a PA in the United States Navy Medical Service Corp, practicing in fields such as Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics and Emergency/Trauma/Battlefield Medicine. He currently serves on the Accreditation Commission for the Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers.



Ann Marie Hart, PhD, FNP-BC, FAANP

Dr. Ann Marie Hart is a professor and the DNP program director at the University of Wyoming's Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing, where she has been teaching NP students since 2003. She has also served as the Chair of the University of Wyoming's Institutional Review Board (IRB) since 2020. Her scholarship focuses on improving health through better pre-graduate NP education and postgraduate NP training, and she has conducted several studies looking new NPs' preparedness for practice and interest in postgraduate education, as well as their experiences in postgraduate NP residency programs. Ann Marie has been a member of Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers since 2014 and is currently the Vice Chair of the Accreditation Commission. In addition, Ann Marie has 25 years of adult primary care practice experience and currently practices at the Downtown Clinic, a progressive, free clinic for uninsured, low-income adults in Laramie, WY. Ann Marie received her BSN from Virginia Commonwealth University, her MSN from the University of Wyoming, and her PhD in Nursing from the University of Colorado's College of Nursing and is also a fellow in the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

Ann Marie is originally from southern West Virginia, where she learned to love rural communities and the nurse leaders who serve them. She moved to Wyoming with her husband in 1994 to attend graduate school. Although they only planned to stay in Wyoming for 2 years, they fell in love with the Rocky Mountains and the frontier nature of Wyoming and decided to call Laramie "home", where with their two sons, they enjoy the perks of a small university town and the best of the great outdoors..



Amy Hite, EdD(c), DNP, APRN, FNP-C

Dr. Hite has extensive education and clinical practice in rural healthcare. This is evident through her history of service, leadership, mentoring, and organizational skills; from serving on regional, national and international organization boards, committees, and task forces. Dr. Hite has taught in undergraduate and graduate nursing courses at Pittsburg State University, since 2004. She has successfully secured three federal HRSA Grants: one for a rural Nurse Practitioner Residency and two for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Projects. She serves as the Project Director for these grants. Dr. Hite has been actively involved in Professional Identity in Nursing, since 2018. She serves on the membership committee and conference planning committee for the Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers. She is an NP Residency and Fellowship site visitor for the Consortium and CCNE. Dr. Hite maintains her clinical practice, as an Emergency Department Nurse Practitioner at a Rural Level III Trauma Center.



DoQuyen Huynh, DNP, FNP, ARNP, FAAN

Dr. DoQuyen (Quyen) Huynh is an innovative leader and equity practitioner with more than a decade of primary care experience, programmatic development, business strategies and public speaking. She transforms healthcare through shaping policies, caring for underserved populations, and building the next generation of clinicians to serve those most vulnerable.

She spent over a decade providing primary care to immigrant and disenfranchised communities at Seattle's International Community Health Services. At this clinic, she created and directed one of the most successful NP residencies in the country, setting the benchmark for others. In 2013, Dr. Huynh was one of the pioneers who developed accreditation standards and formed the official National Nurse Practitioner Residency & Fellowship

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Training Consortium (Consortium) to advance rigor and quality of NP training in the United States. She was appointed to the Consortium's Board, and to chair their Accreditation Commission. As the owner of several successful businesses outside of healthcare, Dr. Huynh's pragmatic approach allows for innovative solutions that are sustainable. She has counseled dozens of healthcare institutions throughout the U.S. and Canada on NP education, workforce development and business strategies.

After receiving various awards and recognitions from local and national organizations like AANP and ANA, she was appointed to Seattle University College of Nursing as the director of the DNP/FNP Program. In 2021, she was recruited to fill the inaugural role of Health Equity Director at the Washington State Health Care Authority, to ensure that the state's health policies are created with the diverse and underserved in mind. Through her work, Dr. Huynh hopes to build a just and equitable society for her four children.

