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Biographical Sketches

Ken Coleman, a peer mentor at Families & Communities Together at Community Healthlink (CHL) in Worcester, he has been an advocate for peer support in the mental health field since his hiring. Before he started with CHL, he helped run a music venue, where he reached out to the community of youth around him to spread awareness of mental health issues and different ways art could be used to help manage them. Born and raised in Worcester, he uses his experiences from growing up there - while finding ways to cope with his own mental health issues - to relate to the youth from Central MA, which he supports.

Natalie A. Cort, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist, is a Core Faculty in the Department of Clinical Psychology, the Concentration on Children and Families of Adversity and Resilience, and the Center for Multicultural and Global Mental Health at William James College (WJC). Dr. Cort, a research grade diagnostician, has been a co-investigator, consultant, and therapist on 10 NIMH/SAMSHA clinical trials, focused on depression treatments, interpersonal trauma, and racial/ethnic disparities. She has authored journal articles on racial/ethnic differences in heart disease, child abuse reporting, depression treatment outcomes, and high-risk sexual behaviors. Dr. Cort is currently a member of the American Psychological Association's (APA) Committee on Children, Youth, and Families workgroup to address racial/ethnic disparities in youth mental health. In addition, she is a co-investigator on an ongoing grant awarded to WJC, by the APA's Commission on Ethnic Minority Recruitment, Retention and Training in Psychology. Along with Dr. Nicholas Covino, Psy.D., the president of WJC, Dr. Cort currently chairs WJC's Black Mental Health Initiative, an emerging college to graduate school pipeline program to recruit, mentor, and support undergraduate Black students interested in pursuing graduate degrees in psychology.

Nicholas Covino, Psy.D the president of William James College, is a practicing psychologist who, before his current position, was the Director of Psychology and Director of Training at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston for 20 years. He is past-President of the Society for Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis, a member of the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute and a former faculty member at Harvard Medical School. Since becoming president in 2002, he has led the school in new directions, while maintaining its underlying mission and values, which are focused on serving the underserved and meeting the needs of a changing society. In the eleven years since he took office, the school has grown from a single-degree institution to one that now grants 12 separate master's and doctoral degrees. His commitment to training professionals who can help the most vulnerable in our society has given rise to such programs as the school's Lucero Latino mental health program and a new academic track for children and families called Children and Families of Adversity and Resilience.

Deb Fauntleroy, MSW, is a clinical social worker, parent of a young man with SED, and a lead trainer of the children's behavioral health workforce in Massachusetts. In conjunction with Dr. Hardy's supervisor certificate program, "Clinical Supervision, a Multicultural Perspective", Deborah facilitates eight year-long Supervisor Reflection Groups in Greater Boston, Lawrence, Lowell and Springfield, with over 100 CBHI supervisors. She is also the curriculum developer and Lead Instructor for the Children's Behavioral Health Worker Certificate Program, an 8 month college-credit course for Family Partners and Therapeutic Mentors, with over 240 students in Boston, Springfield/Holyoke, Lynn/Revere, Lowell/Lawrence, and New Bedford/Fall River. She entered the world of children's mental health when, as an advocate for her own son, she became aware of the challenges many families face in raising children with mental health needs. Previously, Deborah was the Associate Director of the Parent/Professional Advocacy League (PPAL), a statewide family-run organization dedicated to improving the mental health and wellbeing of children, youth and families through education, advocacy and collaboration.

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Lisa Garcia, MA, LMHC, is the Eastern Massachusetts Therapeutic Mentoring Director at The Gandara Center in Boston. She is a graduate from William James College where she focused her studies on Latino mental health and family therapy. Her experience ranges from clinical research, adult outpatient services, and in-home therapy. As an in-home therapist her passion and awareness regarding the systemic issues in the treatment of mental health of people of color developed. She is a passionate advocate for eliminating mental health disparities among people of color in our most needy communities. Lisa recently completed the Dr. Hardy's supervisor certificate program, "Clinical Supervision, a Multicultural Perspective."

Kate Ginnis, MSW, MPH, MS is the Director of Behavioral Health Advocacy and Policy at Boston Children's Hospital (BCH) and a Teaching Associate in Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. After working for over a decade as the Associate Director of Emergency Psychiatry at BCH, she is currently working in the Government Relations Department on efforts to improve public policies around mental health services and care for children, adolescents, and their families. Kate also has a strong interest in research and has been involved with both clinical and policy research project to address psychiatric "boarding," a longstanding but pressing problem in Massachusetts. In her current role, Kate is a leader in the Children's Mental Health Campaign, a coalition of 5 lead and 140 partner organizations whose goal is to help guide advocacy and policy strategies for youth with mental health disorders and their families, including access to care, quality of care, and system/organizational analysis and improvement. A great deal of Kate's work both at BCH and with the Campaign focuses on the integration and optimization of behavioral health services into the children's health care system.

Jessica L. Griffin, Psy.D. is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics at the University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS), where she has been a faculty member since 2006. Dr. Griffin provides training and ongoing consultation in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), for providers across New England. In September of 2012, as Principal Investigator, Dr. Griffin was awarded a 4-year, \$1.6 million Category III (Community Treatment and Services Center) National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) grant by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to develop the UMMS Child Trauma Training Center, with a focus on training, treatment, and resolving access issues for court-involved youth who have experienced trauma. She presents regularly at a local, national and international level on topics related to childhood trauma, TF-CBT, and forensic evaluation of children and families. Dr. Griffin has been featured on NPR, Fox News, and is the expert on a television docuseries about marriage and divorce, the "Seven Year Switch" on A&E's FYI Network.

