

## Speaker Biographies



### JEAN M. BENNETT

PhD

*Regional Administrator*

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, US Department of Health and Human Services, Region III**  
Philadelphia, PA



In 2011, Dr. Jean Bennett was selected as the SAMHSA Regional Administrator responsible for the federal Region III territory which includes Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. In this new SAMHSA leadership role, Dr. Bennett works closely with federal, regional and national behavioral health leaders and stakeholders. Prior to joining SAMHSA, Dr. Bennett served in the HHS Office of the Secretary as Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Administration, who had responsibility for providing Department-wide support services for all of HHS. As Senior Advisor, Dr. Bennett collaborated on designing solutions to shared administrative and management challenges so as to better serve internal and external stakeholders of HHS.

After September 11th, Dr. Bennett served in several preparedness and response roles: for HHS in Region VI, the seven health care systems in the VA network in San Francisco, and for the Harvard-affiliated Children's Hospital, Boston - in which she advocated for vulnerable populations in grant and disaster-related activities. As the Region VI Public Health Advisor for the HHS Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Dr. Bennett was responsible for leading Public Health and Medical planning and response for LA, TX, OK, NM, and AR for a five year period which commenced with the Hurricane Katrina disaster.

Dr. Bennett's academic experience and research has included work with inner city pregnant women with substance use disorders, developmentally delayed newborns, and survey studies to evaluate organizational climate, hospital emergency preparedness, and e-mail communications. During her military career from which she retired as a Navy Nurse Corps Captain, Dr. Bennett's assignments included clinical roles in mental health, pediatrics, and medical-surgical nursing and leadership assignments overseeing national recruiting programs, tri-service incentive policy development, and a Department of Defense-wide transition assistance program. Originally from Boston, Dr. Bennett graduated with a B.S.N. from the University of Rhode Island, earned a MS in nursing at the University of Pennsylvania, and a MS in management from Troy State. Jean's Ph.D. in Organization and Management is from the Capella University School of Business and Technology.

### DEVIN REAVES

MSW

*Executive Director*

**Pennsylvania Harm Reduction Coalition**  
*Certified Recovery Specialist*  
Philadelphia, PA



Devin Reaves is co-founder and Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Harm Reduction Coalition (PAHRC). PAHRC's mission is to promote the health, dignity, and human rights of individuals who use drugs and the communities affected by drug use. Recognizing that social inequity, criminalization, and prejudice silence those affected most, PAHRC advocates for policies that improve the quality of life for people who use drugs and people in recovery, and their communities.

Mr. Reaves is a person living in recovery since 2007. A community organizer and grassroots advocacy leader, he worked to expand access to the lifesaving medication Naloxone, implant 911 Good Samaritan policies, and develop youth-oriented systems. Mr. Reaves wants to build constituencies of consequence that will lead to meaningful public health policy changes on substance use disorders.

He has a master's degree in social work from the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice with a focus on community and organizational change, and a bachelor's degree in human services from Lynn University. He serves on the Camden County Addiction Awareness Task Force and the Association of Recovery Schools' board of directors.

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### JANICE L. PRINGLE

PHD

*Professor, Pharmacy and Therapeutics  
Director, Program Evaluation and  
Research Unit*

**University of Pittsburgh School of  
Pharmacy**

Pittsburgh, PA



Dr. Pringle is an epidemiologist by training with extensive experience in health services research. Her particular areas of expertise are addiction services research, especially research involving the application of screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment (SBIRT) within various healthcare settings.

Recently, she served as Director of the \$12 million federally-funded Pennsylvania SBIRT initiative's Data Coordinating Center (DCC) and as its lead evaluator. Currently, Dr. Pringle is one of the 11 principal investigators funded by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Association to develop and implement an SBIRT curriculum for medical residencies throughout Pennsylvania. Dr. Pringle also participates in the Allegheny County Overdose Prevention Consortium. She has been involved as a principal investigator or co-investigator for a number of federally-funded studies involving health services, patient safety, addiction treatment and addiction and chronic disease prevention research.

Dr. Pringle is currently leading the evaluation of a Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA) funded initiative within Pennsylvania that has involved the application of SBI techniques with community pharmacists for the purpose of improving medication adherence. Dr. Pringle established the University of Pittsburgh's School of Pharmacy Program Evaluation and Research Unit (PERU). PERU has secured over \$120 million in research and program evaluation efforts for various entities within and outside of the University and is the repository for large databases associated with several federally-funded initiatives. Dr. Pringle has been involved in developing healthcare policy research and briefs that have been used to inform policy development at both the state and federal levels.