Dr. Huynh received a BA from the University of Washington before earning her BSN, MSN and DNP in Systems Leadership from Seattle University.



Vasco Deon Kidd, DHSc, MPH, MS, PA-C

Dr. Vasco Deon Kidd has practiced orthopaedic surgery for nearly 20 years and is an alumnus of the Orthopaedic Surgical Fellowship Program at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC). He received his undergraduate degree from California State Dominguez Hills, a Master's degree in health professions education, and a physician assistant certificate of completion from Western University of Health Sciences. He also completed a second Master's degree in public health from UCLA, and a Doctor of Health Science from A.T. Still University-College of Graduate Health Studies (ATSU-CGHS). In addition, he completed a teaching excellence fellowship at the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio.

He has won numerous awards including a teaching appreciation award in orthopaedic surgery from Kaiser Permanente Family Medicine Residency Program. He has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications and is a content expert in physician assistant/nurse practitioner postgraduate residency/fellowship training, utilization, and optimization of advanced practice providers. He has presented at national conferences and is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) and American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). He has extensive leadership experience serving on numerous boards and committees.

Dr. Kidd is an Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Director of Advanced Practice Providers at the University of California Irvine. He is responsible for all facets of the delivery of care provided by 225 APPs including program advocacy, outreach, regulatory compliance, credentialing, and business case development.



Lindsay Marmaras, MSN, APRN, FNP-C

Lindsay Marmaras is a family nurse practitioner working at Community Health Center, Inc. (CHCI), in Connecticut. She graduated from Yale School of Nursing in 2018 with her MSN, and continued on to complete a one year nurse practitioner residency program in primary care at CHCI. In addition to her role as a staff primary care provider, she also serves as a preceptor for both the CHCI NP Residency Program as well as for NP students at Yale, University of Connecticut, and Quinnipiac University. Mrs. Marmaras gives didactic presentations surrounding clinical and charting efficiency as well as personal resiliency in practice to the CHCI NP residents. Since 2021, she has served as a clinical telehealth and simulation specialist for the NP Residency Program at CHCI, creating and facilitating clinical simulation learning experiences for the residents. Prior to obtaining her advanced degree, she graduated magna cum laude from Brandeis University with a degree in public health. She is currently published in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, and the *Journal of Asthma* regarding her previous work in asthma health disparities with the Community Asthma Initiative at Boston Children's Hospital.



Garrett Matlick, DNP, MPH, APRN, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC

Dr. Matlick is a family and psychiatric nurse practitioner working at Community Health Center, Inc.'s (CHCI's) Stamford location and a graduate of CHCI's NP Residency '18-'19 cohort. Beyond management of chronic medical conditions, he treats substance use disorders, HIV, Hepatitis C, and has a split medical and psychiatry patient panel. In addition to his work as a clinician, he also serves as a faculty member of CHCI's NP Residency Program as a regular preceptor and didactic presenter. His work in postgraduate training extends into accreditation site visits for the Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers. Dr. Matlick's original degree is in photography and music at the University of Arizona after which he joined the Peace Corps as a Community Health Educator in Cambodia from

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2010 to 2013. Upon return to the U.S., he obtained his accelerated BSN from the University of Missouri–Kansas City, his MSN-FNP and MPH from Johns Hopkins University, and his DNP-PMHNP from Rush University. He is currently published in the *American Journal of Nursing*, the *Journal of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners*, and *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*.



Natalie May, PhD

Natalie is Associate Professor of Research at the UVA School of Nursing with 30 years of experience researching, writing, and teaching. She is the lead author of *Appreciative Inquiry in Healthcare*. An investigator for the Wisdom in Medicine Project, she co-authored *Choosing Wisdom: The Path Through Adversity* and the PBS film *Choosing Wisdom*. Her current research includes the Mattering in Healthcare study; the Cultures of Mattering in Healthcare Education study; and the Wisdom from Within: Nurse Managers study. She is also project director for the Wisdom and Wellbeing Peer Support Training grant at UVA, funded by HRSA, and she is co-author of *Self-Care for New and Student Nurses and Self Care for Nurses: Small Doses for Wellness*.



