



2019 NATIONAL AOT SYMPOSIUM & LEARNING COLLABORATIVE



PROGRAM



THURSDAY MORNING

Time and Location	Topic	Presenter
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Location: Ballroom	Registration Opens Continental Breakfast	
10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	Welcome	Rick Kellar, M.B.A. President; Peg's Foundation
10:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Opening Remarks <i>Program Overview, Logistics and Introduction to AOT</i>	John Snook, J.D. Executive Director; Treatment Advocacy Center
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Guest Speaker <i>How AOT Fits into the Big Picture</i>	Anita Everett, M.D., D.F.A.P.A. Director; Center for Mental Health Services
11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Video Clip <i>Minds on the Edge</i>	
11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Guest Speaker <i>How AOT Saved My Life</i>	Eric Smith AOT Graduate; Bexar County
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Q & A Session <i>Ask Eric Anything!</i>	<u>Moderator</u> John Snook, J.D. Executive Director; Treatment Advocacy Center
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Location: Polaris Foyer	Special Event <i>Unveiling of the AOT White Paper</i>	Brian Stettin, J.D. Policy Director; Treatment Advocacy Center Mark Munetz, M.D. Professor and Chair of Psychiatry; Northeast Ohio Medical University
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Location: Ballroom	Buffet Lunch Guest Speaker	Lori Criss Director; Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

Time and Location	Topic	Presenter
12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Panel Discussion <i>Maximizing Results: Tips from AOT Experts</i>	<u>Moderator</u> Brian Stettin, J.D. Policy Director; Treatment Advocacy Center <u>Panel</u> LaTricia Coffey, M.D. Forensic Psychiatrist Hon. Oscar Kazen Judge; Bexar County Probate Court Hon. Cynthia Lu Judge; Second Judicial District Court Mark Munetz, M.D. Professor and Chair of Psychiatry; Northeast Ohio Medical University Hon. Elinore Marsh Stormer Judge; Summit County Probate Court
2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Q & A Session	<u>Moderator</u> Brian Stettin, J.D. Policy Director; Treatment Advocacy Center
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Break	
2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	WORKSHOP A <i>The Nuts and Bolts of AOT Implementation for Judicial Officers and Court Personnel</i> AOT judges with varying years of experience will offer guidance to new and seasoned judicial officers and court officials on how to (and not to!) implement new court programs and enhance those already in existence.	<u>Moderator</u> Brian Stettin, J.D. Policy Director; Treatment Advocacy Center <u>Panel</u> Hon. Oscar Kazen Judge; Bexar County Probate Court Hon. Cynthia Lu Judge; Second Judicial District Court Hon. Elinore Marsh Stormer Judge; Summit County Probate Court
Location: Gemini B & C	WORKSHOP B <i>The Nuts and Bolts of AOT Implementation for Mental Health Providers</i> Mental health experts with deep roots in AOT will share their wealth of knowledge	<u>Moderator</u> Mark Munetz, M.D. Professor and Chair of Psychiatry; Northeast Ohio Medical University <u>Panel</u> LaTricia Coffey, M.D. Forensic Psychiatrist

Location: Polaris Ballroom C	with other mental health professionals who are eager to learn how to utilize AOT to engage those living with untreated mental illness who are caught in the revolving door of hospitalization and incarceration.	Bob Davison, M.A.; L.P.C. Chief Executive Officer; Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris, Inc. Amy Lukes, L.I.C.S.W. Project Director; Treatment Advocacy Center Nick Schrantz, M.A. Butler County Probate Court Monitor; Community First Solutions Justin Trevino, M.D. Medical Director; Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
	WORKSHOP C <i>Sustaining, Improving and Growing Your State's AOT Program – Lessons Learned from Ohio</i> AOT program leaders and advocates will receive practical information on engaging system partners, collecting and using data to demonstrate the value of AOT to elected officials and potential funders. Also, participants will learn practical ways they can help grow and strengthen AOT programs in their state.	<u>Moderator</u> Betsy Johnson Policy Advisor; Treatment Advocacy Center <u>Presenters</u> Thom Craig, M.P.A. Director-Mental Health Program; Peg's Foundation Melissa Knopp, Esq. Project Director; Ohio Stepping Up Initiative Ruth Simera, M.Ed., L.S.W. Director; Ohio Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence Dustin McKee, M.S.W. Policy Director; National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio
4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Reception, Networking and Table Topics	
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Unscheduled Time	
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Movie “Bedlam”	
Location: Gemini B & C		

