

Faculty Biographies

ATSH:PC Learning Session #2

[Katie Bell](#) | Chapa-De Indian Health



Katie Bell, MSN, RN-BC, CARN, PHN, is a nurse consultant with the Telewell Indian Health MAT Project offering technical assistance, mentoring and training for California Tribal clinics as they develop MAT programs. Katie has been a presenter for the UCLA Hub & Spoke Learning Collaborative and is part of the facilitator team for Tribal MAT Project Echo for Indian Health primary care clinics throughout California. She is also currently Nurse Case Manager for the MAT program at Chapa-De Indian Health in Grass Valley, CA. Board-certified as Addictions RN since 2003, Katie has been working with the medication buprenorphine/naloxone (Suboxone) since a 2001 Phase 3 NIDA clinical trial. Beginning in 2002, Katie has been developing and launching programs of care for patients with opioid use disorders in multiple settings, such as inpatient residential at Betty Ford Center, an urban methadone clinic, a Dept. of Veteran Affairs Behavioral Health Clinic and now, primary care FQHCs and IHS primary care clinics.

[Rosalind de Lisser](#) | University of California, San Francisco



Rosalind de Lisser is an Associate Clinical Professor at the UCSF School of Nursing. She is a Family and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner and co-directs the Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Program at UCSF. She has 20 years of clinical experience and specializes in trauma informed integrated primary and behavioral health care. She leads behavioral health care at the Women's HIV Clinic at UCSF Health, caring for women with complex medical, psychiatric, and substance use disorders. She is an advocate for patient centered care and engages the patient together with the interprofessional clinical team in innovative approaches to achieving health and well-being. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Health Services Research and is studying the phenomenon of resilience in healthcare personnel working on teams.



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.



Jenna Haywood | Harm Reduction Coalition

Jenna Haywood is the Capacity Building and Community Development Manager at the Harm Reduction Coalition where she supports California-based harm reduction programs with training and technical assistance and focuses on California policy advocacy. Jenna studied Human Rights Education at the University of San Francisco, where she built harm reduction curricula for people who use drugs and their health care providers. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz in Socio-Cultural Anthropology. For nearly a decade, Jenna has been a community and political organizer, leading progressive political field campaigns, organizing around mental and medical health care for military veterans, and working in the labor movement fighting for racial and economic justice for healthcare and service industry workers.

Bridget Hogan Cole | Institute for High Quality Care



Bridget Hogan Cole, MPH, is the Executive Director of the Institute for High Quality Care (IHQC). As IHQC's Executive Director, Bridget is skilled in leveraging her expertise in capacity building, quality improvement, process improvement, data management, and the applied learning model to successfully guide participating organizations to improve outcomes and operational efficiencies. Bridget brings to IHQC a unique combination of education and experience in healthcare technology and public health administration. She has designed, implemented and led multiple safety net initiatives, including the Building Clinic Capacity for Quality, the statewide Specialty Care Initiative, and eConsult programs with more than 20 years of program leadership, organizational development, project development, and technology planning and implementation experience. Bridget has held operations, consulting, and administrative positions with community health centers, Blue Cross of California, healthcare engineering firms, Kaiser Permanente Foundation Hospitals, national independent service agencies, and divisions of the Hospital Council of Southern California. Bridget also led Blue Cross of California's statewide Telemedicine Program – a collaborative of more than 60 rural provider locations and multiple specialty resources to improve access to care through the use of telemedicine. Bridget received a Master of Public Health with a concentration in Health Services Administration from UCLA and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Vermont.

Chris Hunt | Institute for High Quality Care



Chris Hunt, MPH, has been working with the IHQC home of the Building Clinic Capacity for Quality Program, since 2009, coaching teams in scoping and implementing projects that improve quality, patient outcomes, and operational efficiencies. He is responsible for the development, coordination and delivery of quality improvement, health information technology and other program content, resources, and activities supporting safety net organizations. Chris also provides technical assistance and coaching around quality and process improvement, project development and management, and systems change. Chris holds a Master's in Public Health from the University of California, Los Angeles with a concentration in health policy and management. He is also a certified Lean Six Sigma Black Belt and previously worked in research and development in the biotechnology sector.



Brian Hurley | Clinical Director, Addiction Treatment Starts Here

Brian Hurley, MD, MBA, DFASAM, is an addiction psychiatrist and Director of Addiction Medicine at the L.A. 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 of the American Society of Addiction Medicine and co-chairs the L.A. 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 MAT as well as smoking cessation services to community health centers, clinical programs, and agencies across the U.S. He is also a member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers and provides training in motivational interviewing across the U.S. 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 the New York University School of Medicine. He completed residency training at the Massachusetts General Hospital and McLean Hospital, where he was Chief Resident in Addiction Psychiatry.



