

Attachment 2

Biographical Sketches of Key Title V Program Leaders

Elaine Fitzgerald Lewis, DrPH, MIA

Elaine Fitzgerald Lewis is the Director of the Bureau of Family Health and Nutrition (BFHN). Prior to serving in this role, she served as the director for national technical assistance centers in support of the Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) and as the director for the Infant Mortality Collaborative for Improvement and Innovation (IM CoIIN), which provided support to 56 states and territories aimed at reducing infant mortality and improving birth outcomes. She led state and regional initiatives to improve maternal and child health including the Massachusetts CHIPRA Medical Home Collaborative, the Texas WIC Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative, and a regional SAMHSA-funded early childhood system of care in Southeastern CT. Dr. Fitzgerald Lewis received her DrPH in MCH from Boston University School of Public Health, her master's in international affairs from Columbia University and her B.S. in government from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. She is a distinguished veteran having served three tours as a US Coast Guard Officer. She received the MCH Alumni Award for Outstanding Service to Women, Children, and Families from the Boston School of Public Health (BUSPH) in 2019 and serves as adjunct clinical assistant professor at BUSPH. Dr. Fitzgerald Lewis also earned her certification as a professional coach, project management for development professionals, and trainer for understanding and mitigating implicit bias.

Stephanie Doyle, MS

Stephanie Doyle is the BFHN Deputy Director for Strategy and Implementation. Prior to serving in this role, she was a Senior Associate at the Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP), where she led initiatives to transform the pediatric health system, promote the social-emotional health of young children, address the social determinants of health, and engage parents as leaders and advocates in systems change. Before joining CSSP, she served as Director for the Defending Childhood Initiative at the Boston Public Health Commission, a U.S. Department of Justice demonstration project to prevent and reduce the impact of children's exposure to violence in homes, schools, and communities. Prior to this position, she was the Policy Analyst for the Division of Violence Prevention at the Boston Public Health Commission where she worked with community-based coalitions, implemented a youth-driven social marketing campaign, and advocated for anti-bullying legislation. Stephanie is a trained Improvement Advisor from the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and a graduate of Villanova University and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Snaltze "Snaz" Pierre, MPH

Snaz Pierre is the Director of Administration and Finance in BFHN. For more than two decades, she has dedicated herself to the field of public health, furthering initiatives that prioritize child, maternal, and family well-being. In her current role, Snaz leads both the people and processes that connect critical resources to BFHN services. Prior to this role, Snaz fulfilled other, progressive responsibilities in research, grants, contracts, and programming within BFHN. Before joining the Bureau, Snaz completed a Bachelor of Arts in Child Development and a Master of Public Health, Health Services Management and Policy, at Tufts University. Her education and opportunities at the Children's Hospital, Franklin Medical Center, and BFHN paved the way for her contributions to the study of maternal health and well-being in African

American/Black families. Notably, Snaz now has a critical role in support of the programs that improve these early-career assessments.

Karin Downs, RN, MS, MPH

Karin Downs is the MCH Director for the Title V Program and the Director of the Division of Pregnancy, Infancy and Early Childhood (DPIE) within BFHN. DPIE promotes physical, social, and emotional well-being and resilience by fostering healthy environments in pregnancy, infancy, and early childhood. Ms. Downs provides oversight for maternal mortality reviews, perinatal home visiting programs, maternal and infant mental health programs, developing early childhood systems of care, and programs focused on addressing inequities in birth outcomes. Previously, Ms. Downs worked in Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Nepal providing emergency relief and reconstruction, and working with rural communities to address family health and nutrition and enhance women's economic capacity. Ms. Downs received her BA in Anthropology and Sociology from Carleton College, an MS in Nursing from Pace University and an MPH from Boston University with an MCH concentration and certificate in MCH Leadership. She also completed a fellowship at the Maternal Child Health – Public Health Leadership Institute (MCH-PHLI) at UNC Chapel Hill.

