

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) and the Massachusetts Title V Director. 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) program and as the director for the Infant Mortality Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (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.

Ann Peralta, DrPH, MPH

Dr. Ann Peralta is the Director of the Division of Pregnancy, Infancy, and Early Childhood at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. She has an MPH in Maternal and Child Health and a DrPH in Management, Leadership, and Policy from Boston University's School of Public Health. Dr. Peralta has worked in maternal, adolescent, and child health for over 15 years. From 2011-2021, she worked at Peer Health Exchange, improving and growing their national adolescent health education program, most recently as their Vice President of Partnerships. Before that she led programming at Fitness Forward, a non-profit dedicated to childhood obesity prevention, and served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Bolivia. Dr. Peralta's award winning DrPH dissertation project was focused on developing and testing a shared decision-making tool for routine labor induction, work that was published in *Birth* and which she continues to disseminate.

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, 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 Chan Medical School (UMMS)-Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center's Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) Program and University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) programs, and in the UMass Chan Department of Family Medicine & Community Health. She continues to teach there as adjunct faculty. She served as the CDC's Act Early Ambassador to Massachusetts and led the Massachusetts Act Early State Team. She chairs the MDPH PANDAS/PANS Advisory Council and serves on the Boston University School of Public Health's MCH Advisory Board, the Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council, and several other steering committees and coalitions related to CYSHCN. 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 UMass Chan-Shriver Center. She has received several awards related to family scholarship and advocacy. She is the parent of an adult son with ASD who is the inspiration for her work in the disability field.

Hafsatou Diop, MD, MPH

Hafsatou Diop is the Director of the Division of MCH Research and Analysis within BFHN. She oversees the Office of Data Translation and directs several major projects including the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System, Pregnancy to Early Life Longitudinal data system, and the State Systems Development Initiative. Dr. Diop is a founding member and Principal Investigator (PI) of the Perinatal Neonatal Quality Improvement Network (PNQIN), the statewide perinatal quality collaborative for Massachusetts. She is co-PI of the Massachusetts

Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee and the PI of the Maternal Health Innovation funded by HRSA. As PI and co-PI on multiple grants funded by CDC, HRSA, and NIH, Dr. Diop has a strong track record of contributing to science through the many publications she has co-authored (more than 75 peer-reviewed articles). Dr. Diop received her medical degree from the University of Conakry, Guinea and completed her residency in OB/GYN. She completed the 21st International Course of Epidemiology held at the Center for Research (INSERM) in Paris and did her field practicum at the Headquarters of the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. She received her Master of Public Health degree with concentration in MCH in from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Dr. Diop received several state and national awards including the 2022 Commonwealth Equity in Governance Award, the eponymous 2020 PNQIN Diop Award, and the prestigious 2020 MCHB Director's Award.

Ruth Blodgett, MBA

Ruth Blodgett is the Director of the Bureau of Community Health Access and Prevention. 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 of the Bureau of Community Health Access and Prevention. 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 U.S. jurisdictions for prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV infection. She holds an MPH from Emory University and a BA from Wesleyan University.