

## **2011-2012 Community Advisory Board Members**

### **Uma S. Ahluwalia, MSW, MHA**

Director, Department of Health and Human Services, Montgomery County Maryland

Uma S. Ahluwalia is currently the Director of the Montgomery County (Maryland) Department of Health and Human Services. With nearly 1600 employees, the department is one of the largest agencies in Montgomery County and includes Aging and Disability Services; Behavioral Health and Crisis Services; Children, Youth and Family Services; Public Health Services and Special Needs Housing. The Fiscal Year 2010 budget for the department is more than \$265 million. Ahluwalia holds a Masters in Social Work from the University of Delhi in India and a Specialist Post-Masters in Health Services Administration from George Washington University. Over an 18-year career in human services, she has progressively moved from case-carrying social work to executive leadership at the state and local levels.

### **Francyne O. Anderson, MD**

Anderson & Associates Health Associates  
President, DC PrimCare Practice-Based Research Network

Francyne Anderson, M.D. is a primary care provider specialized in Family Medicine and current President of the Board of Directors for DC PrimCare, a practice-based research network established at Howard University Department of Community and Family Medicine.

Dr. Anderson has been in private practice for over thirty years in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. She received her medical degree from the University of Florida and Bachelor of Science degree from Howard University. She currently serves as a Clinical Instructor for Howard University College of Allied Health Sciences and Physician Assistant Program and Bowie State University's Nurse Practitioner Program. Dr. Anderson's office is an externship site for Medtech (formerly Sanz School), Tesst College and Sanford Brown Institute.

Dr. Anderson is a board certified family physician who maintains an ambulatory based practice in Northeast Washington, D.C. She remains active as an educator and presenter to schools, civil organizations and medical societies. Her major areas of research interest are diabetes, obesity, pain management, alternative medicine, health promotion and disease prevention in minority patients, especially those of African ancestry.

### **Alison Bartleman, MD**

Director, CAPRICORN Practice-Based Research Network

Alison Bartleman, M.D. is a graduate of University of Maryland and Howard University College of Medicine. She currently is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Director of the Doctoring Selectives and Health Policy & Economics module and Assistant Director of Social Cultural Issues in Healthcare, all of which are part of the first year Doctoring Curriculum. She also is the Director of Georgetown's practice based research network, CAPRICORN and serves as Advisor to the Family Medicine Student Interest Group. Dr. Bartleman is a clinician at Unity at Columbia Road where she practices full-spectrum Family Medicine in an urban underserved Latino community. She also is an attending physician at Providence Hospital with the Providence Hospital/Georgetown University Family Medicine Residency Program. She teaches both on the inpatient medicine and Obstetrical services teams and as a preceptor at Fort Lincoln Family Medicine Center in Bladensburg, MD. Her

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professional interests include care for the underserved and vulnerable populations, practice-based research and preventive medicine.

### **Yanira Cruz, DrPH, MPH**

President & CEO, National Hispanic Council on Aging (NHCOA)

Yanira L. Cruz, DrPH serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Hispanic Council on Aging (NHCOA). Dr. Cruz focuses on improving the quality of life for Hispanic older adults their families and communities through public policy, educational efforts, community-based interventions, capacity building and technical assistance. Dr. Cruz served as Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools (HSHPS) in Washington. She served as Director of the Institute for Hispanic Health at the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) where she led numerous public health programs to improve the health status of Latinos nationwide. She has been Member of National Advisory Board of AMERIGROUP Corp. since October 13, 2008. She also serves on the Boards of the Latin American Youth Center (LAYC) and the American Diabetes Association (ADA). Dr. Cruz serves on the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education (APME), which advises the Secretary of DHHS and the Administrator of CMS on opportunities to enhance the federal government's effectiveness in implementing a national Medicare education program. Dr. Cruz also holds an adjunct faculty appointment at The George Washington University School of Public Health.