David Kan | University of California, San Francisco, Bright Heart Health

Dr. Kan graduated from Northwestern University Medical School. He finished his General Psychiatry Residency and Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). He is board-certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in General and Forensic Psychiatry and he is board-certified by the American Board of Addiction Medicine in Addiction Medicine. He is a member of the faculty at the UCSF Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Kan is the current president of the California Society of Addiction Medicine, a physician organization dedicated to improving the treatment of substance use disorders. Dr. Kan has planned conferences and spoken to many physician and non-physician groups. Dr. Kan is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Society of Addiction Medicine. Dr. Kan offers forensic consulting services to courts and attorneys in civil, criminal, and administrative matters. He has testified in multiple states, counties and federal court as an expert witness. He is a member of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law. Dr. Kan has also testified numerous times before the California Assembly and Senate on addiction treatment and before Congress, advocating to expand access to addiction treatment.



Christina Lasich | Western Sierra Medical Clinic

After residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation, Dr. Christina Lasich, a graduate of the University of California at Davis School of Medicine, returned to her hometown of Grass Valley, California. She held a private practice in both pain and addiction medicine for 15 years and is now employed by Western Sierra Medical Clinic as the Chief Medical Officer. She also worked as the Medical Director for Community Recovery Resources from 2013 to 2018. In addition to clinical work, Dr. Lasich has years of experience as a professional writer for Remedy Health Media and has a book titled, *High Heels to Hormones: A woman's guide to spine care*. In her leisure time, she enjoys the company of dogs, the sports of fly fishing and upland game hunting, and long drives in the countryside.



Anna Lembke | Stanford University Medical Center

Dr. Lembke was one of the first in the medical community to sound the alarm regarding opioid overprescribing and the opioid epidemic. In 2016, she published her best-selling book on the prescription drug epidemic. *Drug Dealer, MD – How Doctors Were Duped, Patients Got Hooked, and Why It's So Hard to Stop* combines case studies with public policy, cultural anthropology, and neuroscience, to explore the complex relationship between doctors and patients around prescribing controlled drugs, the science of addiction, and the barriers to successfully addressing prescription drug misuse and addiction. Her book was highlighted in the *New York Times* in December 2018 as one of the top five books to read to understand the opioid epidemic. The success of *Drug Dealer, MD* has had an impact on public policy makers and legislators across the nation in the wake of the ongoing opioid epidemic. Dr. Lembke testified before Congress, consulted with governors and senators from Kentucky to Missouri to Nevada, was a featured guest on *Fresh Air with Terry Gross*, and appeared on MSNBC with Chris Hayes, the *Today Show* with Dr. Oz, the *Megyn Kelly Show* on CBS, and numerous other media broadcasts. Using her teaching/academic position and her public platform, Dr. Lembke continues to advocate for people with addiction and educate health care professionals, policymakers, and the public on a wide variety of addiction-related topics.



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.



Diana Nguyen | Center for Care Innovations

As a program coordinator, Diana supports a range of programs within CCI's Innovation portfolio of work. Before joining CCI, Diana worked with a variety of nonprofit organizations, including LifeLong Medical Care, Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum, and Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society. In her last role as the coordinator of the UC Berkeley Wellness Fund, Diana developed and managed the operation of a \$1.2 million grant dedicated to improving student health and wellness. Diana earned her bachelor's degree in public health with a minor in ethnic studies at the University of California, Berkeley. She was born and raised in the Bay Area (originally from East Side San Jose, before moving to the East Bay for college). She is proud to be the first in her Vietnamese family to pursue and graduate from college. Outside the office, Diana loves to spend quality time with friends, family, and food!



Savannah O'Neill | Harm Reduction Coalition

Savannah O'Neill joined the Harm Reduction Coalition in 2018 as the Capacity Building and Community Development Manager. She oversees projects throughout California, supporting existing syringe exchange programs, buprenorphine access and the expansion of harm reduction services. She does this work through training, community mobilization and technical assistance. Savannah has worked at the intersections of harm reduction, mental health care and advocacy against incarceration for the past 12 years. Most recently, she served as the Coordinator of the Overdose Prevention Education and Naloxone Distribution (OPEND) project, a county-wide naloxone access program at the HIV Education Prevention Project of Alameda County in Oakland, CA. She received her MSW from University of Michigan and her BA from University of California at Santa Cruz. She is a Certified Addictions Treatment Counselor and state-certified HIV test counselor. Her previous experience includes counseling at a methadone clinic, research and advocacy with incarcerated women, and coordinating an HIV testing program and syringe access in the Bay Area.



Shelly Virva | Camden Coalition for Health Care Providers

Shelly Virva, LMSW, CSW, is the Associate Clinical Director for Online Education at the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers. Prior to this she worked for Network180, a regional community mental health agency, in partnership with Spectrum Health Medical Group at the Center for Integrative Medicine. She earned her B.A. in political science and an MSW from Western Michigan University. She has extensive experience in the treatment of addiction and co-occurring disorders, pregnancy and addiction disorders, crisis intervention, integrated care, and treatment of complex care patients. She regularly provides in-person training and consulting on the treatment of addiction and complex care patients. She was part of an interdisciplinary team tasked with integrating behavioral health into a multisite primary care group. She also has experience working with a large regional health plan in Michigan to incorporate MAT into their benefit structure and coauthored the Michigan MAT Program Guidelines.