FRIDAY MORNING

Time and Description	Topic	Presenter
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Location: Ballroom	Breakfast Buffet	
8:00 a.m. – 8:05 a.m.	Welcome and Announcements	John Snook, J.D. Executive Director; Treatment Advocacy Center
8:05 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.	Opening Remarks <i>Compassion: Key to an Effective AOT Program</i>	Hon. Randy Rogers Judge; Butler County Probate Court
8:20 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Guest Speaker <i>Gaining Insight: My Journey</i>	Kevin Earley Certified Peer Specialist
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Guest Speaker <i>Personally Speaking: The Role of AOT in the Continuum of Care</i>	Ron Honberg, J.D. Former Senior Policy Analyst; National Alliance on Mental Illness
9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Panel Presentation SAMHSA AOT Grantees' Outcome Experience	<u>Moderator</u> Brian Stettin, J.D. Policy Director; Treatment Advocacy Center <u>Panel</u> Jenny Bayer Director for Continuity of Care; Tarrant County MHMR (Fort Worth, TX) Pam Bennett, L.C.S.W. Program Administrator II; Utah Department of Human Services (Salt Lake City, UT) Bonnie Christensen, L.M.H.C. AOT Program Director; LifeStream Behavioral Health Center (Leesburg, FL) Patricia Gonzalez, Ph.D. Research Psychologist; Ventura County Behavioral Health (Ventura, CA) Michelle Riske-Morris, Ph.D., J.D. Senior Research Associate; The Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education (Cleveland, OH) Maribel Tellez, B.S.W., M.S.W. Assisted Outpatient Treatment Contract and Program Administrator; Dona Ana County Health and Human Services (Las Cruces, NM)

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	<i>AOT Learning Modules: A Preview of What's to Come</i>	Amy Lukes, L.I.C.S.W. Project Director; Treatment Advocacy Center
10:50 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Q&A Session <i>I Thought You'd Never Ask</i>	<u>Moderator</u> Eric Smith AOT Graduate, Bexar County <u>Panel:</u> Bob Davison, M.A., L.P.C. Chief Executive Officer; Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris, Inc. Hon. Oscar Kazen Judge, Bexar County Probate Court Hon. Cynthia Lu Judge, Second Judicial District Court Nick Schrantz, M.A. Butler County Probate Court Monitor Hon. Elinore Marsh Stormer Judge, Summit County Probate Court
11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Wrap Up	John Snook, J.D. Executive Director, Treatment Advocacy Center

RECEPTION, NETWORKING & TABLE TOPICS

Didn't have a chance to ask your question today? Here is your opportunity to mingle with the presenters and find out what you need to know to take your AOT program to the next level.

Stop by the table-tops to learn about unique ways some communities are going the extra mile to improve the quality of their programs.

Table Topics

Judge Rumsey and Skeeter – Unique AOT Support in Sedgwick County
Rebecca Mangel, KS

Ohio AOT Data Collection Portal
Elizabeth Sinclair, OH

A Personal Touch – Encouragement from the Bench
Judge James Walther, OH

NAMI Kansas Leading the Way for AOT
Sherrie Vaughn, KS

AOT Family Night
Courtney Welch, NV

Ohio AOT Monitors Group
Nick Schrantz, OH

Beer, wine, soft drinks, juice and light hors d'oeuvres will be served

MOVIE NIGHT



Bedlam (2019)

Documentary | January 2019 (USA)

Kenneth Paul Rosenberg, M.D., exposes the sobering truth behind America's failure to properly care for the mentally ill over the past half century. BEDLAM is the first major documentary to explore the crisis in care of severely mentally-ill citizens. Set in Los Angeles, the film tracks wrenching individual stories of patients with mental illness caught on an endless merry-go-round of ineffective care, exposing the anatomy of a broken healthcare mill.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Jenny Bayer

Director for Continuity of Care; Tarrant County MHMR, TX

Jennifer Bayer serves as the Assistant Director for the MHMR Tarrant Continuity of Care program. The program is comprised of the Court and Aftercare Department, Mental Health Law Enforcement Liaison Project, Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Grant and the Tarrant Opiate Reduction and Recovery Initiative (TORRI) Grant. Ms. Bayer oversees all aspects of the involuntary hospitalization process to ensure compliance with the Mental Health Code. Additionally, she confirms that there are adequate systems in place to track individuals placed on the mental health docket, makes sure reports are submitted to the court in a timely manner and that aftercare appointments are scheduled within the allotted time frame.

Pam Bennett, L.C.S.W.

Program Administrator II; Utah Department of Human Services, UT

Pam Bennett started her clinical career as an L.C.S.W. therapist and crisis worker at a rural Local Mental Health Authority. She advanced to become Senior Adult Team Lead, spending weekend evenings as a crisis worker at the Salt Lake County Jail. In these roles, she witnessed the revolving door of community/jail/hospital in which many individuals are trapped. Over the last 5 years, Pam has worked as a Program Administrator for Adult Mental Health at the Utah Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health. She is responsible for a wide variety of statewide mental health programs and Federal grants, including the Utah Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program.

