

## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FOR INSTRUCTORS

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**MARLA ACKERLEY, L.C.S.W.**, works in a high-volume, state-operated 45-day substance abuse treatment program where she serves as a member and coordinator of a multidisciplinary clinical team. As a Navy Veteran, military veterans are routinely referred to her case load. Through her interest and expertise in working with individuals struggling with trauma-related issues, she provides leadership in assuring trauma-informed and trauma-integrated care. She also has extensive experience working with the state and federal departments of Veterans' Affairs, as well as with individuals who are justice-involved. Additionally, she serves as an advisor to the D.M.H.A.S. Veterans Services and as liaison between the Connecticut Military Support Program (MSP) and Connecticut Valley Hospital Addiction Services.

**MAGGIE AMARA, L.P.C., L.A.D.C.** has worked over 15 years as an addiction professional in all levels of care. Ms. Amara is an adjunct faculty member at Manchester Community College's Drug and Alcohol Recovery Counselor Program and Central Connecticut State University's Counseling and Family Therapy Department.

**ABBY ANDERSON, M.S., L.P.C., C.E.A.P.**, is a Certified Employee Assistance Professional who holds a Master's degree in counseling and school psychology and is working in both inpatient and outpatient settings.

**JOYCE ARMSTRONG, M.A.**, has been employed professionally in vocational rehabilitation counseling for more than 30 years. For the past 11 years, she has specialized in the field of Benefits Counseling and is currently the senior staff member of the Connect to Work Project, a new program of the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (B.R.S.) that provides individualized counseling on state and federal benefits throughout Connecticut.

**SUSAN ARANOFF, J.D.**, is an attorney who has practiced in the area of civil rights and the rights of people with disabilities for 15 years. She has been a staff attorney at Connecticut Legal Rights Project, Inc. since 2001.

**MADOLON BARANOSKI, Ph.D.**, is Associate Professor for the School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, Law and Psychiatry Division at Yale University with the Connecticut Mental Health Center. She has over 35 years of experience in forensic and legal issues. Dr. Baranoski is also an author, consultant and trainer.

**WENDY BASSETT, L.C.S.W.**, is an outpatient psychotherapist at the VA Medical Center's PTSD/Anxiety Clinic in West Haven, CT. She specializes in treating soldiers and veterans from the current conflicts in Iraq (OIF) and Afghanistan (OEF) and those with histories including combat, childhood, sexual, and other military related trauma. Wendy utilizes a variety of therapies, including Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD, psychodynamic and short term supportive models, as well as group, family, and couples therapy. Prior to social work, she worked for many years in the non-profit sector in media relations, special event planning, and fund development.

**VIVIEN BERGL, L.C.S.W., C.E.A.P.**, is a Program Coordinator and serves the Hartford Hospital and Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Ms. Bergl brings sixteen years of E.A.P. experience from The Travelers, Make It Work, E.A.P and Shapiro Associates. Prior to her E.A.P. positions, she worked for 10 years in outpatient mental health and child welfare. She also has training and significant experience in Critical Incident Stress Debriefings.

**ERIN BLATCHLEY, RN, BSN, MS**, has over 30 years of nursing experience in hospital-based, home-based primary care and community care settings. She joined the VA Connecticut Healthcare System in 2003 where she currently serves as OEF/OIF/OND Program Manager. During her career she has served as a nursing supervisor, directed community care management teams, as faculty with an LPN program, and as a staff nurse. She received her Masters of Science in Healthcare Management from Rensselear.

**PETER BOYLE, M.A., M.S.**, has worked for over 30 years as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor for the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services. Mr. Boyle has developed an expertise in the area of employment for persons with criminal records, presenting at state and national conferences.

**ELLEN S. BOYNTON, B.A.**, is the Training Program Coordinator for the D.M.H.A.S. in the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Her current responsibilities include: developing curriculum and training programs to assist workers in becoming culturally competent, and having an impact on health care disparities; Multicultural Training (Curriculum Development and Trainer Coordination), and managing the training for the Project for Addiction Cultural Competence Training (PACCT) for D.M.H.A.S. Office of Multicultural Affairs. She is a member of the D.M.H.A.S. Multicultural Advisory Council. She has over 25 years of program management, training, and facilitation in CT and the New England Region.

