

Attachment 1
Key Title V Program Leaders
Biographical Sketches

Ron Benham, M. Div., M. Ed.

Ron Benham is Director, Bureau of Family Health and Nutrition, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and the state Title V Director. He became Bureau Director in 2009. Prior to becoming Bureau Director, he was and remains the state Director/Part C Coordinator for the Massachusetts Early Intervention system currently cumulatively serving more than 40,000 infants and toddlers and their families. In addition to being the Title V Director, he is also the Director of the Division for Children and Youth with Special Health Needs overseeing programs such as Care Coordination, Newborn Hearing Screening, Pediatric Palliative Care and the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Funds. The Women Infant and Children nutrition program also resides within the Bureau managed by Mr. Benham and provides “good food and a whole lot more” to over 120,000 pregnant women and families on an on-going monthly basis

Mr. Benham received his B.S. from the University of the Ozarks and M. Div. and M. Ed. graduate degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary and the University of Massachusetts respectively. His professional experience includes over thirty years in public health, early care and special health needs positions at the state and local level. For more than thirty years, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has employed Mr. Benham in a number of positions associated with services to very young children with developmental delays and their families. In FY02 and FY03, Mr. Benham served as a Zero-to-Three Mid-Career Fellow.

Karin Downs, RN, MS, MPH

Karen is the MCH Director for the Title V Program and also serves as the Director of the Division of Pregnancy, Infancy and Early Childhood (DPIE) within the Bureau of Family Health. DPIE promotes physical, social, and emotional well-being and resilience by fostering healthy environments in pregnancy, infancy, and early childhood. Ms. Downs’ specific responsibilities include providing oversight for maternal mortality reviews, statewide perinatal home-visiting programs, maternal and infant mental health programs, developing early childhood systems of care and programs focused on addressing disparities in birth outcomes. Prior to her work in Massachusetts, Ms. Downs worked internationally 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 in Northfield, MN; an MS in Nursing from Pace University and an MPH from Boston University with an MCH concentration and a certificate in MCH Leadership. She received the Distinguished MCH Alumni Award from Boston School of Public Health, MCH Department in 2012. She recently completed a fellowship at the Maternal Child Health – Public Health Leadership Institute (MCH-PHLI) at the UNC Chapel Hill.

Judy Hause, MPH, LDN

Judy Hause is the Director of the Nutrition Division, including the Office of Nutrition, Growth

and Nutrition, PKU Program and WIC Nutrition Program. During her tenure at WIC, Judy has served as the manager of WIC's Health and Human Services Coordination Unit and as the Director of Operations. She has over 25 years of experience with WIC, at both the state and local agency level.

Ms. Hause has overseen several successful WIC initiatives including the WIC immunization initiative, for which she was the recipient of the Commonwealth's Performance Recognition Award. Other initiatives include the establishment of the Health and Human Services Coordination Unit, the implementation of domestic violence screening at all WIC clinics, the transition of payment for special medical formulas from WIC to Medicaid, implementation of performance standards for local program outreach activities, and implementation of electronic benefits for WIC participants.

Judy holds a B.S. in Nutrition and Dietetics from the University of Rhode Island and a Masters in Public Health from the University of Massachusetts.

Suzanne Gottlieb, BA

Suzanne Gottlieb is the Director of the Office of Family Initiatives within the Bureau of Family Health and Nutrition. She oversees Youth Transition initiatives and several family driven and staffed projects that provide training, mentoring and support to families of CYSHCN enabling them to develop leadership and advocacy skills, have access to information and referral and parent-to-parent support. Ms. Gottlieb works to create partnership opportunities for families to participate in the development of policy and programs with the Title V CYSHCN Program. She has over 30 years experience teaching children and youth with disabilities, supporting their providers and facilitating family involvement in systems change activities. As the parent of a young adult 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 has been the Director of the Office of Data Translation within the Bureau of Family Health and Nutrition since 2008. Dr. Diop has developed the analytic infrastructure for statistics and evaluation and reorganized data application support services. Her additional responsibilities include needs assessment, performance measurement, management reporting, and three major projects: the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), the Pregnancy to Early Life Longitudinal (PELL), and the Maternal Mortality Review Study. Prior to joining MDPH, Dr. Diop worked at Boston Medical Center and as Assistant Director for Hyde Park Women's Health in Boston (private OB/GYN office caring for women of all ages).

