

## **New Hampshire MCH Title V Staff**

**Rhonda Siegel, MS.Ed.**, is the New Hampshire Title V Director and MCH Section Administrator. Rhonda Siegel has dedicated most of her professional life to the health and well-being of the people of New Hampshire. She began her career as a local hospital Reproductive and Family Planning Community Health Educator and Counselor, first in Philadelphia and then in New Hampshire. Ms. Siegel moved on to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, where she became a Health Promotion Advisor, first for the State's Family Planning Program then for the Injury Prevention Program. Ms. Siegel was subsequently promoted to Program Manager of the Injury Prevention and Adolescent Health Program, and then to her current position as Title V Director and Administrator of the Maternal and Child Health Section, in the Division of Public Health Services in 2014. Ms. Siegel earned a bachelor's degree and a MS.Ed. degree from the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia. She is the proud mother of four young adult daughters.

**Laura K. Suzuki, PhD, MPH, RN, CPH**, is the MCH Data Scientist and has more than twenty years of experience working in the field of maternal and child health, both as a practitioner and as a researcher. Her research has focused on the impact of intimate partner violence, including reproductive coercion, on a pregnancy and its association with adverse birth outcomes. Dr. Suzuki has ten years of operational public health experience managing Title V maternal and child health programs including nurse home visiting, prenatal care, childhood immunizations, and clinical services in local and state government settings. Dr. Suzuki currently serves as the Project Director for the State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI) program and as the Principal Investigator for the New Hampshire Pregnancy Risk Assessment (PRAMS) program at the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Suzuki holds a Ph.D. in Nursing from Boston College, Connell School of Nursing, and a Master of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health. She also holds the Certified in Public Health (CPH) credential. She has taught graduate and undergraduate courses in public health at the University of Massachusetts Lowell and at Boston College School of Nursing. She is an active member of the American Public Health Association (APHA), Public Health Nursing Section.

**Carolyn K. Nyamasege, PhD**, is a contracted 1.0 FTE MCH Epidemiologist affiliated to the University of New Hampshire. Some of her responsibilities in the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) section include grant writing, research, performing data linkages, analysis and dissemination of birth records data, maternal deaths, hospital discharge data, Medicaid data, and other data sets within or available to MCH. Her analysis identifies disparities in care through various disaggregation e.g. by payer, race, and other social determinants of health. She prepares results for publication or distribution in various forums to promote data-driven decisions.

She graduated from the University of Tsukuba, Japan, with a PhD degree in Clinical Sciences. She majored in Epidemiology and Biostatistics with a research focus in MCH. She also holds a Master of Public Health from the same University and master's degree in Applied Human Nutrition from the University of Nairobi (Kenya). Prior to joining NH DHHS's MCH Section, Dr. Nyamasege was a Postdoctoral Fellow working in the Department of Clinical Trials and Clinical Epidemiology at the University of Tsukuba, Japan. She served as a research assistant in the same department and a scientific writer for the African Population and Health Research Center, Kenya.

She has a cumulative five years of work experience in MCH related research and teaching. Her previous research on public health issues was focused on MCH among vulnerable populations in Nairobi's urban informal settlements using both quantitative and qualitative methods. Her research mainly evaluated the effectiveness of strategies/interventions to improve maternal and child wellbeing. She has more than 10 peer-reviewed scientific publications on public health issues and presented over 20 abstracts in local and international conferences. She is a member of international technical/professional groups. Over time in her career path, she has had extensive experience in data collection and management, data analysis, manuscript reviews for various peer review journals, scientific writing and communication to different audiences. More details about her qualifications and publications can be accessed using this link: <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-1007-0673>

**Courtney Keane, MS**, is the Administrator for Newborn Screening Programs. Courtney earned a bachelor's degree in public health and a master's degree in health promotion and exercise from Walden University and is the Administrator for Newborn Screening Programs, Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID)/Sudden Death in the Young (SDY) and Birth Conditions Program within the Maternal and Child Health Section, Bureau of Family Health and Nutrition Services. Her work includes facilitating the SUID/SDY case reviews, promoting safe sleep, ensuring all infants are screened for heritable conditions, hearing, and critical congenital heart defects, and program policy. She has been with the state for nine years and has worked in public health for the past 18 years. Prior to coming to the NH DHHS, she worked as the childbirth education coordinator and newborn hearing screening coordinator at Elliot Hospital for eight years .