### AMY SAUNDERS

MA

*Director, Center of Excellence for Recovery, and Project  
Director and Principal Investigator*

**Marshall University Interprofessional SBIRT Program**  
Huntington, WV

Amy Saunders is the director of the MU Center of Excellence for Recovery at Marshall University, where she oversees health and wellness initiatives on campus and serves as chairwoman for the Marshall University Substance Use Recovery Coalition. She received a master's degree in psychology from Marshall University and has over 20 years of experience working in the fields of mental health, addiction, and public health. She is currently working on a doctorate degree in education at Marshall University. Saunders served as the director of Marshall's Wellness Center for over fifteen years. She has served as the director of a school-based mental health program overseeing services to students in five middle schools.

She has authored and received over 25 public and mental health related grants. Saunders serves as the Principal Investigator (PI) for an interdisciplinary health professionals training grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to provide Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) for individuals with mental health and substance use concerns. She is serving as a Co-PI on a Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). She is also a Co-PI on a Garrett Lee Smith Suicide Prevention grant that was recently awarded to Marshall by SAMHSA. Saunders has assisted with strategic planning and coalition development on campus and within the local community and state.

She is a founding member of the Cabell County Substance Abuse Prevention Partnership and the West Virginia Collegiate Initiative to Address High Risk Drinking and Substance Use, coalitions working to provide substance use education and prevention in West Virginia.

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### MARIANNA FOOTO-LINZ

#### PHD

*Department Chair and Professor, Department of Psychology*  
**Marshall University**  
 Huntington, WV

Dr. Footo-Linz, is a native of southern West Virginia. She received her bachelor's and masters degrees in psychology from Marshall University (1981, 1986) and her doctoral degree in developmental psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1992). She completed her pre-doctoral clinical internship in pediatric psychology at the Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio (1991). She is a Professor of Psychology at Marshall University, Huntington, WV and is a licensed psychologist in West Virginia. Dr. Footo-Linz is the director of the APA-accredited doctoral program in clinical psychology (Psy.D.) at Marshall University. She has been the director since the program's inception in 2001 and has completed two successful accreditation reviews, the most recent being in 2011 when the program was awarded a full 7 years accreditation. Dr. Footo-Linz teaches graduate courses in developmental psychology and psychological assessment. She also teaches undergraduate courses in child development and research.

Dr. Footo-Linz is a representative of the National Council of Schools and Programs in Professional Psychology, a member of the Federal Education Advocacy Campus and a campus ambassador for the National Health Service Corps. She has provided and supervised mental health consultation services for both urban and rural Head Start programs for 12 years and presents frequently to local groups on topics related to child behavior and development. She has presented regularly at the Appalachian Studies Conference and most recently at the annual conference for the National Association for Rural Mental Health in the Summer of 2010. She also wrote a successful HRSA grant for the Graduate Psychology Education program in 2007 and received a mid-year award in 2014.

### RANIA KARIM

#### PT, DPT, GCS, CEEAA

*Associate Professor, School of Physical Therapy*  
**Marshall University**  
 Huntington, WV

Rania Karim, PT, DPT obtained a bachelor's degree in biology from Duquesne University and a Doctor of Physical Therapy from Washington University in St. Louis. She participated in a geriatric residency program at St. Catherine's Villa Maria in Miami Florida followed by a two-year post-doctoral geriatric fellowship at the Cleveland Louis Stokes VA Medical Center. Currently, Dr. Karim is an Associate Professor at Marshall University School of Physical Therapy. She is a Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Geriatric Physical Therapy and certified as an Exercise Expert for Aging Adults. Dr. Karim's research at Marshall focuses on interprofessional education, career interest in geriatric physical therapy, and substance use disorders.

### PENNY KOONTZ

#### PSYD

*Clinic Director, Campus Clinic and Associate Professor,*  
*Department of Psychology*  
**Marshall University**  
 Huntington, WV

Dr. Penny Koontz is a licensed clinical psychologist, having earned her Psy.D. from Marshall University. Dr. Koontz is also certified as a Master Addiction Counselor by the National Certification Commission for Addiction Professionals (NCCAP). She is an associate professor of psychology and director of the Psychology Clinic at Marshall, as well as a consultant for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Corrections. She is serving as President-Elect of the WV Psychological Association. Dr. Koontz's areas of research and clinical expertise include substance use and co-occurring disorders, correctional psychology, Geropsychology, and integrated behavioral healthcare. She has over 25 years of experience providing psychological services and clinical supervision for individuals diagnosed with substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders.