Lori Criss

Director; Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, OH

A native of eastern Ohio, Lori Criss has been engaged in the behavioral health field since 1992. Her experience includes working for the Ohio Commission on Minority Health and Amethyst, Inc. Prior to coming to OhioMHAS, Lori served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers.

Ms. Criss holds Bachelors and Master's Degrees in Social Work from The Ohio State University. She graduated from SAMHSA's 2010-2011 Women's Addiction Services Leadership Institute, a year-long nationally-selective, intensive program designed to build leaders for the nation's behavioral health field. Lori has most recently served on the Advisory Board to Ohio's Criminal Sentencing Commission, the National Council for Behavioral Health's Addiction Policy Committee, and Ohio's Housing and Homeless Collaborative. She is a former board member for the National Alliance for Recovery Residences and served as the Principal Advisor for Ohio Recovery Housing.

Bonnie Christensen, L.M.H.C.

AOT Program Director; LifeStream Behavioral Health Center, FL

Bonnie Christensen, L.M.H.C. has over twenty years of management with inpatient and outpatient mental health services, experienced working with adults suffering from a severe mental illness to include: Director (AOT) Assisted Outpatient Treatment, Mental Health Outpatient, Forensic Community Service Team, Crisis Mobile Unit Clinical Director for community based agency, Correctional Behavioral Health, Program Director for Crisis Stabilization and for State hospital, Contractual Program Director, L.M.H.C., qualified, licensed to provide clinical supervision.

Ms. Christensen's specialties include: Leadership, Management, Analytical and creative problem-solving skills, highly experienced working with SPMI population, staff development, and continuity of care, assessment of care, case conceptualization, mental health, and substance use disorders.

LaTricia Coffey, M.D.

Private Practice Psychiatrist; NV

Latricia Coffey, M.D., is a private practice psychiatrist who treats and evaluates children and adults of all ages. In addition to maintaining a private practice and forensic practice, she serves as an adjunct clinical professor within the University of Nevada Las Vegas' Child & Adolescent Psychiatry fellowship, volunteers with developing the Medical

Mental Health program at Volunteers in Medicine, provides psychiatric evaluation services at Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, and practices at Healthy Minds mental health clinic serving primarily Medicaid patients. Dr. Coffey previously held the position of Medical Director for Southern Nevada's first Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program (SNAMHS-AOT). She also served as Medical Director at Boys Town Nevada. She remains an active member of several professional organizations including the American Medical Association, American Psychiatric Association, American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, and American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (outgoing President of the Nevada branch).

Dr. Coffey has been actively involved in a variety of advocacy activities including serving on the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges' educational committees and participating in other school and legislative advocacy efforts. She has spoken at a variety of community forums and for a number of professional organizations which interface with the mental health community within and outside of Nevada. In addition, Dr. Coffey continues to promote education and advocate for effective implementation of assisted outpatient treatment throughout the county. Dr. Coffey holds three subspecialty board certifications, including Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, Adult Psychiatry, and Forensic Psychiatry.

Thom Craig, M.P.A.

Director- Mental Health Program; Peg's Foundation, OH

Thom Craig, M.P.A., is the Director of Mental Health Program of Peg's Foundation, the largest mental health funder in Northeast Ohio. Peg's Foundation promotes the implementation of a stronger, more effective, compassionate and inclusive health care system for all. Since 1991, Peg's Foundation has granted over \$45 million to mental health, education, and the arts. In his role, Mr. Craig collaborates with non-profits, community leaders, families and persons with lived experience of mental illness seeking ways to improve access to care and recovery. He evaluates the outcomes of grants, program investments and develops program ideas. Mr. Craig consults with grant seekers to ensure alignment with the foundation's strategic areas of focus. He pursues methods to increase cross-system collaboration to activate community solutions.

Mr. Craig has a background in social services, public health, intellectual disabilities, public education and mental illness. Over the past thirty years he has interacted with many non-profit and philanthropic organizations in implementation of services and program development. Mr. Craig received his Bachelor of Arts in social and behavioral sciences from Borromeo College Seminary in Cleveland and holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of Akron.

Robert N. Davison, M.A., L.P.C.

Chief Executive Officer; Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris, Inc., NJ

Robert N. Davison, M.A., L.P.C., Chief Executive Officer of the North Jersey based Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris, Inc. (MHAEM), is an accomplished professional who has been serving the mental health needs of communities throughout New Jersey for more than 30 years. In his role as MHAEM's Chief Executive Officer, he manages the overall operations of a comprehensive community mental health facility that each day serves the needs of more than 1800 individuals and their families who are confronted with mental illnesses or emotional disturbances. A staunch advocate for humane, compassionate, and ethical treatment of individuals who suffer from mental illness, Mr. Davison has helped to establish the Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris as one of the state's premiere service providers, with services in Essex, Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties.