Katherine O'Brien (Katie), MSN, APRN, FNP-C

Katherine O'Brien is the Residency Program Director of EBNHC's Family Nurse Practitioner Residency Program. Katherine received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 2003. During this time she served as a Teaching Assistant in the Psychology Department and as a Research Assistant in Child Development. She furthered her education at Regis College from 2005-2008 where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree and Master of Science Degree in Nursing. During her time at Regis College, she was in the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Pi Epsilon Chapter. She is currently attending Regis College to earn her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree with a concentration in Leadership.

Katherine received her board certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner in 2008 from the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. She began working for EBNHC in 2008 as a Family Nurse Practitioner and has spent the past 13 years committed to providing care to the underserved in a community setting.

From 2009–2014, Katherine served as a member of the National Health Service Corps. In 2014 she began teaching at MGH Institute of Health Profession as an adjunct faculty member in the FNP Program. In August of 2016 she transitioned from working as a team anchor NP to the health centers first NP PCP and assisted in opening a satellite site for the Family Medicine Department in Winthrop, Massachusetts.

Katherine has a deep passion for providing care to the most vulnerable patient population in a community setting and for educating and mentoring the next generation of Nurse Practitioners. She lives in Peabody, Massachusetts with her husband Justin, and two children, Madelyn, age 4, and Liam, age 3.



Kameron Owens, FNP-C, MSN

Kameron Owens, FNP has been the Nurse Practitioner Residency Program Director at Santa Rosa Community Health for the last two years. She spearheaded a post-residency fellowship program where NP resident graduates complete a year-2 program and specialize in an area of primary care. Additionally, she served as a Clinician Lead and Associate Medical Director at Santa Rosa Community Health during the reopening of a clinic lost to fire and continued this for the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic. She has been an NP for 18 years, graduating from UCSF and has worked in tribal health, community health and FQHCs in California, Nevada and Hawaii. From 2006 to 2014 she was the Director of Nursing for the Washoe Tribal Health Center in Nevada. Kameron has been a preceptor and mentor to NP students and residents for over 10 years. She completed the UCSF Clinical Education Skills Certificate in 2021 and the UC Irvine Primary Care Psychiatry Fellowship in 2020. Kameron is currently a fellow in the UC Irvine Primary Care Training and Education in Addiction Medicine Fellowship and she holds a weekly Medication Assisted Treatment clinic as part of her practice.



Luis Padilla, MD

Dr. Luis Padilla is the associate administrator for health workforce at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). He also serves as director of the National Health Service Corps (NHSC).

Working in partnership with states and numerous national and local organizations, HRSA uses its annual budget to strengthen the health care workforce, build healthy communities, increase health equity, and provide health care and support services to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically vulnerable, or live in a health professional shortage area.

The Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW) aims to better meet the need for a well-trained, well-distributed 21st century workforce by strengthening the health workforce and connecting skilled professionals to communities in need. With an annual appropriation of more than \$1.65 billion, the bureau administers over 50 workforce programs with a staff of more than 450. BHW improves access to quality health care by developing, distributing, and retaining a diverse and culturally competent health workforce. The bureau supports the health care workforce across the entire education and training to service continuum—from academic training of nurses, physicians, and other clinicians to clinicians currently providing health care in underserved and rural communities across the United States.

Dr. Padilla was appointed associate administrator for BHW in May 2016. He also serves as director of the National Health Service Corps, BHW's largest program, with a field strength of more than 20,000 clinicians nationwide. Prior to joining BHW, Dr. Padilla was senior health policy advisor to the CEO of Unity Health Care in Washington, D.C., a federally qualified health center network with over 100,000 patients. A committed advocate for the underserved, Dr. Padilla is a former NHSC Scholar who completed his service at Unity's Upper Cardozo Health Center, where he also served as its medical director. He served on the National Advisory Council of the NHSC from 2007 to 2010.

