



## **Becky Pasternik-Ikard**

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Becky Pasternik-Ikard was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA), Oklahoma's Medicaid agency, effective Oct. 4, 2016. She has been with the agency for 20 years.

Previously, Ms. Pasternik-Ikard served the agency as a member of the executive leadership team as the State Medicaid Director. In that capacity she provided the overall direction for SoonerCare Operations, which includes Behavioral Health, the Insure Oklahoma Premium Assistance Program, Member Services, Pharmacy Services, Population Care Management and Provider/Medical Home Services. In addition, Ms. Pasternik-Ikard was the lead OHCA collaborator with the Oklahoma Health Improvement Plan (OHIP) and the Oklahoma State Innovation Model (OSIM) grant, as well as with state agency partners including the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the State Department of Health and the Department of Human Services.

Ms. Pasternik-Ikard is the 2016 co-chairperson for Oklahoma's Executive Council on Developmental Disabilities. She is a member of the National Association of State Health Policy Academy; the CMS Managed Care, Children's Coverage and Quality Technical Advisory Groups; the Public Health Institute of Oklahoma Board; and contributes to multiple state and national workgroups and projects related to health care access, coverage and system reform.

Before joining the OHCA, she served as an Assistant Attorney General for Oklahoma in the litigation and administrative law sections. Ms. Pasternik-Ikard has a Juris Doctorate, a Master of Science and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She has a background in burn nursing, as well as injury epidemiology.



## **Dr. Lynn Mitchell**

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Lynn Mitchell, M.D., MPH, OU Physicians Chief Medical Officer and Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs OU College of Medicine, has extensive experience with health systems and assessments of health care outcomes and has been deeply involved with health care policies at the state and federal levels.

Prior to her current employment, Mitchell was the Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Commissioner for Prevention and Preparedness Services for the Oklahoma Department of Health. Previously, she served as State Medicaid Director from 2000 to 2010 and as Medical Director for the Oklahoma Health Care Authority from 1995 to 2000.

From 1989 to 1995, Mitchell was a member of the OU College of Medicine faculty and also held an adjunct appointment in the OU College of Public Health. Mitchell is a graduate of the OU College of Medicine and completed residency training in family medicine and in occupational medicine/preventive medicine at the OU Health Sciences Center.

Her interests include preventive care and public health, patient-centric care, innovative health care delivery models, and health care financing.



## Neil E. Hann, MPH, CHES

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Neil Hann retired from the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) in 2017 as Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Community and Family Health Services where he assisted with the oversight of 68 county health departments and major program areas such as MCH and WIC. Prior to his last position, Mr. Hann was Director of the Community Development Service within the OSDH, and oversaw six divisions including Turning Point – a statewide community engagement and health improvement initiative.

Hann currently serves as Executive Director of the Society for Applied Anthropology, and holds an Adjunct Faculty appointment with the University of Oklahoma College of Public Health.

Hann has authored and co-authored several publications on public health topics. His other activities have included president of the Oklahoma Public Health Association, president of the national Directors of Health Promotion and Education, and chair of the *American Journal of Public Health* Editorial Board. He enjoys flying fishing, cooking, and the blues. Hann received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Oral Roberts University in May 1981 and a Master of Public Health degree in Health Education from the University of Oklahoma, College of Public Health in December 1982.



## **Toni D. Frioux, MS, APRN-CNP**

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PHIO Board Member 2004 to Present

Toni D. Frioux, MS, APRN-CNP, is a nationally certified family nurse practitioner and is a clinical instructor of advanced practice nursing at Oklahoma City University Kramer School of Nursing. Toni graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Nursing with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science (Nursing Major) and a Post Graduate Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate. Prior to entering academia, Toni enjoyed a lengthy career at the Oklahoma State Department of Health. During her 36-year tenure, she began her career in public health as a clerk progressing into the roles of a staff nurse, coordinating nurse, district nurse manager, director of nursing, assistant deputy commissioner and deputy commissioner.

Toni is currently a member of the Association of Oklahoma Nurse Practitioners, Oklahoma Nurses Association, American Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nursing, Oklahoma Public Health Association and serves as the Nursing Advisory Committee Chair for Vaccinate Oklahoma (VaccOK). Toni is a founding board member of the Public Health Institute of Oklahoma and has served in member and officer roles since its inception.



## Suzanne W Nichols

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Suzanne was one of the originators of PHIO assisting in the creation of the organization and the obtaining of the tax exempt status from the IRS. She is currently of Council with P&S LEGAL ADVOCACY, PLLC. She also serves as an administrative law judge with the Oklahoma State Department of Health. She is considered a consumer member of the PHIO Board.

Suzanne began her law practice in 1975, spending the majority of her career with state government. During the late 1980s she was the Director of the Health Planning Commission, a state agency charged with planning for the health of Oklahomans. She was also worked for both the Department of Human Services and the Oklahoma State Department of Health. Her interest grew beyond the law and into strategic planning, performance management and project management.

In retirement, she and her husband sold most of what they owned and moved to Berkeley California to live in student housing while Suzanne attended seminary at Pacific School of Religion. While in California Suzanne was ordained as an interfaith minister by the Chaplaincy Institute.

