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II.B.2.b.iii. MCH Workforce Development and Capacity

Within the NYSDOH, the DFH leads NY's Title V efforts. Lauren J. Tobias serves as the Director of the DFH and the NYS Title V program. Prior to this, Ms. Tobias was the Director of Policy for the Schuyler Center of Analysis and Advocacy, a statewide nonprofit. In this position, she played a leading role in the development of Schuyler's strategic direction and policy proposals aimed to assure that state initiatives and public systems serve all New Yorkers. Before joining the Schuyler Center, Ms. Tobias served in other leadership positions in the NYSDOH where she was involved in Certificate of Need reform for Article 28 health care facilities, health planning initiatives, and helped implement the recommendations of the Governor's Medicaid Redesign Team.

Ms. Tobias earned her Master's degree in Public Affairs and Policy from the Rockefeller College of the State University at Albany and a Bachelor's degree in history from Muhlenberg College.

Wendy Shaw, M.S., B.S.N. serves as Associate Director of the DFH. Ms. Shaw has a Bachelor's degree in nursing from the State University of New York at Albany, and a Master of Science degree from Russell Sage College. She is also a graduate of the Leadership Program in Public Health from Harvard University. Ms. Shaw started her career as a public health nurse working with high-risk maternal and child health families and later moved to obstetric nursing before transitioning to state service. Ms. Shaw has 37 years of labor and delivery experience and continues to work in that field outside of state service. Ms. Shaw's education and experience provides an excellent foundation for her role in support of NY's Title V program.

Marilyn Kacica, M.D., M.P.H., the medical director of the DFH, is a graduate of St. Louis University and received her M.D. from the St. Louis University Medical School. She completed pediatric residency training at the Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, subspecialty training in pediatric infectious disease at the Children's Hospital of Cincinnati, and her preventive medicine residency at DOH. Her M.P.H. was awarded from the State University of New York at Albany, School of Public Health, where she is currently a Clinical Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. She is board-certified in Pediatrics and is a fellow of the AAP. She is providing leadership on a myriad of clinical, epidemiological, data utilization and quality improvement issues within the DFH including the NYSPQC. In addition, she is the program director for DOH's Child Health Integration Initiative which is focusing on the integration of child health information for both public health and provider benefit.

Christopher Kus, M.D., M.P.H., the Associate Medical Director for the DFH, is a graduate of Michigan State University and the Wayne State University School of Medicine. He received his M.P.H. from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A board-certified pediatrician and a fellow of the AAP, Dr. Kus is a Past President of the AMCHP and serves as co-chair of the AMCHP Legislative and Finance Committee.

Dionne Richardson, DDS, MPH, serves as the Title V Dental Director in the DFH. Dr. Richardson came to NY in January 2016 and was formerly the dental director for the Mississippi State Department of Health. Dr. Richardson has more than 20 years of post-doctoral training and experience in the field of oral health. Dr. Richardson completed her undergraduate work at Xavier University of Louisiana and received her D.D.S from Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry in Tennessee. Dr. Richardson received her Master of Public Health degree through the University of Rochester Medical Center and is a graduate of the Department's Dental Public

Health Residency program. Throughout her career she has implemented or overseen programs providing valuable public health services to the MCH population such as School Based Health Center Sealant programs and other similar programs to improve oral health across the lifespan.

Kristine Mesler, M.P.A., B.S.N., serves as the director of BWIAH. Ms. Mesler brings a wealth of experience in the field of maternal and child health to this position. Ms. Mesler graduated from the State University of New York at Albany with a Bachelor's degree in nursing, and a Master of Public Administration from Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy. Ms. Mesler's education and her experience as both a public health nurse and in obstetric nursing provides a solid background for her leadership role in the Bureau's efforts related to the MCH population.

Susan Slade, RN, MS, serves as the director of the BCH as well as NYS's CSHCN director, and is an experienced clinical and public health nurse and public health administrator. Ms. Slade received her Bachelor's degree in nursing, and a Master of Science degree from Russell Sage College. Ms. Slade has extensive public health experience in addition to over 24 years in emergency medicine and she continues to work as an emergency department nurse outside of state service. She has led NY's efforts to improve the health and wellness of NY's CSHCN. In addition to being a licensed Registered Nurse, Ms. Slade is also a Masters Certified Health Education Specialist.

Brenda Knudson Chouffi, MS. Ed. and Donna Noyes, PhD are Co-directors of the Bureau of Early Intervention (BEI). Ms. Knudson Chouffi received a Master's of Education/Educational Psychology from the State University of New York at Albany and holds permanent teacher certification in Special Education. Ms. Knudson Chouffi has worked in the BEI for the past 16 years. Prior to her work with the DOH, she provided special education services under the EIP, Committee of Preschool Special Education and Committee of Special Education.

Dr. Noyes has an MS and doctorate in developmental psychology from Stony Brook University. She joined the Department's BEI in 1989 and prior to that time, worked as a research associate in the NYS Council on Children and Families. Dr. Noyes is the PI on three grants related to improving early identification and evaluating the impact of intervention services for young children with autism spectrum disorders and their families. She is Past President and Board Member of the national Infant Toddler Coordinators Association.

Regina L. Bryde, M.A., M.P.A. is the Title V Coordinator for the DFH and Director of American Indian Health Program. Ms. Bryde received her undergraduate degree in Speech Pathology from Ithaca College and a Masters in Clinical Audiology from the University of Buffalo. She also received a Masters of Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship at Syracuse University. She has worked as a clinical audiologist at Upstate Medical Center and in private practice. She has also worked in health communications and administration at the University at Albany School of Public Health. Prior to assuming her current position, she was the NYS Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Coordinator and PI for HRSA Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention Grant and the CDC Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Grant.

Susan Penn is the Assistant Director of the BOA. She received her BA from the University of Maine in Psychology. Ms. Penn devoted much of her career in the non-profit community,

working with victims of domestic violence, and the homeless. She recently came to DFH from the Office of Mental Health, where she oversaw administrative processes in the Community Budget and Financial Management Group.