

Faculty Biographies

ATSH:BH Learning Session #1

Tammy Fisher | Co-Director, Addiction Treatment Starts Here



Tammy Fisher, MPH, is CCI's Senior Director, and is responsible for contributing to the organization's overall organizational strategy and operations, as well as directing programs to transform safety net organizations. Prior to joining CCI, Tammy was the senior director of quality and performance improvement at Partnership HealthPlan. She has an extensive background in using quality improvement methods to drive changes, having led quality improvement initiatives for the San Francisco Health Plan, Pacific Business Group on Health, and Brown & Toland Medical Group. As a technical advisor to the Integrated Healthcare Association's pay for performance program, Tammy advised on measures to improve cost efficiency and clinical care. Tammy received a bachelor's degree from the University of California, San Diego and has a master's degree in public health from New York University. She was trained by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement as an improvement advisor.

Brian Hurley | Clinical Director, Addiction Treatment Starts Here



Brian Hurley, MD, MBA, DFASAM, is an addiction psychiatrist and Director of Addiction Medicine at the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. He is an Assistant Professor of Addiction Medicine in the Department of Family Medicine at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine. He is a Director at Large on the Board of Directors of the American Society of Addiction Medicine and co-chairs the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services' Substance Use Disorders Workgroup and the SafeMedLA Medications for Addiction Treatment Action Team. Brian provides technical assistance in the delivery of Medications for Addiction Treatment as well as smoking cessation services to community health centers, clinical programs, and agencies across the United States. Additionally, he is a member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers and provides training in Motivational Interviewing across the United States. Brian completed the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program at UCLA and was previously a Veterans Administration National Quality Scholar at the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. He completed a fellowship program in addiction psychiatry at New York University School of Medicine. He completed residency training at the Massachusetts General Hospital and McLean Hospital (MGH-McLean), where he was Chief Resident in Addiction Psychiatry.

Parinda Khatri | Cherokee Health Systems



Dr. Parinda Khatri is Chief Clinical Officer at Cherokee Health Systems (CHS), a comprehensive community health care organization in Tennessee that is a Federally Qualified Health Center and Community Mental Health Center. As Chief Clinical Officer at Cherokee Health Systems, she provides oversight and guidance on clinical quality, program development and management, workforce development, clinical research, and clinical operations for blended primary care and behavioral health services within the organization. She is also the principal investigator of several research programs at CHS, including the NIH Precision Medicine All of Us Research Program. Dr. Khatri is also involved in integrated healthcare policy and practice issues at the national level. She is past President and Board Member of the Collaborative Family Healthcare Association (CFHA), and on the advisory boards for the National Integration Academy for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), National Center for Integrated Behavioral Health in Primary Care at the University of Pennsylvania, the Center for Integrated Primary Care at the University of Massachusetts, as well as Clinical Advisory Committees for Amerigroup and BlueCare of Tennessee. She was recently appointed to the HRSA Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary and Community-Based Linkages by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Brittany McCafferty | Cherokee Health Systems



Brittany McCafferty, PhD, is a Behavioral Health Consultant and licensed Clinical Psychologist at Cherokee Health Systems in East Tennessee. At Cherokee Health Systems, she works as part of the primary care, addiction medicine, and women's health teams providing assessment, intervention, and consultation services. She is involved in integrated care initiatives including a complex care team approach to the treatment of opiate and alcohol use disorders. Dr. McCafferty is involved in workforce development, supervising trainees at multiple levels including postdoctoral fellows, predoctoral interns, and graduate-level psychology practicum students. She is also involved in consultation and training with other primary care organizations on topics of integrated care and population-based health strategies. Dr. McCafferty earned her degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Toledo.



Mark A. McGrail | Cherokee Health Systems

Dr. Mark McGrail is board certified in both family medicine and addiction medicine and resides in Knoxville, Tennessee. He completed undergraduate studies at the University of Maryland at Baltimore and medical school at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. McGrail performed a family medicine residency at Eisenhower Army Medical Center and a fellowship in primary care behavioral medicine at the University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville. After his retirement from the U.S. Army in 2016, he assumed his current position as the Director of Addiction Medicine for Cherokee Health Systems in Knoxville and provides comprehensive outpatient treatment for patients suffering from substance use disorders.



Sandy Newman | Co-Director Consultant, Addiction Treatment Starts Here

Sandy Newman, MPH, is the principal of LSN Health Strategy, a health care consulting firm partnering with clients working in clinical transformation, value-based payment, and health care policy. Prior to founding LSN Health Strategy, Sandy was a Senior Manager at Manatt Health, an integrated legal and consulting firm that provides business, strategy and professional services expertise to organizations across the health care ecosystem. Sandy focused her work on Medicaid delivery systems and value-based payment arrangements. Sandy also held previous positions as the Director of Health Policy at the California Academy of Family Physicians, a Policy Specialist at the National Center on Caregiving at Family Caregiving Alliance, and a Legislative Assistant to U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski. Sandy holds a bachelor's degree in Women's Studies and a master's degree in public health, both from Tulane University.