In November 2004, Mr. Davison's commitment to public service was recognized when he was called upon to serve as Chairman of New Jersey Governor Richard J. Codey's Task Force on Mental Health. The Task Force's Final Report provided a blueprint for overhauling and comprehensively reforming New Jersey's mental health system. In 2006, he served on Governor Jon Corzine's Transition Team for Human Services and on Governor Corzine's Policy Advisory Council on Human Services Restructuring. In 2007, he was appointed to the Governor's Campus Security Task Force. He served on the New Jersey Attorney General's Less-lethal Advisory Committee. In 2008, he was appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Police Suicide. In 2009, he was elected to the Board of Directors of Active Minds, Inc. a national organization focusing on College and University mental health, located in Washington, DC. In 2014, he was appointed by the Chief Justice of the New Jersey State Supreme Court to the Judiciary's Mental Health Implementation Committee. Mr. Davison was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Council for Behavioral Health, beginning his term on July 1, 2015. A 1984 graduate of Seton Hall University, Mr. Davison received his Master of Arts degree in

counseling from Montclair State University in 1990. In addition to his academic credentials, Mr. Davison is a Licensed Professional Counselor.

Kevin Earley

Certified Peer Specialist; VA

Kevin Michael Early is a former founding board member at This Is My Brave, a non-profit that helps to end stigma with the power of storytelling. Mr. Earley's story of his struggle with bipolar disorder was featured in his father's critically-acclaimed book, *Crazy: A Father's Journey Through America's Mental Health Madness*.

A graduate of Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York where he studied painting, he also releases music under the moniker "Earleybird" through his website, www.getthatworm.com. Mr. Earley works as a Certified Peer Specialist in Arlington County where he coaches young adults living with mental illness to lead fulfilling lives.

Anita Everett, M.D., D.F.A.P.A.

Director; Center for Mental Health Services, DC

Anita Everett, M.D., D.F.A.P.A., 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 the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (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 at SAMHSA. 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.

Dr. Everett has served on the National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Advisory Council. She is active in several professional organizations including the American Psychiatric Association where she has received a commendation for her work in healthcare reform. She is a past president of the Maryland Psychiatric Society and the American Association of Community Psychiatrists. She has been engaged in a number of international projects which have included consultation with the Ministries of Health, Department of Mental Health in Iraq and Afghanistan on the implementation of mental health services in these countries.

Patricia Gonzalez, Ph.D.

Research Psychologist; Ventura County Behavioral Health, CA

Patricia Gonzalez, Ph.D., is a Research Psychologist at Ventura County Behavioral Health. Her expertise spans mental health, health disparities, and testing and measurement. Dr. Gonzalez serves as the internal evaluator for Ventura's Assisted Outpatient Treatment program. Prior to joining Ventura County Behavioral Health, Dr. Gonzalez was a research assistant professor with joint appointments in the Graduate School of Public Health and Psychology Department at San Diego State University. She has authored more than 50 peer reviewed articles and book chapters.

Ron Honberg, J.D.

Senior Policy Analyst; National Alliance on Mental Illness, VA

Ronald Honberg, J.D., oversees NAMI's federal advocacy agenda and NAMI's work on legal and criminal justice issues. Mr. Honberg has drafted amicus curiae briefs in precedent-setting litigation affecting people with mental illnesses and has provided technical assistance to attorneys and NAMI affiliates on legal and public policy issues. He also serves as a frequent resource for print and broadcast media on legal and policy issues.

Before joining NAMI in 1988, Mr. Honberg worked as a vocational rehabilitation counselor for the State of Maryland and in a variety of direct service positions in the mental illness and developmental disabilities fields. Ron has a Juris Doctor from the University of Maryland School of Law and master's in education from the University of Maryland.

Betsy Johnson

Policy Advisor; Treatment Advocacy Center, VA

Betsy Johnson is a Policy Advisor for the Treatment Advocacy Center. Her responsibilities include advocating for the implementation and expansion of assisted outpatient treatment programs for individuals with severe mental illness who, on their own, do not recognize their need for treatment and get trapped in the revolving door of hospitalization and incarceration.

Prior to joining Treatment Advocacy Center, Ms. Johnson was the Associate Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Ohio for over ten years. While there, she was responsible for policy and legislative advocacy, criminal justice activities and communications. Before joining NAMI Ohio, Ms. Johnson was the Associate CEO of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities. She has also worked for the Ohio Departments of Job and Family Services and Youth Services and served as a Legislative Aide in the Ohio Senate. Prior to moving to Columbus, Ohio, Ms. Johnson worked in Washington D.C. for a Member of Congress. Ms. Johnson has a degree in political science from the University of Houston.