Michael Hoge, Ph.D. is a Professor and Director of Clinical Training in Psychology within the Department of Psychiatry at the Yale University School of Medicine. He also serves as the Director of Yale Behavioral Health, which delivers a broad array of mental health and addiction services to adolescents and adults. As a founding member of *The Annapolis Coalition on the Behavioral Health Workforce*, he was instrumental in launching a national, inter-professional effort to improve the recruitment, retention, and training of individuals who provide prevention and treatment services for persons with mental health and substance use conditions. Michael has consulted on behavioral health workforce issues to the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health, the Institute of Medicine (IOM), and to numerous states and organizations. He is the past Chair of the Behavioral Health Professional and Technical Advisory Committee of the *Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations* (JCAHO) and a member of the IOM Committee on the Mental Health Workforce for Geriatric Populations.

Elizabeth (Lizzie) McEnany, PsyD. Is an Early Childhood Mental Health provider, consultant, trainer, and coach. Dr. McEnany is the trainer, curriculum developer, learning collaborative facilitator and coach for the Early Childhood Mental Health Reflective Supervision Learning Community. Recently, Dr. McEnany designed infant and toddler

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mental health curriculum, which she delivered to over 1200 early childhood educators, mental health consultants, home visitors, and early intervention staff among others. She is a clinical consultant to Boston Public Health Commission's SAMHSA funded Early Childhood System of Care Expansion serving children ages 0-6 and DPH's SAMHSA funded Project Launch Expansion She was also a faculty member for the Defending Childhood Initiative's Breakthrough Series Collaborative entitled "Trauma-Informed Early Education and Care Systems." She was previously associated with the Center for Early Relationship Support at Jewish Family & Children's Service (JF&CS) of Greater Boston and provided mental health consultation to Boston's Horizons for Homeless Children Community Childcare Centers for six years. She was a Harris Fellow in Infant Mental Health at Louisiana State University, New Orleans and also trained at the Infant Parent Training Institute at JF&CS.

Julia MacMahon, a native of Texas, Julia originally came to Boston in 2005 to study Human Growth & Development and Juvenile Justice & Youth Advocacy at Wheelock College. Julia has worked with marginalized youth in many capacities, including program development in summer and after school programs, management in a juvenile detention center, administration and advising in public and charter high schools, and community organizing. In 2014, Julia returned to school to pursue her Masters of Social Work in Social Innovation and Leadership at Boston College, where she participated in the HRSA Behavioral Health Fellowship through her internship in the Office of Government Relations at Boston Children's Hospital. In her work at Children's, Julia supported the Children's Mental Health Campaign in conducting critical research into the psychiatric boarding crisis for children and adolescents, supported legislative advocacy efforts for the hospital and the campaign, and assisted with projects within Government Relations and the Department of Psychiatry whose goal was to improve patient care, particularly for multi-system involved youth.

Matthew Peiken, LICSW, is the Assistant Site Director for Lynn with Children's Friend & Family Services. Matthew has been involved with the provision of CBHI services since its initial rollout; as an In-Home Therapy clinician, supervisor, Team Leader, and IHT Program Director with North Suffolk Mental Health Association; before joining CFFS in September, 2015. In his current role, Matthew supervises the management of the IHT, Clinic, and TM programs; as well working with the Site Director to oversee site operations, strategic planning, and community outreach. Matthew participates in Dr. Hardy's supervisor certificate program, "Clinical Supervision, a Multicultural Perspective" and the Early Childhood Mental Health Reflective Supervision Learning Community. He is a graduate of Boston College Graduate School of Social Work.

Carla M. Saccone, LICSW, is the President and CEO of Children's Friend and Family Services. Ms. Saccone brings over three decades of experience to Children's Friend, including her most recent role as Vice President for Programs at the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children where she provided leadership and direction for the agency's extensive system of programming for families and children. Her past experience also includes multiple directorships at the Department of Mental Health, including Area Director for the Northeast Region and Director of the Greater Lynn office. Ms. Saccone is a member of the Association for Behavioral Healthcare Board, Chair of The Children's League of Massachusetts Board, a member of the Advisory Board of the Department of Children and Families Greater Lynn office, as well as a member of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Council. Ms. Saccone holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from Boston University School of Social Work and Social Welfare and is a licensed social worker.

Fallon Rossi Stapleton, is a second year student at Boston College School of Social Work and a U.S. Navy veteran with ten years of military experience (both active duty and reserves). She has experience working with children in residential care, with Sailors in the Navy's sexual assault prevention and advocacy program, and with poor and homeless women at Rosie's Place in Boston. She is currently interning with Cambridge Health Alliance, a Harvard Medical School Teaching Affiliate, providing individual psychotherapy to adolescents in a school-based mental health program.

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Rachel G. Thomas, LICSW, has served as Director of the In Home Therapy program in New Bedford for Child & Family Services, Inc. since the program's inception in 2009. In previous roles with the agency since 2003, Rachel has worked as a consultant to early-childhood providers such as Head Start and NorthStar Learning Centers, as a school and clinic-based outpatient therapist and as a manager with the agency's DMH-affiliated program, Empowering Families for Success. She is a member of the Trauma Informed Leadership Team established by the New Bedford DCF office. A former journalist seeking a change of career during the late '90s, she sought guidance from the social worker whose intervention years earlier eased the emotional pain of a newsroom staff devastated by the sudden death of a beloved colleague. She is a 2001 graduate of the Boston University School of Social Work.

Sandee Tisdale, Ph.D. is a member of the faculty at Boston College in the Graduate School of Social Work. Dr. Tisdale has a history of research on working families and adolescent well-being. She teaches Human Behavior and the Social Environment as well as The Social Welfare System. Currently, Dr. Tisdale is also managing the HRSA Behavioral Health Fellowship Program - a program designed to offer select second year MSW students an intensive training in behavioral health with youth for their final MSW year.