**DANA BRASSIL, OTR/L**, is a graduate of Quinnipiac University (1999) and currently an Occupational Therapy Supervisor with the Southwest Community Mental Health System (S.W.C.M.H.S.) in Bridgeport. She has been an occupational therapist for approximately 11 years and has been with D.M.H.A.S. for 5 years, during which time she worked in the Young Adult Services program. Ms. Brassil is now also actively involved in the development and implementation of the Community Support Program/Recovery Pathways Initiative at S.W.C.M.H.S. and welcomes the opportunity to apply her expertise and knowledge of life skills training to this worthwhile paradigm shift.

**THOMAS E. BROFFMAN, Ph.D., L.I.C.S.W., L.C.D.P., L.C.D.S., C.E.A.P.**, is an assistant professor and Coordinator of Field Education in the BSW program at Eastern CT State University. He has a BSW and a MSW from the University of Pittsburgh and a Ph.D. from Boston College, Graduate School of Social Work. His doctoral dissertation was Gender Differences in MH & SA Disorders as Predictors of Gambling Disorders. He is the Dual Diagnosis Coordinator at the RI Dept. of Mental Health & Retardation, Eleanor Slater Hospital in Cranston, RI. He has been a Motivational Interviewing (MI) trainer and practitioner for over 16 years

**DORINE BROGAN, L.C.S.W.**, is a Clinical Supervisor for Acquired Brain Injury Community Services with D.M.H.A.S. Dorine has over 7 years with extensive experience in preparing petitions, motions, summaries and client documentations for court.

**R. DOUGLAS BRUCE, M.D.**, is an Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine at Yale New-Haven Hospital. He received his medical degree from UT Southwestern Medical School and did his residency in Internal Medicine at the Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, TX. He was an Attending Physician in the AIDS Program and Infectious Disease Section for Yale-New Haven Hospital. Prior to his current faculty position he was Director of the Yale AIDS Program - Ukraine Training Program on Opioid Substitution Treatments and he is Medical Director at the South Central Rehabilitation Center for the Hill Health Corporation. Dr. Bruce is committed to embarking upon a career as an academic patient-oriented clinical researcher in the management of patients with substance abuse and its complications, including HIV and hepatitis C.

**JOANNE T. BUTLER, M.S.W.**, is a Supervising Clinician in the Rehabilitation Services Department at S.W.C.M.H.S in the D.M.H.A.S. She has worked for more than 15 years with children and families affected by HIV/AIDS; children in Foster Care and Residential Systems; adults with developmental and physical disabilities; and adults with mental health issues and co-occurring disorders. She also teaches at the University of Bridgeport and Albertus Magnus College.

**MARC CHARTIER** is the Continuous Quality Improvement Coordinator/ Privacy Officer at Marrakech, Inc. in New Haven, CT, a D.M.H.A.S.-funded agency. As part of his work he also designs and conducts courses for continuing staff education and the Marrakech, Inc., Academy for Human Services Training. He is a long-standing consultant and trainer for the Multicultural Leadership Institute, Inc. His areas of focus include Clinical and Prevention Guidelines and Best Practices for Mental and Behavioral Health Professionals in the areas of Multicultural Theory and Practice, European American Culture, French Canadian Culture, and Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Culture. He also trains for the Project for Addictions Cultural Competency Training (PACCT) program, and for the D.M.H.A.S. Multicultural Cohort training program and Multicultural Institutes. Marc is an active Member of D.M.H.A.S., Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA), State Multicultural Advisory Council, a Co-chair, D.M.H.A.S. Region II Multicultural Advisory Council, and the Chair of the Marrakech, Inc., Multicultural Advisory Council.

**JOHN CHIECHI** has over 15 years experience providing services to homeless persons and veterans, first through his work at emergency shelters in Hartford and New Haven, and later, through his service with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. For many years Mr. Chiechi served as a member of Veteran Administration's Assertive Community Treatment team. He currently oversees the V.A. Homeless Provider Grant and Per Diem Program in Connecticut.

**JANINE CORDERO** is a License and Applications Specialist for the Practitioner Licensing and Investigations section of the Connecticut Department of Public Health.

