

# Speaker & Poster Presenter Biographies

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## **Peter Anthamatten**

Dr. Anthamatten has been working in the fields of geography, cartography, and public health for over a decade. Anthamatten has co-authored a multi-media CD containing electronic maps for middle and high school students, has lead a project to develop 3-D cartography for undergraduate geography instruction, worked with the Costa Rica Ministry of Health to begin mapping health data, and has recently co-authored the Atlas of the Erie Canal. He has earned master degrees in both epidemiology (MPH, 2002) and geography (MA, 2001) at the University of Minnesota, where he also earned his Ph.D. in 2007. Dr. Anthamatten is currently Assistant Professor at the Department of Geography and Environmental Sciences at the University of Colorado Denver, where is engaging in research to examine the dynamics between urban environments and physical activity among children.

## **Michelle K. Anzlovar**

Michelle Anzlovar received her B.S. in Nursing from The University of Southern Colorado. She is a MCH certificate program student of the Rocky Mountain Public Health Education Consortium based at the University of Arizona.

## **Charlene Barrientos Ortiz**

Charlene is a Denver native and began her health career at Denver Public Health in 1994 as a Senior Clinical Care Associate. Charlene has a strong commitment to community activism. She is a founding board member of COLOR (Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights) and continues as a volunteer, a board member of National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health (NLIRH), and a member of the Cesar Chavez Peace and Justice Committee. She is a coordinator and trainer for "Training for multicultural care and research". She also works with LUCAR (Latinos Using Cardio Health Actions to Reduce Risk). She is also a member of COHO's Cultural Proficiency Learning Group and a coordinator for UCD's Foundations for Cultural Dimensions. She has been instrumental in founding the work of Taking Neighborhood Health to Heart. She recently joined Data Review and Dissemination.

## **Jennifer Barrow**

Jennifer Barrow holds a masters of science in public health from the University of Colorado Denver (UCD). For the past eight years she has served as Project Manager for multiple federally and locally funded research projects at the Children's Outcomes Research Program/Colorado Health Outcomes

Program at the University of Colorado Denver. These projects have studied various health services issues such as immunization delivery, and quality of and access to health care for underserved populations. Prior to working at UCD, Ms. Barrow worked on the State's Children's Health Insurance Program, CHP+, helping establish the systems for operating, marketing, budgeting and evaluating the program. She also spent several years at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment evaluating prevention programs for HIV. Ms. Barrow enjoys working on projects to improve health care delivery for children.

## **Judy Baxter**

Judy Baxter is a Faculty mentor for Project TEACH (Teaching Equity to Advance Community Health).

## **Rita Beam**

Rita is Nurse Manager of Perinatal Services for Tri-County Health Department. Her career in maternal and child health began in 1972. She received her master in public health nursing from Colorado University School of Nursing. She is responsible for over site of prenatal MCH grant activities, access to care, and the perinatal case management programs, Prenatal Plus, Nurse Family Partnership, and Mother First for Tri-County Health Department. In addition, she provides leadership for a community collaborative, Healthier Beginnings for Black Communities, Aurora, CO which is focused on reducing the health disparity related to the infant mortality rate in this population. She is founder of the Lamp Lighter, nurse mentoring program, 2002 - present. She is a member of CNA and on the state steering committee for Nightingale. She is a RIHEL fellow, class 2007, and a member of CPHA, COSOPHE, and PHNAC President, 2008-2009.

## **Elaine Belansky**

Elaine Belansky is the Assistant Director of the Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center.

## **Jessica Bondy**

Jessica Bondy has been in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics since 1979. She studied at the University of Colorado where she was awarded her Master's of Health Administration (MHA) with a concentration in Health Policy. She was previously employed at the Blue Cross / Blue Shield of Colorado and at the State Health Department. Jessica has been applying information technology to problems of medical care, research and education for over 20 years. She is currently Director of Research Informatics at the University of

Colorado Comprehensive Cancer Center, teaches the course, SAS for Data Management, in the MSPH program, and a member of the CCTSI Informatics Core.

### **Jill Bezyak**

Dr. Jill Bezyak is an Assistant Professor of Human Rehabilitative Services at the University of Northern Colorado. She received her doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in rehabilitation psychology. She is a certified rehabilitation counselor with a wide array of clinical interests including psychiatric rehabilitation, substance abuse counseling, and counseling of individuals with physical disabilities and chronic illness. Her research interests include health promotion of individuals with disabilities, negative attitudes toward individuals with disabilities, and evidence-based practice in rehabilitation counseling.