Hon. Oscar Kazen

Judge; Bexar County Probate Court, TX

In 1983, after the bombings in Beirut, Lebanon, Judge Kazen left school to enlist in United States Marines. It was during these years that he realized he wanted to dedicate his life's work to serving those in need. After leaving the Marines, Judge Kazen attended The University of Texas Austin and earned a Bachelor of Arts in government in 1988. He then moved to Houston, Texas, in order to pursue a law degree from Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University, earning his Juris Doctor in 1993.

After graduating law school, Judge Kazen worked as managing partner of the law firm Kazen & Robberson, P.C. where he represented over 3,000 clients in a variety of matters and supervised a professional staff of six. In 2003, he was elected as Judge of Bexar County Court at Law #9 and in 2007, Judge Kazen was appointed as an Associate Probate Judge in the Bexar County Probate Courts. While at this position he realized his passion for helping individuals with mental illness in the justice system. Judge Kazen created and oversaw the implementation of the first fully operational civil Assisted Outpatient Treatment Court (AOT) in Texas, serving as the intersection of the law and the treatment of individuals with serious mental illness. He presided over mental health matters from a 52-county area, he proposed, negotiated, or drafted various articles of behavioral health legislation, and he continues to provide leadership to multi-disciplinary teams of community stakeholders. In 2018, he was elected to serve as Judge of Bexar County Probate Court #1.

Rick Kellar, M.B.A.

President; Peg's Foundation, OH

Rick Kellar, M.B.A., is the President of Peg's Foundation, a position he has held since 2005. Born out of personal experience, Mr. Kellar challenges the status quo, pursuing improvements in access to behavioral health care, education, and the arts, believing Akron and Ohio can serve as a template for the nation, inspiring others to "Think Bigger!" Prior to the foundation, he spent 28 years in the U.S. Army including service in the Infantry and Special Forces (Green Beret). His work included a variety of leadership positions at the Joint Special Operations Command and at the Pentagon as the Director of Resourcing for the United States Army Operations and Readiness initiative, supervising an \$8.6-billion annual program.

Mr. Kellar holds a Bachelor of Science in nuclear engineering from the United States Military Academy, West Point and a Master of Business Administration from Syracuse University Summa Cum Laude. Mr. Kellar has served on the Tallmadge School Board since 2005, and currently serves as President. He is a graduate of Leadership Akron Class 27, serves on The LeBron Community Advisory Board, Summit County Addiction Leadership Council, the Kennedy Forum National Parity Leadership Workgroup, and as an advisor to the Center for High Impact Philanthropy at the University of Pennsylvania.

Melissa Knopp, J.D.

Project Director; Stepping Up Ohio, OH

Melissa Knopp, J.D., is admitted to the bars of Ohio and the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. She is a Certified Court Manager and a Certified Court Executive by the Institute for Court Management of the National Center for State Courts. She served as a magistrate for the Butler County Probate Court and was the first coordinator for the county's felony drug court. As magistrate, Melissa was responsible for presiding over outpatient civil commitment, adoption, guardianship, and minor settlement cases.

Ms. Knopp joined the Supreme Court of Ohio in 1998 as staff counsel to the director of Legal and Legislative Services and in 2001 became manager of the Specialized Dockets Section. As manager, she supervised the section's activities and provided technical assistance to trial courts on adult offender specialized dockets. During her fifteen-year tenure, Ms. Knopp oversaw the growth of these programs from seven drug courts to 155 programs, which encompassed drug, family dependency, DUI, mental health, SAMI, domestic violence, reentry, child support enforcement, sex offender, and Veterans courts. She served as staff to the Supreme Court's Commission on Specialized Dockets and was instrumental in developing and implementing Ohio's specialized dockets certification process. In the fall of 2015, Ms. Knopp's article "Breaking the Cycle: Ohio Reentry Courts" was published in the Ohio Northern University Law Review. She co-authored the Judges' Quick Reference Guide to the Ohio Law on Mental Health Commitment, which was published in January 2017. Currently, Ms. Knopp serves as the Stepping Up Ohio Project Manager. In this role she manages justice system related projects to appropriately handle parties with mental health issues, including criminal justice reform, competency restoration, crisis continuum models, data sharing, housing, and transportation.

Hon. Cynthia Lu

Judge; Second Judicial District Court, NV

Judge Cynthia Lu currently presides in Department 5 of the Second Judicial District Court. Judge Lu oversees family court cases, which has included dissolution of marriage, custody/visitation, abuse/neglect, termination of parental rights, adoptions, Family Treatment Court, and civil commitments. Judge Lu was honored to be elected to the bench in 2014. Previously, Judge Lu served as a Family Division Court Master in the Second Judicial District Court.