Dr. Diop received her medical degree in Guinea (West Africa) from the University of Conakry School of Medicine and Pharmacy and completed an OB/GYN residency at the Donka University Hospital in Guinea. She worked as a medical officer in Guinea from 1992 to 1997. She received a Masters of Public Health degree in Maternal and Child Health in 2000 from the University of Hawaii. While she pursued her Masters, she worked for the Hawaii State Department of Public Health under the supervision of the state CDC MCH Epidemiologist

assignee. She focused on feto-infant mortality analyses in Hawaii using the Perinatal Periods of Risk (PPOR) approach.

Carlene Pavlos, BS, MTS

Carlene Pavlos is the Director of the Bureau of Community Health and Prevention at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), a position she has held since August 2013. In this role she oversees the Department's work in the areas of violence prevention and services, suicide prevention, child fatality review, unintentional injury prevention, school and adolescent health, health access, nutrition and physical activity, tobacco control and prevention, occupational health, and chronic disease prevention. Ms. Pavlos brings to her work extensive experience with incarcerated women, a population at particular risk for violent victimization and its associated health impacts. Ms. Pavlos holds a B.S. from Lafayette College and a Masters of Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School.

Craig S. Andrade, LATC, RN, DrPH

Craig Andrade is the Acting Director of the Division of Health Access in the Bureau of Community Health and Prevention. He also serves as the Director of the Office of Child & Adolescent Health in that Division, supporting health protection, promotion and care initiatives for children, adolescents and young adults in schools and community-based organizations across the commonwealth.

Previously, Dr. Andrade was the Associate Dean of Health and Wellness and Director of Student Health Services at Wheaton College in Norton, MA where he was responsible for student health care, health education, alcohol and other drug prevention, and wellness programming. He also served as a nurse at Boston Medical Center working in general medicine, critical care, oncology and public health in TB and AIDS; as nurse manager and head athletic trainer at Buckingham Browne & Nichols School in Cambridge, MA; and owner/operator of Active Health, a private health and fitness company.

He is a registered nurse, athletic trainer, strength and condition specialist, and massage therapist, with a doctorate in public health from Boston University, focused on social behavioral science. Research interests include health communication, eHealth engagement, violence intervention and risk behavior prevention and management among adolescents and young adults.

Leonard M. Lee

Leonard Lee is the Director for the Division of Violence and Injury Prevention in the Bureau of Community Health and Prevention. He oversees the following units: sexual and domestic violence unit, child and youth violence prevention unit, suicide prevention unit, and injury prevention and control unit.

Mr. Lee's previous work experience with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health was as the unit manager of Child and Youth Violence Prevention. During his tenure in this role he managed the following units: shaken baby syndrome, youth violence, and safe spaces for GLBTQ youth.

Mr. Lee's continued his commitment to public health as the former Deputy Commissioner of Public Health for the State of Connecticut. In this capacity he oversaw injury and violence prevention and various other departments. He also has been a lead consultant on All Babies Cry Video (Tried and true tips for comforting your new born and yourself) and is, a Dr. Harvey Karp's, certified Happiest Baby educator.

Georgia M. Simpson May

Georgia M. Simpson May is the Director of the Office of Health Equity for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In this capacity she oversees efforts of MDPH to address health disparities across all bureaus in the Department and provides leadership for the Department's work with other Executive Office of Health & Human Service initiatives. From 1999 – 2008, Ms. Simpson May served as a Program Director and later Deputy Director of the Multicultural AIDS Coalition, the largest minority-operated, minority-serving HIV/AIDS service organization in New England, where she oversaw the agency's federally funded initiatives.

Georgia received her undergraduate degree in Biology from Brandeis University, a Masters in Management of Human Services from the Heller Graduate School for Social Policy Research at Brandeis, and a Graduate Certificate in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from Drexel University's School of Public Health. She has over 20 years' experience in health and human service management and development and is the recipient of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc – Boston Section's "2001 Women of Courage and Conviction Award" for her work in Public Health.