### **Suzannah Bozzone**

Dr. Bozzone is currently completing her Residency at the University of Colorado, Denver, Health Sciences Center. Dr. Bozzone has been actively involved in Community Health both in Denver, Colorado and in the Dominican Republic. Dr. Bozzone currently serves the Denver's refugee community.

### **Katie Brookler**

Ms. Brookler works for the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, the state agency that administers Colorado's Medicaid and SCHIP programs. She currently manages strategic projects at the Department, including a clinical balanced scorecard effort, collaborative performance improvement projects and Medicaid's Healthy People 2010 initiative. Working for the Department for eight years, Ms. Brookler has also managed Colorado Medicaid's quality improvement program and the managed care contracting unit. Prior to joining Colorado Medicaid, Ms. Brookler managed quality, utilization and risk management programs at children's hospitals, general hospitals and integrated delivery systems. She has also worked in the area of product development for a health care consulting firm and a health care IT company.

Ms. Brookler has been active in professional associations, having served as state president, board member and secretary to state and national associations. She has a Bachelor's degree in Organization Development from Regis University in Denver and is originally from northeastern Illinois working Illinois, Minnesota and Iowa prior to settling in Colorado

### **Melissa Broudy**

Melissa Broudy RN BSN BA

Melissa Broudy is a public health nurse at Jefferson County Public Health. Her professional background includes five years working in Washington D.C. for international health NGOs followed by five years of acute care hospital nursing in Denver. She subsequently began her position at JCPH in September 2008 where she has planned and coordinated the Cavity Free at Three Program, worked with injury prevention coalitions to expand their services, and conducted outreach education on various health topics throughout Jefferson County.

### **Marilyn Bruce, BS, MS**

Ms. Bruce, a 30-year veteran public school teacher, is currently working with Teller County Public Health as a school health coordinator. In the past 6 years, she has worked with the two school districts in Teller County to implement and coordinated health promoting school teams and provide a formal connection between the schools and public health. She is also working as a school consultant with the Pikes Peak Region Healthier Schools Initiative which received the first grant from The Colorado Health Foundation to work with the Coordinated School Health Model.

### **Sarah Bruestle**

Sarah Bruestle is the Public Information Officer for the Pueblo City-County Health Department. Sarah has a Bachelor in Environmental Studies from CU-Boulder and Masters in Public Administration from CU- Colorado Springs. She has trained for media relations under the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program and public health risk communication for the past seven years. Sarah spent time in Florida after Hurricane Charley (2004), working in Community Relations with the State of Florida and Federal Emergency Management Association. Sarah has worked in a Joint Information Center and promotes the use of Joint Information Systems on a daily basis.

### **Sarah Brustkern**

Sarah grew up in Spokane Washington. She graduated from high school in 2000, and then went to college at Iowa State University in Ames Iowa where she earned her B.S. in Botany. She then completed her graduate work at Washington State University in Pullman Washington where she received her Masters Degree in Botany. She moved to Colorado Springs in early 2007 and has been with the El Paso County Department of Health and Environment since. She lives in Colorado Springs with Dave and their two dogs, Lucy and Sierra.

BS ~ Iowa State University

MS ~ Washington State University

**Lucinda Bryant**

Dr. Bryant is Assistant Professor in the Department of Community and Behavioral Health, Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado Denver, with a secondary appointment in the Department of Health Systems, Management and Policy. She has been Principal Investigator of the UCDenver Member Center of the Prevention Research Centers Healthy Aging Research Network (PRC HAN) and Cardiovascular Health Intervention Research & Translation Network (PRC CHIRTN) since their inceptions in September 2001 and 2005, respectively. With the San Luis Valley (CO) community teams, Dr. Bryant conducts community-based research that supports the PRC HAN and PRC CHIRTN goals, which include the dissemination of aging and cardiovascular health promotion research into communities nationwide.

**Emily Burns, MD, MSPH**

Emily Burns, MD, MSPH, is an Instructor in the Department of Epidemiology at the Colorado School of Public Health. She is a board-certified preventive medicine physician and she specializes in research related to smoking cessation and disparities, including quitline research. She has received a Health Disparities loan-repayment award from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for her work in smoking cessation among Latinos. Most recently, she received a grant to conduct research on nicotine replacement therapy distributed through the quitline.

**Colleen "Kelly" Busch****Ann M. Buss**

Ann Buss earned her M.S. in Public Administration from the University of Montana. She is a MCH certificate program student of the Rocky Mountain Public Health Education Consortium based at the University of Arizona.

**Tim Byers**

Dr. Tim Byers is the Associate Dean of the Colorado School of Public Health. He is an epidemiologist with extensive experience in public health program development and evaluation.