**Lauren Holden, MS**, is the Pediatric Mental Health Program Manager within the Maternal and Child health Section of the NH DHHS Division of Public Health Services. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology degree from Keene State College in 2013, and a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling in 2018. Before working in Maternal and Child Health, Lauren has been employed in diverse settings, focusing on different aspects of mental health, including local community mental health centers, FQHC's, and in home service providers for the state, such as Waypoint. Outside of the responsibilities of overseeing the Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program within MCH, Lauren spends time communicating and networking with other

organizations within the state, focusing on streamlining and enhancing the physical and mental health services in New Hampshire for our youth and adolescent population. These meetings and committees include: The NH Association for Infant Mental Health Board, The NH Pediatric Improvement Partnership Steering Committee, The Bureau for Children's Behavioral Health's System of Care Advisory Council and New Hampshire's Suicide Prevention Council.

**Erica Tenney, MS**, is the Clinical Services Program Administrator with the Maternal and Child Health Section, Division of Public Health Services, New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS). Erica manages all programmatic activities and provides oversight for the Title V Block grant expenditures within the MCH Clinical Services and Quality Improvement section. Erica is also responsible for fostering collaboration and creating linkages with other NH government departments and agencies, as well as private and community organizations working to enhance physical and mental health services for children in New Hampshire. She serves on various stakeholder and state-wide committees including the Legislative Commission on the Interdisciplinary Primary Care Workforce, the New Hampshire Pediatric Improvement Partnership Steering Committee, the Bureau for Children's Behavioral Health's System of Care Advisory Council, the New Hampshire Association for Infant Mental Health Board, and the New Hampshire Children's System of Care Technical Assistance Center Leadership Advisory Team. Erica holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Plymouth State University, NH, and a Master of Science in Human Services from New England College, NH. Prior to her current position, Erica worked as a mental health professional for more than ten years in various settings throughout New Hampshire including a community mental health center, a transitional housing program, and a Federally Qualified Health Center.

**JoAnne Miles-Holmes, MPH**, is the Injury Prevention Program Administrator. She received a Bachelor of Science in Health Management and Policy degree in 2002 and a Master of Public Health degree in 2007 at the University of New Hampshire. While still an undergraduate student, she started her professional career as a Project Coordinator for the Welfare Reform Evaluation. While completing her master's degree, Mrs. Miles-Holmes was hired by the NH Department of Health and Human Services, Health Statistics and Data Management Section as a Planning Analyst-Data Systems. In this position, she provided data analysis to multiple requesters on a wide range of public health indicators including basic demographics, chronic diseases, and injuries. In 2016, she changed positions to become the Injury Prevention Program Coordinator, focusing on providing data and analysis on injury-related topics. While in this position, she became the principal investigator for the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) Grant. Mrs. Miles-Holmes' current position is Injury Prevention Program Administrator, overseeing four staff. In addition to the NVDRS grant, the Injury Prevention Program also has been awarded the Overdose Data to Action Grant and the Rape Prevention and Education Grant. Mrs. Miles-Holmes also provides data and

information related to injury prevention activities for the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, and the Public Health and Health Services Block Grant. Each grant requires Mrs. Miles-Holmes to oversee contracts and memorandums of understanding with injury prevention service providers and facilitate stakeholder meetings.