Judge Lu has spoken and trained nationally and in Nevada on issues affecting children and families in the court system, including Specialty Courts. She is honored to serve on the Nevada Supreme Court's Committee to Study Child Custody Reform and the Specialty Court Funding Committee, in addition to the Family Violence and Domestic Relations Advisory Committee of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

Judge Lu is especially pleased to have initiated the assisted outpatient program (AOT) in Washoe County through a partnership with Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services and a generous grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The AOT program is designed to provide comprehensive community-based outpatient treatment to adults with persistent and serious mental illness with court oversight. The program has greatly decreased the utilization of mental health hospitalizations, medical hospital visits, and incarceration for the participants. The participants are able to lead safer, more stable, and healthier lives in the community.

Amy Lukes, L.I.C.S.W.

Project Director; Treatment Advocacy Center, VA

Amy Lukes, L.I.C.S.W., Project Manager, oversees the Treatment Advocacy Center's contribution to the SAMHSA funded Clinical Support System for Serious Mental Illness. The Treatment Advocacy Center is tasked with providing online education and support for the implementation of Assisted Outpatient Treatment. Ms. Lukes is a licensed independent clinical social worker who brings a different perspective to the Treatment Advocacy Center, having worked for 17 years in community mental health settings with SMI populations, including those in Assisted Outpatient Treatment. Prior to joining the Treatment Advocacy Center, she worked at Northeast Ohio Medical University overseeing projects related to suicide prevention, evidence-based treatment for opiate addiction and Assisted Outpatient Treatment.

Ms. Lukes has experience implementing several evidence-based treatments for severe mental illness including Assertive Community Treatment, Integrated Dual Disorder Treatment, Housing First and Individual Placement and Support. She began her career as a case manager serving people dually diagnosed with a severe mental illness and substance use disorders. Ms. Lukes graduated from Case Western Reserve University with a Master of Science in social administration and a Bachelor of Arts from Kenyon College.

Dustin McKee, M.S.W.

Policy Director; National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio, OH

Dustin McKee is the Director of Policy for the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio. In this position, he is responsible for the organizations public policy advocacy at the local, state and congressional levels.

Dustin has more than a decade of experience as an advocate for people from marginalized populations. Prior to working for NAMI of Ohio, he served in policy advocacy positions focused on children and people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. Dustin's experience as a direct care worker for children and adults with various disabilities, and his personal and family experiences have also helped him develop a nuanced and holistic perspective on policy and advocacy issues impacting people with mental illness and other disabilities.

Dustin has a Bachelors Degree in Psychology from Earlham College and a Masters of Social Work from Ohio University. Prior to obtaining his MSW, Dustin provided direct supports to individuals with serious mental illness in a community support program in rural Indiana.

Mark Munetz, M.D.

Professor and Chair of Psychiatry; Northeast Ohio Medical University, OH

Mark R. Munetz, M.D., is Professor and The Margaret Clark Morgan Endowed Chair of Psychiatry at the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED). He directed community psychiatry training at NEOMED and served as medical director for the Summit County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADM) Services Board from 1992- 2012. Dr. Munetz oversees the Ohio Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence, the Ohio Program for Campus Safety and Mental Health and the Best Practices in Schizophrenia Treatment (BeST) Center, all at NEOMED. He has held faculty positions at the University of Pittsburgh, University of Massachusetts, and Case Western Reserve University.

In his role with the Summit County ADM Board, Dr. Munetz helped develop and sustain an outpatient civil commitment program, one of the first in Ohio. Dr. Munetz also helped plan, implement and study jail diversion programs for individuals with serious mental disorders, including the Crisis Intervention Team program and mental health courts. Dr. Munetz also helped plan and support implementation of coordinated specialty care programs, known as FIRST programs, for individuals experiencing their first episode of psychosis, throughout Ohio.

Michelle Riske-Morris, Ph.D., J.D.

Senior Research Associate; Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education, OH

Dr. Riske-Morris, Ph.D., J.D., has practiced law for 27 years and evaluates several projects which relate to the implementation of behavioral and mental health supports for adults and children, including programs to improve health and social outcomes and reduce psychiatric hospitalization and criminal justice involvement. As a principal investigator she has experience in both process and outcome evaluations. She also specialized in evaluations regarding compliance with civil right laws and the ADA law.