**Corey Campbell, MS**

Corey Campbell, MS, is a member of the 2007 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Prevention Service Fellowship Program. After completing a rotation at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the Coordinating Office for Terrorism and Emergency Response (COTPER), Corey will complete the final two years of her fellowship at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) in the Occupational Health Surveillance Unit. Corey received a Bachelor's of

Science Degree in Occupational Safety and Health from Montana Tech and a Master's of Science in Health Promotion from The University of Montana.

**Connie Carroll-Hopkins**

Connie Carroll-Hopkins has over 30 years of public health nursing experience. She retires from CDPHE in May of 2009.

**Alena Clark**

Dr. Clark is an Assistant Professor in the Dietetics Program at the University of Northern Colorado. She has been a Registered Dietitian since 1997 where she primarily worked with parents and children on healthy eating behaviors and feeding issues. Her research interests are in the areas of maternal and child nutrition and infant feeding.

**Stephanie Coronel**

Stephanie Coronel is the Senior Project Manager and Epidemiologist in the Prevention Department. Her primary focus at the CPC is developing and evaluating community and provider education programs aimed at preventing cardiovascular disease. Stephanie is a graduate of Rice University (Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology and Music), and George Washington University (Master of Public Health, Epidemiology). She has been a Certified Health Education Specialist since 2001, and is Past President of the Colorado Society of Public Health Education. She has also served on the Colorado Clinical Guideline Collaborative's Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Guideline Committee as well as several community committees including Metro Volunteers.

**Julie Davis**

Julie Davis is a MCH Generalist Consultant at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

**James W. Dearing**

Dr. James W. Dearing is the Director of the Cancer Research Network Cancer Communication Research Center and a senior investigator at the Institute for Health Research at Kaiser Permanente Colorado. Prior to this position, Dr. Dearing was Professor of Communication and Director of Graduate Studies in the School of Communication Studies at Ohio University, on the faculty of Michigan State University, and a visiting faculty member at the University of California, Berkeley, and at the University of Michigan. He studies the strategic use of diffusion of innovation concepts to accelerate the spread of evidence-based practices, programs, and policies. He studied under and worked closely with Everett M. Rogers for 20 years.

**Tamara DeHay**

Tamara DeHay, PhD is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Behavioral Health and Wellness Program. She completed her doctoral training in School Psychology at the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. DeHay's clinical emphases include Pediatric Health Psychology as well as child and family therapy. Her research expertise includes such areas as tobacco cessation, pediatric psychopharmacology, internalizing disorders, and evidence-based interventions.

**Cathy Dehn**

Cathy Dehn holds Bachelor of Science degrees in Recreation and Behavioral Science from the University of Southern Colorado. She is the LiveWell Pueblo Project Coordinator. She previously was the Steps to a Healthier Pueblo Project Coordinator. She has worked at the Pueblo City-County Health Department for fifteen years as a Health Educator in the areas of Diabetes, HIV/AIDS and STD prevention education, employee health promotion, strategic planning and public information for the Department. Cathy's work with LiveWell and the Steps program has been with community organization and collaboration in the focus areas of obesity, diabetes, asthma and tobacco use.

**Christine Demont-Heinrich**

Ms. Demont-Heinrich has a background in exercise science and health promotion. She recently completed her Master in Public Health degree from the Colorado School of Public Health at the University of Colorado Denver. Her career interests are in health promotion, obesity prevention, and chronic disease prevention.

**Cindy Dormer****Chris Douglas**

Chris Douglas earned her B.S. in Dietetics from Kearney State College, Nebraska. She is a MCH certificate program student of the Rocky Mountain Public Health Education Consortium based at the University of Arizona.

**Dianne Draper**

After receiving a BA in Sociology and Psychology, Dianne pursued a career in mental health counseling at a residential treatment center for adolescent girls with behavioral and emotional challenges. Later on Dianne focused on school based behavioral health at an inner city middle school that served a unique and diverse population from many of the Pacific Islands.

For the past three years Dianne has been at the American Lung Association in Colorado coordinating the Not On Tobacco Program providing training, support, N-O-T group site visits and on going

technical assistance to N-O-T facilitators all over the state as they focus on tobacco cessation for youth. This year Dianne became one of twelve Not on Tobacco Master Trainers for the National American Lung Association, conducting N-O-T trainings in other states. Previously Dianne worked in community mental health, residential treatment and school based behavioral health.

**Heather Dubiel****Eileen Duin**

Eileen Duin joined the Health Promotion Program at Denver Public Health in 2007 as the Wellness Coordinator for the 5200 employees who work at Denver Health. She chairs the Denver Health Worksite Wellness Committee, with the goal to improve the health and wellness of employees at Denver Health by providing a safe environment that supports healthier choices and behaviors by employees. She received her Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion from the University of Iowa and is a Certified Health Education Specialist.