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**JIM CREAN, A.S., D.A.R.C.**, is the Director of Community Relations for MCCA, a social service agency in Danbury, Connecticut, that has been providing prevention and treatment services for addictions, co-occurring disorders and associated problems for nearly 40 years

**KARINA DANVERS, M.A.**, is Director of the Connecticut A.I.D.S. Education and Training Center at Yale School of Nursing. Ms. Danvers has worked in the A.I.D.S. field for over 17 years and has received numerous awards for her work, providing information on realistic and workable tools regarding H.I.V./A.I.D.S. that can be implemented by providers, patients, and communities.

**ASHER DELMERE, M.S., L.A.D.C., .C.C.S., C.C.D.P.**, is the executive director for the Chemical Abuse Services Agency, Inc. (CASA), a multicultural behavioral health services agency. He has been a clinician, clinical supervisor, educator, and administrator for over twenty years having worked with monolingual Spanish speaking individuals and families, African-American therapeutic groups, and Women's programs. He is a principle member of MPACT - Multicultural Perspectives in Assessment, Consultation and Training, providing behavioral health consultation and training regionally and nationally.

**BRIAN DUNPHY, M.S.**, has been involved in supported employment since 1999 in various capacities ranging from employment specialist in a non-profit agency; to staff at the One Stop Center. Currently, he provides employment supports at S.M.H.A. in Norwich, serving on multiple statewide committees and assisting with training development.

**PAT RISTAINO DUTTON, R.N.C., M.S., M.L.A.D.C., L.C.S.**, has been in the field of in mental health and substance abuse in both hospital and community settings. She has been in private counseling practice for 15 years and 25 years as an educational consultant. She has extensive teaching experience in both community and professional education including radio and television as well as work shop and conference presentations focused on various aspects of mental health and addiction. She is the past president of the NH Counselors Association and the recipient of both Lifetime Achievement award and Lifetime Advocacy Award from the NH ADACA. She has lectured at several colleges in both NH and NJ. Pat has also served as a technology transfer specialist for the ATTC of New England working with both technology transfer and evidence based practice.

**VICKI DYAR, B.S.**, is Director of Vocational Services for the APT Foundation. She has over 14 years of experience working with individuals with addiction and mental health disorders in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Ms. Dyar uses the knowledge and expertise she has acquired through her experience as a trainer, consultant and counselor to develop and implement innovative programs that focus on individual recovery rather than symptoms.

**MARCIA EAGER, L.C.S.W., C.E.A.P.** has over sixteen years of experience with Solutions, providing EAP counseling, consultation to managers, stress management programs and various other training programs. She has been an active member of the Connecticut Chapter of the Employee Assistance Professionals Association (EAPA) for the past 15 years. She is certified in Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) and has considerable experience providing debriefings.

**ELLEN ECONS, M.S.W., M.H.S.A.**, has been in the field of vocational rehabilitation for over 20 years and currently serves as the Employment Coordinator for River Valley Services.

**CAITLIN ESPOSITO, MOTR/L**, graduated from Quinnipiac University's Master of Occupational Therapy program in January of 2006. Mrs. Esposito came to work for D.M.H.A.S. in March of 2006 in the Bridgeport Young Adult Services Program, where she still is part time. In the Young Adult Services program she has assisted in creating and implementing a life skills curriculum that focuses on promoting the independence of young adults through the use of individual and group interventions. In September of 2010 she began working with the Rehabilitation Services program at S.W.C.M.H.S., to assist with the development and implementation of the Community Support Program/Recovery Pathways service delivery model. In this role Mrs. Esposito provides training and consultation to staff members on how to provide skills training.

**INES FELICIANO** is an Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist 1, working with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services' Affirmative Action Office.

**WENDY FILLIPOWSKI, B.S.**, is the Systems Administrator for the Learning Management System at the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. She has over 6 years of training and consulting experience in many industries with primary focus on computer software.

**RICHARD FISHER, L.C.S.W.**, is Director of the D.M.H.A.S. Education and Training Division. He has over twenty-five years of experience as a clinician, program manager and administrator in a variety of behavioral health settings. He serves as adjunct faculty at the University of Connecticut, School of Social Work and maintains a private practice.