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### LYN O'CONNELL

PHD, IMFT

*Clinical Coordinator*

**Marshall University Interprofessional SBIRT Program**

Huntington, WV

Lyn Moore O'Connell, PhD, IMFT is the clinical coordinator of the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) grant at Marshall University. The SBIRT grant trains Marshall faculty and students and community members on universal screening, motivational interviewing techniques, and evidence-based intervention. Lyn completed her Ph.D. at Virginia Tech in Human Development and Family Sciences, her Masters from the University of Connecticut, and her undergraduate studies at Franklin & Marshall College. She is a licensed Marriage & Family Therapist.

### GRETCHEN PFOST

PT, DPT, NCS

*Co-Director of Clinical Education and Assistant Professor,  
School of Physical Therapy*

**Marshall University**

Huntington, WV

Gretchen Pfof, PT, DPT obtained a master's degree in physical therapy from West Virginia University in 1999 and a doctor of physical therapy from Chatham University in 2012. She is a Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Neurologic Physical Therapy since 2005. The majority of her clinical work has been in the areas of inpatient neuro rehabilitation and inpatient pediatrics. She also provides consultative rehabilitation services for the federally-funded Hemophilia Treatment Center in Charleston, WV. Currently, Dr. Pfof is an Assistant Professor and Co-Director of Clinical Education at Marshall University School of Physical Therapy in Huntington, WV. Her research at Marshall focuses on clinical education, vestibular disorders in children and adults, and substance use disorders.

### BRITTANY RILEY

PHARM.D, MS, BCPS

*Director of Residencies and Clinical Assistant Professor,*

*School of Pharmacy*

**Marshall University**

Huntington, WV

Brittany Riley is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice, Research and Administration at Marshall University School of Pharmacy. She also serves as the Director of Residency Programs and the Director of the Center for Pharmacy Education. Dr. Riley received her doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Kentucky in 2010. After graduation, she completed a pharmacy practice residency at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, WV and Masters in Pharmacy with an emphasis in Clinical Toxicology from the University of Florida in 2015. Dr. Riley achieved board certification in pharmacotherapy in 2012.

Dr. Riley has previously been employed at King's Daughter's Medical Center, and most recently as an Assistant Professor/Emergency Medicine Clinical Specialist with the University of Charleston and Southern Ohio Medical Center.

Dr. Riley is an active member of many local and national organizations. She is a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), the American Pharmacists Association, the Society of Critical Care Medicine, and the West Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists (WVSHSP).

Dr. Riley's primary area of research focus is tackling the opioid epidemic through both primary and secondary prevention efforts. She has received funding from SAMSHA as part of the MUSBIRT team and from the West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute to provide education on the safe use of opioid medications.

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### RAYMOND LOVE

PHARMD, BCPP, FASHP

*Professor and Vice Chair*

**University of Maryland School of Pharmacy**  
Baltimore, MD

Raymond C. Love is Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, and Director, Mental Health Program (MHP), University of Maryland (UM) School of Pharmacy. He also has a secondary appointment as Professor of Psychiatry, UM School of Medicine and oversees pharmacy services for the Maryland Behavioral Health Administration (BHA).

Dr. Love currently serves as a co-principal investigator on two NIH funded grants as well as grants and contracts from Maryland Medicaid and BHA. His past practice has included local psychiatric clinics, state psychiatric institutions, and private hospitals. He is a past president of the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP), chair of the Expert Panel on Allergies and Intolerances and member Health Care Quality Standards Expert Committee and Opioids Subcommittee of the United States Pharmacopeia (USP). He is a co-director of the University of Maryland Center for Addiction Research, Educations and Service (CARES).

Dr. Love is a Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist, Fellow of the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists and Distinguished Practitioner and Fellow, National Academies of Practice. He is a recipient of the W. Arthur Purdum Award, the highest recognition of the Maryland Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists, the Elan Award for Innovative Pharmacy Practice, the Alma Troccoli Award for Excellence in Advocating for the Mental Health Needs of Young Children and Families and the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacist's Judith Saklad Award. He was also recognized as the Melendy Endowed Lecturer at the University of Minnesota in 2016.

### MICHAEL FOX

DO

*Addiction Medicine Fellow*

**Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Department of Psychiatry**  
Richmond, VA

Michael Fox is an Addiction Medicine Fellow at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). He completed his Psychiatry residency and served as Chief resident in 2018 also at VCU. He attended medical school at the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) in Blacksburg.

Prior to that, Michael gained his Certified Nurse Assistant license and worked at Columbia St. Mary's Hospital Milwaukee for 1 year prior to attending medical school. He earned his BS in Physics from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) and participated in research in biophysics with the Raicu Research Group. He is originally from Wisconsin.