**Suzann Beauregard, RN**, is the Birth Conditions Program Coordinator. Suzann completed a nursing degree in 1993, possessing a nursing career spanning thirty-one years. Ms. Beauregard has been the Birth Conditions Program Coordinator for the Maternal and Child Health Section since April 2017, adding the responsibilities of follow up coordination for the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention program, August 2018. During the outbreak of severe vaping-associated lung illness beginning in August 2019, Ms. Beauregard assisted the Bureau of Infectious Disease Control with investigations of vaping associated lung injury. As the COVID-19 pandemic has progressed, Ms. Beauregard has supported the Bureau of Infectious Disease Control in the Surveillance for Emerging Threats to Mothers and Babies (SET-NET) surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak. Ms. Beauregard is a member of the National Birth Defects Prevention Network (NBDPN) serving on the Guidelines and Standards Committee, the Surveillance Guidelines workgroup, and has been the co-chair for the Standards Development and Evaluation workgroup for the past two years. Prior to her work in public health, Ms. Beauregard implemented telephone triage for a national pediatric telephone triage company, coordinated a chronic disease program delivering nursing care and disease management to all ages, and performed consulting services for attorneys engaging in investigation of medical malpractice. Additionally, Ms. Beauregard has experience in outpatient clinic care for both pediatric and family practice populations.

**Aurelia Moran, M.Ed.**, is the Sexual and Reproductive Health Program Administrator. Aurelia received a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of New Hampshire and a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling from Plymouth State University. She is the Sexual and Reproductive Health Program Administrator within the Maternal & Child Health Section. Prior to that she worked in the Home Visiting Program as the Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting project director since 2017. In both of these roles, she has enjoyed systems work and finding synergy across various sectors of the system. This has allowed for greater alignment in understanding the goals and values of those engaged in the work. She has a passion for engaging consumer and provider feedback into supporting program implementation and improvement. This likely comes from being a consumer of services herself early in her life and working in her community to support sexual & reproductive health and multigenerational healing through programs, like home visiting. Prior to coming to NH DHHS, she worked for the Community Action Program of Belknap-Merrimack counties in various roles. As a youth she worked as a peer educator in the R.E.S.P.E.C.T teen clinic. After completing her bachelor's degree, she became the site manager for Plymouth & Franklin Family Planning programs. When she became a mother, she

learned about home visiting programs and subsequently found a position as a home visitor. She worked as a home visitor in the home-grown Home Visiting NH (HVNH), Early Head Start (EHS), and Healthy Families America (HFA) programs. She started as a home visitor in HFA when the program was implemented in 2012, later holding roles as Family Resource Specialist, Supervisor, and Program Manager.

**Kathleen Mullen, MHSA**, is a Program Specialist IV with the Maternal and Child Health Section, Division of Public Health Services, New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS). Kathleen has had extensive work experience in data management and in programmatic management capacities and is currently serving as a Prevention Surveillance Analyst. For the past eight years, Kathleen has been in the position of managing a major cooperative programmatic function for the yearly MCH Block Grant application. This effort coordinates and fulfills federally required data submission and has entailed working with both internal and external partners. The process includes creation of templates, securing receipt, and the assimilation and analysis of data from the FQHC Uniform Data System (UDS). Kathleen holds a Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition from the University of NH, and a Master of Human Services Administration from Antioch University, OH. Prior to her current position, Kathleen served as a Planning Analyst for Data Systems within the Maternal and Child Health Section and has spent several years teaching college students through the NH Community Technical College System. This entailed presenting trainings and workshops for a variety of professional audiences at the Pease Center for Business and Training in Portsmouth, NH.

**Shari Campbell** is the MCH Program Specialist within the Maternal and Child Health Section of the NH DHHS Division of Public Health Services. Shari has been employed in the Maternal and Child Health field for over thirty-eight (38) years working in administrative support and currently as a contract specialist. Shari is the liaison between MCH and the DHHS Contracts Procurement Unit for all MCH sub-contracts; monitors and reviews all program grants including budget processes; presents program budget expenditure reports to administrators for any adjustments/changes that need to be made to meet the federal and state requirements; monitors and reviews all program grants including budget processes. Presents program budget expenditure reports to administrators for any adjustments/changes that need to be made in order to meet the federal and state requirements; plans and monitors all MCH program activities to ensure previews, effectiveness by reviewing and approving all program expenditures; reviews budget expenditure reports by meeting once a month with finance to ensure funds are being spent down appropriately and are following the federal grant requirements and grant period; monitors, evaluates, and reviews all Title V sub-contract services to ensure compliance and attainment of established goals in conjunction with the Title V/MCH QI/QA Nurse Consultant including the collection and analysis of sub contractual performance measures and evaluation outcomes; collaborates with colleagues, to identify and help evaluate measurable goals and objectives for respective MCH/Title V

programs, and prepares, reviews and uploads federal grant financial documents for submission to the Federal Government, i.e., Health Resources and Services Administration and Center for Disease Control.