Since her return to Oklahoma in 2008, Suzanne has spent her time with church activities, serving as a board member with 3 non-profit organizations (including PHIO), practicing law, and being a grandmother. She enjoys travel by car. She took a solo car trip in 2016 for three weeks traveling over 3500 miles and spending all but 3 nights with friends and family along her route.



## **Tina R. Johnson, MPH, RN**

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Tina R. Johnson, MPH, RN began her professional career after graduating from Seminole State College as a registered nurse at the Prague Municipal Hospital. She later became Director of Nursing at Prague. She became interested in public health in 1988 and took a position as a public health nurse at the Lincoln County Health Department. She furthered her career in public health as the District Nurse Manager, Director of Nursing Education at the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), Administrative Director for Pottawatomie, Seminole, Hughes and Okfuskee County Health Departments, the Director of Nursing Service at OSDH and as of April 4, 2016 is the Deputy Commissioner for Community and Family Health Services.

She was appointed to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing: Nursing Education and Practice Advisory Committee. She has served on the Executive committee for the Safe States Alliance which is the National Association for Injury Prevention. She has been a member of the Oklahoma Public Health Association (OPHA) for over 24 years and serves on the Board Governance Committee. She also served as the 2010 President. She serves as the OPHA representative on the Public Health Institute of Oklahoma Board of Directors and has served as President. She is a Fellow of the Oklahoma Public Health Leadership Institute. She serves on the University Of Oklahoma College Of Nursing Education Consortium Planning Committee and also on the Nurse Practice Committee. She serves on the OSDH Workforce Development Committee as well as the Leadership Strategic Action Plan.

She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from the Oklahoma Wesleyan University and her Master's Degree in Public Health in Health Administration and Policy from the University of Oklahoma.



## Gaylene Stiles

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Gaylene is the Director of Community Health & Access at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City. She is the vice president of the board of directors for the Public Health Institute of Oklahoma which is the fiduciary agent and technical assistance partner to Turning Point. She considers Oklahoma Turning Point a valuable community partner in improving health outcomes.

In her day job at Mercy, she is responsible for managing and directing programs, services and resources to improve the health and wellness of our community with a focus on the vulnerable and marginalized. Aligning with community collaborations and partnerships allows for opportunities that will have a large impact on improved overall health and wellness outcomes. She is the recipient of the Mercy Service Award in 1998 and 2003.

Gaylene has a Masters in Adult Education/Gerontology from the University of Central Oklahoma and a bachelor's degree in Home Economics from Bethany Nazarene College (now Southern Nazarene University).



## **Shantice Atkins, MPH, PMP**

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Shantice, a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, has over 16 years' experience in research and community programs management. Her previous work has included management of a federally funded research project that focused on disease and pregnancy prevention in youth. She has extensive experience developing relationships with various community partners as well as providing training and technical assistance support.

Ms. Atkins' previous research experience also includes projects in early childhood development at both Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and the University of New Orleans. She earned her Master of Public Health degree from Tulane School of Public Health in 2005 and in May 2017, she became a certified Project Management Professional.

She is currently a Navigator for the SNAP Employment & Training program of Work Ready Oklahoma at Public Strategies. Her primary role in the program is to help navigate participants through the process of becoming work ready. Additionally, her role includes providing support to the participants so that they can acquire the most basic necessities such as food and housing, because without the basic needs met, one can't focus on sustaining employment.

As a former employee of the Louisiana Public Health Institute in New Orleans, she brings a wealth of knowledge of Public Health Institutes and hopes to use this knowledge to help bridge the gaps in health services here in Oklahoma.

Her personal interests include the well-being of high-school age and young adult women to empower, encourage and support them to be the best versions of themselves they can be.





## **Traylor Rains-Sims, J.D.**

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Mr. Rains-Sims is the Senior Director of Policy and Provider Regulation at the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS). Prior to joining ODMHSAS in 2012, he served the State for over seven years in various roles at Oklahoma's single state Medicaid agency (the Oklahoma Health Care Authority) the most recent of which was Assistant Director of Health Policy. Before entering state service, Mr. Rains-Sims practiced criminal, family & personal injury trial law in Texas.

Mr. Rains-Sims is responsible for coordinating the oversight of policy and rules for all state purchased behavioral health treatment services (including Medicaid & CHIP) in Oklahoma as well as managing program integrity activities within the Medicaid behavioral health program. He also directs the Agency's Provider Certification Division, PASRR Division and Tribal Relations. He has been directly involved in the planning and implementation of various projects requiring Medicaid State Plan Amendments and negotiations with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), including the implementation of Oklahoma's Health Homes for Adults with Serious Mental Illness and Children with Serious Emotional Disturbance in January 2015. Mr. Rains-Sims serves on several boards and councils, including the Oklahoma Health Care Authority's (OHCA) Medical Advisory Council, the Behavioral Health Advisory Council of the ODMHSAS, and the Governor's Executive Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Mr. Rains-Sims earned his undergraduate degree in Psychology from Texas A&M University prior to earning his Juris Doctorate from Baylor University School of Law.