**LIANE FLYNN, L.C.S.W.**, has been in the field of Trauma and Recovery for over 10 years and currently facilitates the Trauma-Informed Services Collaborative for Blue Hills Hospital.

**ALAN FRANCISCUS** is a nationally recognized authority on hepatitis C (HCV) has appeared in various local and national publications as well as on television, radio and several documentaries. Alan is Founder & Executive Director of the Hepatitis C Support Project, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of the HCV Advocate, a national HCV patient newsletter and web site [www.hcvadvocate.org](http://www.hcvadvocate.org). Alan considers HCV patient advocacy and activism his highest priority.

**JOANNA FRANKLIN, M.S., NCGC II**, is the president of the Maryland Council on Problem Gambling and the Director of Program Services for the Pennsylvania Council on Problem Gambling. She has designed and delivered clinical training programs in 45 states, 10 Canadian Provinces, among 31 Tribes and in 9 other countries. She has consulted and trained for the FBI, CIA, Pentagon, Navy and the Army. She designed and implemented Responsible Gaming Trainings for State Lotteries, Race Tracks and Casinos internationally. She has authored two book chapters for Harvard publications on Family Therapy and Teen Gambling, and published Journal articles on Problem Gambling.

**STEVEN FRY, M.S.**, is the Director of Recovery Community Affairs for the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Mr. Fry has a Master of Science degree in Community Mental Health from Trinity College of Vermont. He is a member of the Commissioner's Executive Group and is involved in policy development, strategic planning, communications, and program design for the department. Over the last 20 years he has worked in Connecticut developing and managing innovative programs, providing training and education in recovery oriented services, and advocating for people who experience mental health problems and difficulties with substance use. Mr. Fry often shares his own experience with mental illness to help others learn about the possibilities and challenges of recovery.

**MICHAEL GAUDET, L.I.C.S.W., L.C.D.P.**, earned his undergraduate degree at Bridgewater State College and his MSW from Rhode Island College in 1984. He is currently the Center Director at Arbour Counseling Services, Rockland, MA. He has extensive clinical and supervision experience in substance abuse treatment. Mr. Gaudet trains and consults across the country on clinical and professional growth topics. He is a faculty member of the New England Institute of Addiction Studies since 1986.

**DONALD GIANNINI, M.S. Ed.**, is the Coordinator of Patient and Family Education at Connecticut Valley Hospital and Chairman for the Healing Racism Coalition. He is an active trainer/presenter for Dialogue Sessions, specializing in "retelling our nation's History." He has been in the field of education for 35 years, and in the mental health field for 30 years and has also been intensively trained in DBT. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to planning, developing and implementing training sessions for HRC, and has conducted workshops to eliminate racism with Middletown High, Middlesex Hospital, and various D.M.H.A.S. and D.P.H. facilities.

**JULIENNE GIARD, M.S.W.**, is Manager of the Evidence-Based & Best Practices Implementation, Health Care Systems Division in the Office of the Commissioner at D.M.H.A.S. Ms. Giard is actively involved in the D.M.H.A.S. implementation of integrated services for individuals with co-occurring disorders, Community Support Program (CSP) / Recovery Pathways (RP) services, Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) teams, and other related activities and projects. She has extensive professional experience in the areas of co-occurring disorders and system redesign strategies.

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**DIETRA D. HAWKINS, Psy.D.**, is Assistant Clinical Professor with the Yale Program for Recovery and Community Health. Dr. Hawkins assists state, county and community based organizations in their Recovery, Resiliency and Cultural Competence Initiatives. She works collaboratively with system leaders, consumers and transformation allies to develop programs and policies that reduce disparities, support cultural competency and promote recovery. She actively works to address racism through her community presentations and facilitation of the Chicago Dinner's model.

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**STEPHEN KELLER** is an Occupational Therapist with over 30 years experience. He is currently an Occupational Therapy Supervisor at the Southeastern Mental Health Authority in Norwich, CT. As an occupational therapist, Steve has a particular interest in the assessment and development of life skills for the people he works with.