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### ROSHNI S. PATEL

PHARM.D, BCPS

Assistant Professor of Pharmacy  
Practice

Jefferson (Philadelphia University +  
Thomas Jefferson University) College  
of Pharmacy

Philadelphia, PA



Roshni Patel is an assistant professor of pharmacy practice at the Jefferson College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her clinical practice site is with the Thomas Jefferson Internal Medicine division, where she works with attending physicians, medical residents, nurses, and medical assistants to manage chronic conditions.

Dr. Patel and her interprofessional colleagues at Jefferson have partnered with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to increase curricular training on substance use disorders for Jefferson students. She also serves as a member of the Jefferson Opioid Taskforce and as the co-chair for the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association's Pharmacists Addressing Substance Use Disorders Initiative, creating educational programs around this topic to equip pharmacists with the skills and tools needed to screen, identify, and treat patients with addiction.

### A. CAROLE PRATT

DDS

Senior Advisor and Confidential Assistant  
for Policy, Office of the Commissioner

Virginia Department of Health  
Richmond, VA



A. Carole Pratt, of Richmond, Virginia, earned her bachelor's degree in biology from Virginia Tech in 1972, and then went on to earn a Doctoral Dental Surgery degree from the Medical College of Virginia School of Dentistry. She now serves as senior policy advisor to the Virginia Department of Health, appointed by Governor Terry McAuliffe in 2014. In this role, Pratt focuses primarily on rural health and healthcare workforce concerns, oral health, prescription and illicit drug abuse and addiction. She is a member of the Virginia Board of Workforce Development, representing Health and Human Resources Secretary, and provides support to the Department of Veterans Services' Military Medics and Corpsman (MMAC) Program, which transitions veterans to civilian health care jobs.

Pratt previously practiced general dentistry in rural southwest Virginia for 32 years, during which time she served four terms as chair of Virginia's Board of Health, and vice chair of the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services. She is the past chair of the board of trustees at Lewis Gale Hospital at Pulaski and was a fellow of the National Rural Health Association. In 2011, Pratt served as a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellow and served in the office of Senator John D. Rockefeller.

Pratt currently serves as the International President of the Virginia Tech Alumni Association. She is also a member of the Virginia Tech Foundation Board, the College of Science Dean's Roundtable, the Department of Biological Sciences Advisory Board, and the advisory council for Virginia Tech I WILL (Inspiring Women in Lifelong Leadership). An active leader in her community, Pratt has served as chair of the New River Valley Economic Development Alliance, chair of Virginia's Small Business Advisory Board, and was a member of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Board of Directors. In addition, she has volunteered for many years at the annual Virginia Dental Association Mission of Mercy clinics, which provides free treatment to patients in rural southwest Virginia.

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### NANCY J. SULLIVAN

MAJ

*Acting Commissioner, Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities and Assistant to the Cabinet Secretary*  
**West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources**  
 Charleston, WV

In June, 2017, Cabinet Secretary Bill Crouch named Nancy Sullivan the Acting Commissioner for the Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities. Prior to joining the Bureau for Behavioral Health, Sullivan has served as the Assistant to the Cabinet Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources since 2010. Sullivan assists the Cabinet Secretary in identifying, coordinating, and overseeing programs and policies that will improve the health and wellbeing of the citizens of West Virginia.

Prior to joining the department, Sullivan held strategic planning and public relations positions in both the public and private sector. Her experience includes leadership positions in hospital administration, small business development, not-for-profit fundraising, and government relations.

Sullivan graduated from Marshall University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations and a Master of Arts and Journalism degree.

### RAPHAEL M. BARISHANSKY

MPH, MS, CPM

*Deputy Secretary for Health Preparedness and Community Protection*

**Pennsylvania Department of Health**  
 Harrisburg, PA



Raphael M Barishansky, MPH, MS, CPM, is the Deputy Secretary of Health Planning and Assessment for the Pennsylvania Department of Health. His previous positions include Director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) for the Connecticut Department of Public Health (2012-2015) and Chief of Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response for the Prince George's County (MD) Health Department (2008-2012).

Mr. Barishansky holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Touro College, a Master of Public Health degree in Health Policy and Management from New York Medical College and a Master of Science degree in Homeland Security Studies at Long Island University. Additionally, Mr. Barishansky has earned a Certified Public Manager (CPM) certification from Arizona State University.

Mr. Barishansky has authored over 300 articles in such publications as EMS Magazine, the Journal of Emergency Medical Services (JEMS), EMS Insider, Domestic Preparedness Journal, the Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Emergency Management Magazine, Public Safety Communications, and the Crisis Response Journal (UK). He is a nationally known speaker and has made over 100 public presentations at various regional, state, national and international EMS and Public Health conferences.