Hon. Randy Rogers

Judge; Butler County Probate Court, OH

Judge Randy T. Rogers has served as Probate Judge for Butler County, Ohio since 1995. Under Judge Rogers' leadership, Butler County's highly successful Volunteer Guardianship Program was established in 1996. In that same year Judge Rogers volunteered to serve as Butler County's first Drug Court Judge when drug courts were a relatively new judicial concept. After transferring his role as the Drug Court Judge four years later, Judge Rogers began looking for ways to modify his Probate Court's civil commitment process to make that process more effective. Since then he has become an advocate for the expanded use of assisted outpatient treatment.

Judge Rogers recognizes the importance of collaborative efforts between the civil court system and the criminal justice system. In 1999 he co-hosted the Southwest Ohio Regional Forum on Mental Health Courts and the Mentally Ill Offender. He has been a frequent speaker on the impact of mental health and drug addiction issues on the courts. In recent years, the Butler County Probate Court has been visited by teams of mental health and court officials from a variety of other states and has been referred to as "a model for others" in the assisted outpatient treatment process. Judge Rogers received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance and Commerce in 1973. He received his Juris Doctor from the University of Cincinnati's College of Law in 1976.

Nick Schrantz, M.A.

Butler County Probate Court Monitor; Community First Solutions, OH

Nick Schrantz, M.B.A., serves as the Probate Court Monitor in Butler County, where he has worked since 2007. Mr. Schrantz's responsibilities include serving as the liaison between the Probate Court, Mental Health Board, respondent, family, treatment providers, group home staff, and other supports while someone is under an assisted outpatient treatment (AOT) order from the Butler County Probate Court. He helps ensure that AOT respondents have access to treatment and encourages them to adhere to their treatment plan and services available to them. In addition, Mr. Schrantz presents a report to the Probate Court at each AOT review hearing summarizing the respondent's situation since the previous hearing.

Prior to serving as the Probate Court Monitor, Mr. Schrantz was a case manager and therapist at a community mental health center in Cincinnati for eighteen years. This experience is the basis for Mr. Schrantz's belief that any AOT program needs to have an active presence at the respondent's home and engage the respondent in the community, and not just the courtroom. Mr. Schrantz has a bachelor's degree in sociology (1986) and a master's degree in psychological counseling (1989) from the University of Notre Dame.

Ruth Simera, M.Ed., L.S.W.

Director; Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence at Northeast Ohio Medical University, OH

Ruth H. Simera, M.Ed., LSW, is the Director for the Ohio Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence and provides consultation and technical assistance to promote jail diversion alternatives to Ohio communities, including oversight of the Sequential Intercept Mapping Initiative and enhancement of CIT programs. Ruth is a member of the Ohio Attorney General's Task Force on Mental Illness and Criminal Justice for which she is co-chair of the Research and Best Practices sub-committee.

Ms. Simera is a member of the Ohio Stepping Up Steering and Executive Committees, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction CIT Steering Committee, and has served on the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission Subject Matter Expert (SME) group for revision of the Corrections CIT lesson plan. Her career includes Case Management for court-involved youth and families and 26 years managing and administering community behavioral health services, specializing in crisis intervention, conflict management, program development, quality improvement, and community crisis response. Ruth was also an adjunct faculty instructor with the Center for Applied Conflict Management in the Political Science Department at Kent State University for ten years and is a contracted trainer for the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program.

Eric Smith

AOT Graduate; Bexar County, TX

Eric Smith has been a featured speaker at AOT conferences in Las Vegas and at the Texas State Capitol Building. In 2018, Mr. Smith was interviewed on National Public Radio (NPR) about assisted outpatient treatment (AOT) and Kendra's Law.

Mr. Smith is a habitual Honors student who graduated in the top 10% of his class as an undergraduate, and he is currently a graduate student in pursuit of becoming a mental health professional. Mr. Smith's journey as it relates to AOT has been highlighted in the documentary *Stopping the Revolving Door – A Civil Approach to Treating Severe Mental Illness*.

John Snook, J.D.

Executive Director; Treatment Advocacy Center, VA

John Snook, J.D., serves as Executive Director of the Treatment Advocacy Center, widely recognized as one of the most influential mental health advocacy organizations in existence today. More than half of the states have reformed their mental health laws as a result of the Treatment Advocacy Center's advocacy, and their original research on issues such as the criminalization of mental illness has reshaped the national narrative on the treatment of severe mental illness. Mr. Snook brings the organization more than 15 years of policy and advocacy experience at both the federal and state levels. Prior to joining the Treatment Advocacy Center, he worked on policy issues at the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) and at Habitat for Humanity International. At Habitat, he grew the nascent state and local advocacy network

into a driving nationwide force for affordable housing policy. Mr. Snook also co-led Habitat's response to the foreclosure crisis, ultimately resulting in thousands of new Habitat homes and more than \$350 million in new funding to address foreclosed properties.