**HOWARD D. KIBEL, M.D.**, Dr. Kibel is currently Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at New York Medical College in Valhalla, NY, where he also has a private practice and an Adjunct Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University, Westchester Division. He has published extensively on various aspects of inpatient and outpatient groups and has presented at numerous scientific meetings. He has been a featured speaker at prominent institutions in the USA and abroad. Dr. Kibel is internationally recognized as one of the leaders in the field of group psychotherapy.

**RHONDA KINCAID, M.Ed.**, has trained with Dr. Mark P. McGovern and conducted DDCAT site visits at a number of addiction treatment programs in CT as part of the Department's Co-Occurring Disorders Initiative. She co-chaired the D.M.H.A.S. Co-Occurring State Incentive Grant (COSIG) Services Work Group that developed guidelines for Co-occurring Capable and Enhanced Services as well as Co-occurring Disorders Psycho-educational Groups.

**CHERYL KRAFT-JOHNSON, M.A.**, is the Director of Rehabilitation Therapies and Psychosocial Rehabilitation at Connecticut Valley Hospital. She has oversight of the Rehabilitation Therapies Discipline in the Forensic, Addictions and General Psychiatry Division. She was the Connecticut Valley Hospital Employee of the Year in 2001

**ROBERT LAMBERT, M.A., L.A.D.C.**, has over twenty years of experience in the behavioral health field. He is the Program Director at Connecticut counseling Centers, Inc. Mr. Lambert is a published author. He is an adjunct professor at Albertus Magnus College and the Director of Academic Affairs at the Connecticut Certified Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselor Training Program. Mr. Lambert has served as a member of the D.M.H.A.S. Co-Occurring Program Guidelines Development Committee and is currently the President of the Southwest Regional Mental Health Board.

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**GAIL LINK, M.A.**, is a certified Special Education Teacher who works in the D.M.H.A.S. Education and Training Division coordinating many of the clinical trainings events. She brings over thirty years of experience working in behavioral health settings.

**KIRK LOWRY, J.D.**, is the legal director for the Connecticut Legal Rights Project. From 2004 to 2008, Mr. Lowry was the legal director for the Kansas protection and advocacy system. From 2000 to 2003 he was an attorney at an independent living resource center. While in private practice, a significant amount of his work involved employment cases. In 1999 he represented Vaughn Murphy, whose case was decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Murphy vs. U.P.S.*, 527 U.S. 516 (1999).

**MARGARET O'HAGAN-LYNCH, M.S., L.P.C.**, is the Associate Director for Clinical Operations at River Valley Services in Middletown, CT and maintains a private practice in Wallingford, CT. She has worked in the behavioral health field for over 20 years and is known for her expertise in working with people who have co-occurring substance use and psychiatric disorders. She has vast experience in program design/implementation, staff development, training and consultation, community networking, and remains active in addressing treatment needs on both a local and statewide level.

**GAVIN MCLEOD, M.D., F.A.C.P.**, is the Director of the HIV Clinic at Stamford Hospital where he also serves as an attending physician. Dr. McLeod serves on several hospital committees and has served as an Infectious Disease teacher for Internal Medicine Residents since 1993. He has conducted extensive clinical research and published many articles related to infectious disease and HIV.

**DONNA MESKONY** has worked for the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs since March of 1991. She is a Vietnam-era veteran of the U.S. Army. In addition to directing the Advocacy Section of the State Department of Veterans Affairs, Ms. Meskony serves as Women Veterans Coordinator for Connecticut.

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**SUSAN D. MCLAUGHLIN, M.P.A., C.P.P.**, works as a Prevention Services Coordinator for Problem Gambling Services; she oversees the state network of gambling prevention programs and works in collaboration with the state prevention infrastructure and community organizations. She develops and delivers training and education programs, and consults on a variety of local, regional, and state initiatives. Ms. McLaughlin's publications include "Work and Family Stress Research Project" and "A Social-Cognitive Approach to the Prevention of Adolescent Substance Abuse" for NIDA, co-authorship of papers in the problem gambling field, and contributing authorship for a college textbook on working with at-risk youth.

**SUSAN MCKINLEY, L.C.S.W.**, has been working in the Connecticut mental health system for more than 25 years. Ms. McKinley has experience working in residential and psychosocial rehabilitation programs, and has been a clinician in both inpatient and outpatient substance abuse and psychiatric treatment facilities. Since 1999, Ms. McKinley has worked for the Whiting Forensic Division of Connecticut Valley Hospital, providing social work and completing forensic evaluations.