### **Cyndy Dailey, MPA**

Director, Multicultural Human Services Programs of Northern Virginia Family Service

Cyndy Dailey is the Director for the NVFS Multicultural Human Service programs and for the past 3 years has strategically led a multifaceted, multicultural mental health and social service set of programs that serve the unique and ever changing needs of the immigrant and refugee populations. Cyndy over 30 years experience working in the human service field within the international, military, county and non-profit sectors. Throughout these years she has held a variety of positions that have developed and increased her programmatic and administrative leadership skills, as well as her knowledge of the Northern VA region. While 23 years of her work has been spent at NVFS, her career has been enriched through two overseas tours in Israel and Australia where she oversaw a community mental health grant, provided mission outreach within the local communities and conducted adoption home studies. In the years preceding the Director position Cyndy functioned in multiple roles that have strengthened the NVFS infrastructure as the agency's Director of Quality Improvement and managing therapeutic services in the agency's counseling programs. Cyndy grew up in Fairfax, spent five years working for Fairfax County's Department of Family Services and 2 years working on Ft. Myer. Cyndy has a bachelor's degree in social work and master's degree in Public Administration from George Mason University. In her free time Cyndy is an avid rower and cyclist.

### **Giovanna Dixon**

Research Participant Representative

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### **Steven M. Galen, MA, MS**

President & CEO of the Primary Care Coalition

Steven M. Galen has Master of Science degrees in both health care administration and organizational development. He has served as the President & CEO of the Primary Care Coalition since its inception in 1995. In the community, Steve has served on numerous non-profit Boards of Directors and is currently chair on the Montgomery County Community Action Agency. In 25 years at the Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health, Steve gained progressive administrative responsibilities in clinical and biomedical research management, leading hospital wide programs in quality improvement and technology development. Mr. Galen has been an instructor in health system management at the University of Maryland since 1993 and received the Eugene and Agnes Meyer Foundation Exponent Award for visionary leadership in 2008 and was named a Purpose Prize Fellow in 2010. The Primary Care Coalition received the 2010 Bank of American Neighborhood Builder Award.

### **Millicent Gorham, MBA**

Executive Director, National Black Nurses Association, Inc.

Millicent Gorham is the Executive Director of the National Black Nurses Association, Inc., which represents 150,000 African American nurses in the United States. Millicent was appointed to that position in October 1995. In this position she handles all administrative, fund development, advocacy, communications, marketing and conference planning, with a staff of four and a budget of \$1.6 million.

Millicent has more than 30 years of government relations experience. For four years she worked as the health legislative assistant to U.S. Representative Louis Stokes, (D-OH). She was the coordinator of the Congressional Black Caucus Health Brain Trust and continues to serve on the steering committee of the CBC Health Brain Trust. She served as the assistant director of government relations for the American Optometric Association for eight years. And, for four years, Millicent worked as the director of government relations for the National Rural Health Association.

Millicent is a member of the editorial board of the Nursing Spectrum, a national nursing magazine. She served on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Nominating Group that recommends consumers to the FDA 46 Advisory Committees; and the National Kidney Disease Education Program Coordinating Panel, NIH. She serves as an Advisory Member of the National Minority AIDS Education and Training Center at Howard University. She was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition in 2004 and became the secretary in 2006 - 2009. She was appointed to the Balm in Gilead Cervical Cancer Advisory Board in 2004. She served on the Board of Governors of the Jacobs Institute of Women's Health in 2006. In 2009, Millicent was re-elected to a three year term on the Board of Directors of the National Coalition of Black Meeting Planners. She served on the planning committees for the annual meetings of the National Council of Negro Women and the American Academy of Nursing. She was appointed to Alumnae Advisory Board, School of Health Studies, Simmons College, Boston, MA, in 2007; and was appointed chair in September 2008. In 2009, Millicent was appointed to the Community Advisory Board of the Lombardi Cancer Institute at Georgetown University. U.S. Representative Donna Christen Christian, chair, Congressional Black Caucus Health Brain Trust appointed Millicent to the CBC Health Brain Trust Health Equity Leadership Commission in August 2010.

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Simmons College, Boston, MA, will award Millicent an honorary doctorate in nursing in May 2011. She was awarded the 2006 Simmons College Alumnae Achievement Award and presented at the Phyllis Dotson Nursing Lecture. In 2008, she was awarded the Simmons College African American Alumnae Association "Quiet Leader Award". In 1996, Bethune Cookman College, Department of Nursing, honored Millicent with its Achievement Award. In 1995, she was awarded the U.S. State Offices of Rural Health Award.

She was president of Women in Government Relations in 1991 and served for three years on the WGR LEADER Foundation Board. WGR is an 800 member organization of government relations professionals. In 1997, she was awarded its highest honor, the Distinguished Member Award.

Since 1996, Millicent has served as a deacon at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. She served as a deacon trustee from 1998-2002. She was appointed chair of the Budget and Finance Committee in May 2004.