Dr. Padilla received a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and a Bachelor of Science in biology from the University of California at Irvine. He earned his medical degree from Wake Forest School of Medicine and completed his family medicine residency at Brown University.



Milagros Pilla

Milagros Pilla, formerly of Thundermist Health Center (THC) in West Warwick, RI, is a current Advanced Practice Provider Consortium National Conference Planning Committee member. In her 19 plus years at THC, she served as Program Manager for both the Primary Care and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Fellowships through four cohorts for each program. On assuming this role back in 2020, a program goal was to achieve national accreditation through the APP Consortium. In under 13 months both programs achieved this milestone through a lot of teamwork, persistence, and commitment. She is grateful for the experience and opportunity to contribute to this process in meeting accrediting national standards and program contractual obligations while balancing operational demands.

Back in 2004, during her time working with then Rhode Island Congressman Patrick Kennedy in his district office as Constituent Caseworker, Milagros met and worked closely with the team at THC. Their mission and dedication to their community members led her to start her long career at the agency. Her experience with case management and operations was a natural lead into her eventual role in Human Resources as a Recruitment, Credentialing and Privileging Specialist. The role allowed her passion toward the agency mission, and institutional knowledge, a natural setting of inclusion and support to incoming providers. "Being a part of the initial integration into our company, connecting on a human level with kindness and joy in what I do was just a natural way to get to meet anyone where they were and hopefully, helping them acclimate successfully."

Milagros used her determination and knowledge to foster community relationships which included over 10 years as a board member at West Bay Community Action Agency and three years at MentorRI. Her time at THC included founding and co-leading the agencies first ERG (Employee Resource Group) for those who identified as Latin, were raising a Latin child, or were committed to the groups undertaking. She joined the National Conference Planning Committee back in the summer of 2021. "I am so proud to have been a part of this team especially during such a difficult time in our nation's recent history. The COVID-19 pandemic had underscored the critical importance of the nursing profession in ensuring the health and well-being of our (Rhode Island) communities. Our programs' two specialization tracks both met our fellow's career goals and our health centers' needs in Primary Care and Psychiatric-Mental Health. The accreditation furthered our efforts in developing our program's ability to support outstanding clinical quality outcomes, address social determinants of health and health inequity amongst the populations we serve."



Natalie Raghu, DNP, FNP-C, BC-ADM APRN-FPA

Dr. Natalie Raghu, DNP, FNP-BC, BC-ADM is Erie’s Medical Director of Advanced Practice Providers and is also the Faculty and Academic Practice Partners Development Lead for Advancing Practice. Dr. Raghu is a fierce advocate in building a workforce of APPs who are prepared to care for the underserved. Moreover, all of her projects and work is focused on building a more diverse workforce, competency-based clinical skills training, and quality improvement in FQHCs and lookalikes.



Mary Rose, PMHNP, MS, CCM

Mary Rose is a health care professional with over 35 years of health care and leadership experience. For over 16 years, she has provided behavioral health services for patients in various settings: Inpatient, Intensive Outpatient (IOP), Partial Hospital Programs (PHP), Detox, Substance Use Disorder Treatment, Community Health Care Centers, Integrated Care and Private Practice. Mary has served as the Program Director for the Thundermist Health Care (THC), Center Postgraduate Psychiatric NP Fellowship since its inception in 2017.

She also serves as the Medical Director of the Psych NPs at THC in addition to maintaining a panel of patients. Since graduating from her Master’s program to be a Psychiatric Mental Health NP, Mary has had a passion for mentoring and preparing new PMHNPs to transition into the NP role. Mary Rose saw the need to develop a training program to help new PMHNP graduates develop proficiency and passion in practice. She believes Postgraduate NP Fellowship programs provide expert training and preparation to fulfill the exceptional roles of Nurse Practitioners.