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**PATRICIA MULREADY, M.D.**, is a board certified physician who blends holistic and conventional medicine in her consultation practice. From her knowledge and expertise in medicine, mental health, addictions, education and spirituality, Dr. Mulready translates sophisticated information into easily understandable experiences for participants.

**THOMAS W. MURPHY, Ph.D.**, is a Peer Engagement Specialist/Education Specialist at Mental Health Association of Connecticut in Waterbury. His Ph.D. is in Non-Traditional Education, and he has a Master of Arts Degree in Social Science (Concentration on Native American History); a Master level Certification of teaching from Indian Teacher and Educational Personnel Program (HSU); a BSW from Humboldt State University in CA; and an Associate in Arts Degree from College of the Redwoods.

**MARY PAINTER, L.C.S.W., L.A.D.C.**, is a Licensed Social Worker and Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor. Mary has a strong working knowledge of the behavioral health field and extensive supervisory/management experience, which began in 1991. Presently, she is the Clinical Director of Morris Foundation, Inc, a behavioral health agency located in Waterbury, CT. She is also an adjunct faculty in the Manchester Community College Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Counselor (DARC) program. She participates in many advisory groups throughout the state and she is presently the Treasurer on The Board of Directors for CCAR, Inc. She maintains a Private Practice in West Hartford, CT.

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**DOUGLAS POGER** is a Parole Officer who has worked for the Connecticut Department of Correction for 20 years as a line and parole officer. Since 2006, Mr. Poger has been a Parole Officer for the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

**DAVID POWELL, Ph.D.**, is the author of 10 books in the behavioral health field and the recent chair and lead author of TIP 52 on Clinical Supervision. He has trained in 50 states and 87 countries. Dr. Powell managed the clinical supervision system for the US Navy and Marine Corps for 25 years, and is on editorial boards of 5 journals, and advisory boards for Johns Hopkins University and Harvard's Schools of Medicine.

**LAUREL REAGAN, A.P.R.N.**, is the Director of Older Adult Services for the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. As a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner she worked for many years in consultation liaison psychiatry assessing and treating people with complicated psychiatric and medical co-occurring issues. For the past several years she initiated the Older Adult Service for the Department with a focus on transitioning nursing home residents with severe mental illness into community living. This work culminated in the April 2009 with the launch of the Mental Health Waiver. This waiver allows people a choice to leave institutional care and live in the community.

**JAMES R. REED, JR.**, has twenty-six years of state service. He began his career in the Department of Consumer Protection. In 1999, he moved to DMHAS where he worked in the Tobacco Compliance Unit. For the past several years, Jim has worked in the Affirmative Action Office at DMHAS. Jim has also served as a mediator, guest speaker and trainer for the department.

**ANN-MARIE REID-RICHARDSON** is the Program Director of Discovery House, an OTP provider specializing in Methadone Maintenance. A resourceful problem solver, Ann-Marie understands the importance of seeing projects through from inception to completion. She is a conscientious and goal-oriented professional with 10+ years experience in the human services field, with an emphasis on community service and outreach programs.

**LORI RUGLE, Ph.D.**, is a clinical psychologist who has worked in the field of problem gambling treatment and research since 1988. Dr. Rugle is currently Director of Problem Gambling Services with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the State of Connecticut. She is an internationally recognized trainer and consultant in the field of problem gambling treatment.

**CAROL SANDERS, L.C.S.W.**, is a seasoned clinician who has served as Coordinator of VA Connecticut Healthcare System's Psychiatric Emergency Room for nearly two decades. She received a faculty appointment at Yale in 2000 where she continues as a Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry (social work). Carol also designed, implemented and now supervises Connecticut's VA Suicide Prevention Program. She received her Master of Social Work from Hunter College of Social Work.

**DONALD SCHERLING, Psy.D., L.A.D.C., C.C.S.**, is a Senior Clinical Consultant and Clinical Supervisor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, MA. He is a senior trainer and consultant to SAMSHA/CSAT, the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and other regional and statewide agencies in the Northeast & Midwest.

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