Mr. Snook's true passion has always been mental health reform. His focus on the issue began in law school, as he saw a loved one struggle with untreated mental illness. He championed mental illness reform, working first with the West Virginia Supreme Court on mental health issues and then at the Treatment Advocacy Center as an advocate for state mental health reform. His return as Executive Director represents a homecoming to these important issues. Mr. Snook received his Juris Doctor from the George Mason School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts from Washington & Jefferson College.

Brian Stettin, J.D.

Policy Director; Treatment Advocacy Center, VA

Brian Stettin, J.D., is the Treatment Advocacy Center's policy director. In 1999, as an Assistant New York State Attorney General, Mr. Stettin was instrumental in conceiving and drafting "Kendra's Law," landmark legislation establishing assisted outpatient treatment (AOT) in New York. After leaving the Attorney General's Office in 2007, Mr. Stettin served as special counsel to the New York State Commissioner of Criminal Justice Services and counsel to the Health Committee of the New York Assembly.

Since joining the Treatment Advocacy Center in 2009, Mr. Stettin has worked with state legislators and policymakers across the US to improve mental health commitment laws and establish AOT programs. Mr. Stettin is a 1991 graduate of the City College of New York and a 1995 graduate of the University of Texas School of Law.

Hon. Elinore Marsh Stormer

Judge; Summit County Probate Court, OH

Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer graduated from Davidson College's Honors College. She received her Juris Doctor from The University of Akron School of Law. Judge Stormer practiced law in the private sector until 1989 when she was appointed General Counsel to the Summit County Executive. In 1991, Judge Stormer was elected to the Akron Municipal Court and re-elected in 1993 and 1999. She started the first Municipal Drug Court and the first Mental Health Specialty Court in Ohio and has been a leader in bringing the concept of "therapeutic jurisprudence" to Ohio. In November 2004, Judge Stormer was elected to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas. As a judge, she has led the effort to provide specialized treatment for offenders. In the Court of Common Pleas, she began a model Reentry Court to help offenders returning from prison become productive citizens. In keeping with her commitment to intelligent sentencing and a "smart on crime" approach, in September 2006, she began Summit County's first Reentry Court to assist felons returning from prison to become law-abiding citizens. She was reelected in 2010. After her 2012 election to Summit County Probate Court, Judge Stormer started a Mediation Program and a free Help Desk. Consistent with other Probate Courts, she created the Senior Visitor and Volunteer Guardian Programs, both serving indigent wards under this Court's jurisdiction.

In January 2016, Judge Stormer began the New Day Court, the first of its kind in Ohio, to help those under civil commitment avoid return to the hospital by providing a path to recovery for the severely mentally ill. Judge Stormer currently serves on the national Board of Directors of the Treatment Advocacy Center, a U.S. non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating legal and other barriers to the effective treatment of severe mental illness. New Day Court has quickly become a national model with visitors from across the state and country attending the court to learn best practices.

Maribel Tellez, B.S.W., M.S.W.

Assisted Outpatient Treatment Contract and Program Administrator; Dona Ana County Health and Human Services, NM

Maribel Tellez, B.S.W., M.S.W., has over 15 years of experience working with diverse communities in Las Cruces. She began her career working at a rape crisis center and over the years found her passion in administration. She earned her Bachelor and Master of Social Work from New Mexico State University. Mari was born and raised in Las Cruces and loves living and working in the community, while raising her 2 girls with her husband.

Justin Trevino, M.D.

Medical Director; Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, OH

Justin Trevino, M.D., was born in Columbus, OH, grew up in rural Ohio north of Dayton, and has been a nearly lifelong resident of Ohio. He graduated college from Trinity University (San Antonio, TX) with a Bachelor of Arts in chemistry, also being elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He graduated medical school from Wright State University/Boonshoft School of Medicine in Dayton Ohio in 1987 being selected for membership in the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society. He trained as a resident in psychiatry at the Institute of Living Hospital (Hartford, CT) for two years and completed residency training in the Wright State University Department of Psychiatry Residency Program in 1991.

Dr. Trevino has served patients in a several southwestern and central Ohio hospitals and communities for almost 30 years. His roles have included both clinical and administrative leadership duties in a variety of psychiatric and addiction treatment settings. He has served in the role of Chief Clinical Officer for a mental health and recovery board as well as serving as a board member for his local mental health and recovery board for a five year period. After several years of providing medical leadership at state psychiatric hospitals, Dr. Trevino was named Assistant Medical Director for the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) in October 2015. He was subsequently appointed Medical Director of OhioMHAS in August 2018. Dr. Trevino is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in General Psychiatry (lifetime certification) and Addiction Psychiatry (recertified in 2014). He is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.