Nicole Seagriff, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

Dr. Nicole Seagriff attended Boston College and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2007. Upon graduation she began work as a Registered Nurse in the Medical Intensive Care Unit at Yale New Haven Hospital while completing her Master of Science in Nursing degree at Yale University in 2011 to become a Family Nurse Practitioner. While at Yale she recognized the need for access to primary care services for underserved patients and chose to complete an additional year of training through the nation’s first nurse practitioner residency program at The Community Health Center, Inc. (CHCI) based in Middletown, CT.

Since completion of the residency program in 2012 she has worked as a primary care provider at CHCI. Concurrently, she serves as the On-Site Medical Director of the Norwalk and Stamford locations of CHCI, managing clinical operations of three health centers, as well as the Clinical Program Director of the National Nurse Practitioner Residency Program.

In 2016, she graduated with her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Duke University with a focus on genetic testing for breast cancer mutations in underserved populations. With an intention to use the leadership skills acquired from her training at Duke, she became the Clinical Program Director overseeing the clinical aspects of the Nurse Practitioner Residency Training Program.

In addition to work, she is the President of The Pink Agenda which is a 503© dedicated to raising money and awareness among young professionals for breast cancer research and care. Since its inception less than a decade ago, The Pink Agenda has raised nearly \$7 million for life saving research. She is also a former Alumni Board member for her high school alma mater, Sacred Heart Greenwich, where she was the graduation commencement speaker in 2020. In 2022, she was named the Yale School of Nursing Decade Award winner.



Kiersten Solis, MSN, FNP-BC

Kiersten Solis, MSN, FNP-BC, is the Program Director for Erie Family Health Centers APRN Residency, Advancing Practice. Ms. Solis has been practicing at Erie since 2017 and is focused on addressing health disparities across multiple patient populations. She is also passionate about training the next generation of APRNs.



Jill Terrien, PhD, ANP-BC

Dr. Terrien is an Adult Primary Care Nurse Practitioner and is the project director and academic partner for an innovative interprofessional family nurse practitioner-family medicine physician residency funded by HRSA. She also has a second HRSA grant focused on supporting nursing preceptors across all levels of nursing education and employment. Her expertise includes curriculum design and evaluation, academic and community partnerships and interprofessional education. She teaches at UMass Chan Medical School, Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing in courses that include population health, social determinants of health, healthcare disparities and the healthcare system.



Alan Wengrofsky, CPA

Alan Wengrofsky is the Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President for Community Healthcare Network. He is a certified public accountant (CPA) licensed in the state of New York since 1993 and began his career with Loeb & Troper, LLC, where he specialized in not-for-profit and healthcare accounting.

Prior to coming to Community Healthcare Network, Mr. Wengrofsky was the CFO of a nursing home chain with annual revenue of \$500 million dollars. He currently serves as a member of the finance committee of a private school and has previously served on the board of a not-for-profit agency.



Elizabeth Wytychak, MSN, ARNP, FNP-C

Elizabeth (Ellie) Wytychak is a family nurse practitioner and the Nurse Practitioner Residency Director at HealthPoint. Ellie founded, designed and implemented the nurse practitioner residency program at HealthPoint and became the first program director in 2021. She continues to practice clinical care and support a panel of patients. She is also an accreditation site visitor for the Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers.

Ellie received her Bachelor of Arts from Occidental College in Los Angeles. She taught English in Indonesia through the Fulbright program, then moved to Connecticut to pursue her Masters of Science in Nursing at Yale. She went on to complete the Nurse Practitioner Residency Program at Community Health Center, Inc in Connecticut. After residency, she entered full time practice as an FNP at HealthPoint, a community health center in the Seattle area. She is involved with a number of professional organizations, including AANP, ARNP United, The Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers, and Sigma Theta Tau. In her free time, she enjoys plants, mycology, backpacking, bouldering, and reading.