**Jessica Bates** is the Administrative Secretary for the Maternal and Child Health Section. Ms. Bates helps to oversee the state's Child Fatality Review Committee. Before joining the Maternal and Child Health Section, Ms. Bates did medical records and insurance confirmation at the Newport Health Center which is part of New London Hospital. Ms. Bates earned multiple associate degrees from the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Marketing, Management, and Sports Management. She is the proud mother of twin teenage boys.

### ***Family Centered Services***

**Deirdre Dunn Tierney, MS**, is the Bureau Chief for the Bureau for Family Centered Services and CYSHCN Director. Deirdre has more than 30 years of experience that includes a foundation of community-based early childhood and family support administration before joining DHHS' Division of Public Health Services in 2008. She has held key leadership positions in program and systems development at both community and state levels including the development of the state's first early childhood advisory council, Spark NH, and Watch Me Grow, NH's Developmental Screening System. Deirdre's experience as the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting and Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Director and with Title V programs led her to the Bureau for Family Centered Services in 2016. In this role, she administered family support programs and systems for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs and for individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families. She was named Bureau Chief and CYSHCN Director in February 2020. Ms. Dunn Tierney represents the Division of Long Term Supports and Services on the state's Early Childhood Integration Team, the Council for Youth with Chronic Conditions and the Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders. She received a Master of Science from Boston University Wheelock College of Education and Human Development, Boston, Massachusetts. Her professional interests include systems development, quality improvement, policies that affect the health of children, with and without special health care needs, and families, and workforce development.

**Kathy Gray, MBA**, is the Family Support Administrator II for the Bureau for Family Centered Services (BFCS). She oversees the Part C, Family Centered Early Supports and Services (FCESS) state team, Family Support work at the contracted designated Area Agencies in coordination with the Bureau of Developmental Services, and the Child Development Clinics contract. Previously, she served as the Part C Coordinator and the Part C Program Specialist for FCESS within BFCS. Prior to coming to the Bureau in 2015, Kathy held the position of FCESS Director managing a program at the local area agency level. She received a Master of Business Administration in

Sustainability from Antioch University, Keene, NH, and an Early Intervention Specialist Certification from University of Connecticut, Hartford, CT. She has more than 20 years of experience in Early Childhood Development.

**Lisa Fontaine-Storez, RN, BSN**, is the Clinical Program Manager for the Bureau for Family Centered Services (BFCS). She provides leadership for the nurse consultant team and contract oversight for specialized medical services in BFCS, including the Nutrition and Feeding and Swallowing Network and the Complex Care Network. Prior to joining BFCS, she served as the Child and Adolescent Health Nurse Coordinator for the Maternal Child Health program. She also provided administrative support for the Child Fatality Review Committee as part of her role at MCH. Ms. Fontaine-Storez has over 30 years of combined experience in care management, maternal and child health, and mental health in both the hospital and community settings. Giving a voice to and advocating for some of the most vulnerable populations, including those with mental health disorders, those with special developmental and healthcare needs as well as those who have been victims of abuse, has been the most rewarding parts of her career. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH.

**Heidi Petzold, MS**, rounds out the leadership team for BFCS as the CSHCN Program Planning and Review Specialist. Ms. Petzold currently oversees the regional contracted agencies providing Health Care Coordination services across the state. She has over 15 years of experience working in the Department of Health and Human Services in various roles serving children, families, and individuals in New Hampshire. Heidi's areas of expertise include program planning, implementation, grants management, quality improvement and representing the needs of children and families. Ms. Petzold holds a Master of Arts in Public Policy from New England College and is a Certified Program Manager.