Elaine M. Gabovitch, MPA

Elaine Gabovitch is the Director of the Division for Children & Youth with Special Health Needs (DCYSHN) within BFHN. DCYSHN works with families, providers, and others to support children and youth with special health needs ages birth to 22 and their families. Ms. Gabovitch provides oversight for the following programs: Care Coordination, Catastrophic Illness in Children's Relief Fund, Community Support Line, Family Initiatives, Family TIES, MassCARE, MASSTART, Medical Review Team, Pediatric Palliative Care Network, and Universal Newborn Hearing Screening. Prior to this role, Ms. Gabovitch served as an Instructor and Family Faculty at the UMass Medical School (UMMS)-Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center's Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) Program and University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities programs, and in the UMMS Department of Family Medicine & Community Health. She continues to teach as adjunct faculty. She served as the CDC's Act Early Ambassador to Massachusetts and led the Massachusetts Act Early State Team. She serves on the Boston University School of Public Health's MCH Advisory Board. Ms. Gabovitch received her B.A. from Regis College, an MPA with a focus in Disability & Health Policy from Suffolk University, and a LEND fellowship certificate from the UMMS-Shriver Center. She was the recipient of a 2008 AMCHP Family Scholar award. She is the parent of a young adult son with ASD who is the inspiration for her work in the disability field.

Suzanne Gottlieb, BA

Suzanne Gottlieb is the Director of the Office of Family Initiatives within BFHN. She oversees Youth Transition initiatives and several family-driven and staffed projects that provide training, mentoring and support to families of CYSHN enabling them to develop leadership and advocacy skills and access information and parent-to-parent support. Ms. Gottlieb creates partnership opportunities for families to participate in the development of policy and programs with the Title V CYSHN Program. She has over 30 years of experience teaching children and youth with disabilities, supporting their providers and facilitating family engagement in systems change activities. As the parent of an adult son with SHN, she has learned first-hand the importance of a

knowledgeable, empowered family constituency in making systems of care family-centered, meaningful and accountable. Ms. Gottlieb holds a BA from Brandeis University and has completed graduate education in Special Education at Lesley University.

Hafsatou Diop, MD, MPH

Hafsatou Diop is the Director of the Office of Data Translation within BFHN. As the State MCH Epidemiologist, she directs several major projects including the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System, Pregnancy to Early Life Longitudinal, Massachusetts Perinatal-Neonatal Quality Improvement Network, State Systems Development Initiative, and Maternal Mortality Review Study. More recently, she led the development of the Oral Health Practice Guideline for Pregnancy and Early Childhood and the Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Dashboard. Her research interests include child and women's health outcomes after assisted reproductive technology and health equity in MCH. Dr. Diop previously worked at Boston Medical Center and as Assistant Director for Hyde Park Women's Health. Dr. Diop received her medical degree in Guinea from the University of Conakry School of Medicine and Pharmacy and completed her residency in OB/GYN at the Donka University Hospital in Guinea. She received an MPH in Maternal and Child Health from the University of Hawaii.

Ruth Blodgett, MBA

Ruth Blodgett is the Director of the Bureau of Community Health Access and Prevention (BCHAP). Prior to coming to MDPH in June 2019, Ruth held a variety of leadership positions at Berkshire Medical Center and Berkshire Health Systems, including Chief Operating Officer; Senior Vice President, System Planning, Marketing and Community Health; and Senior Vice President, Berkshire Faculty Services and Physician Services. Her work in the Berkshires included projects focusing on diabetes and other chronic disease prevention, smoking cessation, child and youth health, oral health, rural health and planning, and substance addiction prevention and treatment. Ruth has extensive skills in strategic planning, translating complicated ideas for multiple audiences, and using creative approaches to shift internal and external understanding of the value of public health work. She has a longstanding dedication to health equity and racial justice and a commitment to the mission and values of the Bureau and Department. Ruth graduated from Smith College and holds an MBA from the University of Chicago. She also completed Duke University's Leadership Program in Integrative Health.

Jill Clark, MPH

Jill Clark is the Director of the Division of Child/Adolescent and Reproductive Health (CARH) in BCHAP. She provides leadership, strategic direction, oversight and guidance to programs that contribute significantly to Title V, including Sexual and Reproductive Health, Adolescent Health and Youth Development, School Health Services, and School-Based Health Centers. Previously, Jill served as the Director of the Office of Sexual Health and Youth Development, overseeing MDPH's family planning, teen pregnancy prevention, and expectant and parenting teen support programs, and Assistant Director of the Sexual and Reproductive Health Program, providing contract management and monitoring for six family planning agencies and leading initiatives to integrate violence screening and HIV testing into family planning settings. Prior to joining MDPH, Jill was a Public Health Analyst at the CDC, providing program support and technical assistance to 15 US jurisdictions for prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV infection. She holds an MPH from Emory University and a BA from Wesleyan University.