Millicent received a Masters in Business Administration from Howard University, and a B.A. in Business Management and Communications from Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts. She also received a certificate of completion from the Institutes for Organization Management, Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

### **Roy Harrington, Jr.**

Research Participant Representative

### **D Magrini**

Health Education Program Director, Mautner Project

For 20 years, D Magrini has worked to reduce health disparities and improve access to culturally sensitive care for underserved and vulnerable women. Ms. Magrini began her professional career in 1991 as a community health outreach and education specialist for vulnerable lesbians of color and as a member of the women's Health Consultants Collective (from 1991-1994) who trained third year medical students and seasoned providers how to conduct a sensitive well-woman exam respectful of the woman's perspective.

Ms. Magrini also served as the program coordinator/liaison for the Women's Health consultants program at Howard University, working closely with medical school instructors to assure students' learning goals were met and evidenced by evaluation.

Ms. Magrini joined Mautner Project as a health educator in 1994 and continued this work as the primary health educator at the Lesbian Services Program of Whitman Walker clinic in Washington, D/C/ from 1997-2006. She developed a range of successful strategies for getting different communities of women of color to participate in health promotion and early intervention programs. Notable among these efforts was the Avon and Komen-funded Breast Health Initiative where she assessed and refined outreach strategies.

Ms. Magrini rejoined Mautner Project as Health Education Program Director in 2006. She is the lead instructor of the Removing the Barriers program and the lead instructor/organizer of the

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SHE Circle program--- the Spirit, Health, education Circle for African American lesbian and bisexual women.

Ms. Magrini is an often-invited speaker on a national level addressing issues of cultural competency in medical environments for lesbian, bisexual and transgender women.

Ms. Magrini attended American University, and served as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army.

### **Mat McCollough, MPA**

Executive Director, DC Developmental Disabilities Council

Mathew McCollough is currently the Executive Director of the DC Developmental Disabilities Council. Previously, Mr. McCollough served as the Communications Manager for the Office for Disability Rights, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance office for the DC Government. From 2002 until 2008, he served as a grant manager and program specialist for the Association of University Centers on Disabilities. In 2009, he was appointed by Mayor Adrian Fenty to serve on the DC Rehabilitation Services Council as a Government Representative. Mr. McCollough received his master's degree in Public Administration from American University and his bachelor's degree in political science from James Madison University.

### **Matthew J. Reinhard, Psy.D.**

Matthew J. Reinhard, Psy.D, is the Director of the Washington, DC War Related Illness and Injury Study Center (WRIISC-DC). The WRIISC-DC, located at the Washington VA Medical Center, is one of three Centers serving as a National VA Post-Deployment Health Resource. The WRIISCs focus on the post deployment health concerns of Veterans and their unique health care needs.

Dr. Reinhard obtained his B.A. degree from Long Island University, his M.A. and Doctorate of Clinical Psychology from Pepperdine University, and interned at the Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center (APA). He completed a two-year National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) post-doctoral fellowship in neuropsychology at the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA), Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior (formerly the Neuropsychiatric Institute). Dr. Reinhard has published neuropsychological research in the areas of PTSD, HIV/AIDS, Brain Reserve Theory, Personality Theory, and neurotoxic exposure.

Dr. Reinhard began his career with the VA in 2006 as a clinical psychologist in the PTSD treatment program at the Washington DC VAMC. He joined the WRIISC in 2008 as a clinical neuropsychologist and has seen many veterans with a variety of post-deployment health concerns. Dr. Reinhard is currently involved in multiple ongoing VA research projects, and has an academic appointment at the Assistant Professor rank from Georgetown University Medical School, Department of Psychiatry.

### **Donald Shell, MD, MA**

Health Officer, Prince George's County Health Department

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**Abyssinia Washington, MEd, Psy.D.**  
Clinical Services Director, Safe Shores

Dr. Abyssinia Washington currently serves as the Clinical Services Director at Safe Shores, The D.C. Children's Advocacy Center where she provides crisis and on-going mental health services to child victims of abuse and witnesses to homicides. In this capacity, Dr. Washington also provides clinical consultation to the D.C.'s Multidisciplinary team which includes the Metropolitan Police Department, United States Attorney's Office, Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency, and Children's National Medical Center.

Dr. Washington is also in private practice in the District of Columbia and was selected as a 2006-2007 APA/AAS Congressional Fellow and served on the Office of representative Patrick . Kennedy. She graduated from Spelman College with the B.A. in Psychology, Howard University with a M.Ed in Counseling Psychology, and a Psy.D from George Washington University in Clinical Psychology.