**Kelly Dunkin**

Kelly Dunkin graduated from Miami University in 1992 with a Bachelor's degree in English Journalism. She went on to earn her teaching credentials in elementary education from the University of Northern Colorado. Ms. Dunkin served in the United States Peace Corps from 1996-98 where she worked as a teacher trainer in Belize, Central America. Upon completion of her tour of duty, she returned to Colorado and taught fifth grade in the Cherry Creek School District. In 2000, she was hired as the Executive Director of the Chowdry Family Foundation, a small family foundation that supported education in the Denver metropolitan area. Dunkin is currently the Senior Program Officer for Health Coverage at The Colorado Health Foundation where she works on increasing access to adequate health coverage for all Colorado children and adults. Dunkin earned her M.P.A. with an emphasis in health policy from the University of Colorado at Denver.

**Thomas S. Dunlop MPH, REHS**

Tom Dunlop has been involved in local Environmental Public Health in Colorado since 1970. He formed the Environmental Health Department in Aspen, CO in 1976 and retired as the Environmental Health Director with Pitkin County in 2001. He remains active at the national level working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and various non - profit public health agencies. He received his BA in Biology from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, IA in 1968 and his MPH from University of Massachusetts School of Public Health

in 2009. He is the appointed Pitkin County Public Health Advocate.

### **M. Josh Durfee**

Josh Durfee received his Bachelor of Arts in English from Colorado College in 1992. After programming for a small healthcare software company he received a Master of Science in Public Health from the University of Colorado Denver in 2007. He worked as a statistical analyst for an NIH funded genetic diabetes study in the Preventive Medicine department from 2003 to 2005. Mr. Durfee has worked in the Health Services Research Department at Denver Health since 2005 as a Statistical Research Specialist and Research Project Coordinator. As a member of the health services research team, Mr. Durfee has managed projects related to HIT and the development and use of chronic disease registries to improve patient quality of care. Mr. Durfee has performed extensive quantitative analyses for these projects and others in the health services research department using Statistical Analysis Software (SAS) and is one of fewer than twenty-five certified SAS programmers in the state of Colorado. His research interests include topics related to health policy, such as vulnerable populations, Medicaid, the uninsured, and health information technology.

### **Cheryl Easley**

### **Joan Eden, M.S., R.D.**

Joan worked in the Prevention Services Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for 28 years. Her last position, before retiring in 2006, was as the Deputy Director of the Prevention Services Division. She also worked as the Chief Nutritionist for the WIC Program, the Director of the Health Care Program for Special Needs and the Director of the state Maternal and Child Health Program. She has Master's Degree in Public Health and Nutrition and is a Registered Dietitian.

### **Mark Egbert**

Mr. Egbert has worked as the GIS Coordinator for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) for the past 14 years. At CDPHE, Mr. Egbert is responsible for coordinating the use of GIS, and for building the capacity of the department to use these tools effectively. He is actively involved in a number of the of the department's many GIS-related activities, and has direct responsibility for many GIS and related projects. In addition, Mr. Egbert works with a number of other agencies throughout the state to build GIS capacity and to further inter-agency cooperation. Mr. Egbert has worked with computing

systems and computer mapping for more than 25 years.

### **Deborah M. Ellis**

Deborah Ellis earned her M.S. in Nursing-Midwifery from The University of Utah. She is a MCH certificate program student of the Rocky Mountain Public Health Education Consortium based at the University of Arizona.

### **Mariana Enriquez-Olmos, PhD**

Mariana Enriquez-Olmos, PhD, has over 13 years research and evaluation experience focused primarily on education issues. Born and raised in Mexico City, Mexico, Mariana obtained a B.S. degree in Cognitive Developmental Psychology from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), and her M.A. and Ph.D. in Curriculum Leadership from the University of Denver, in Denver, Colorado. Mariana has extensive evaluation and research experience working in projects addressing education, health and social issues in mainstream and minority communities paying special attention to cultural competence issues. Topics in her evaluation and research experience include, parent involvement, teen pregnancy prevention, adolescent violence prevention, implementation of U.S. History curricula with middle and high school teachers, closing the achievement gap, reduction of exposure to secondhand smoke in minority communities, and recruitment and retention of rural teachers. Mariana is a member of the American Evaluation Association, of the American Educational Research Association and of the Behavioral and Social Science Volunteer program of the American Psychological Association.

### **Nancy Enyart**

### **Deanna Erstad**

Deanna has been actively involved in the Homeland Security Program within Colorado since its inception and spent several years working for the Colorado Department of Public Safety and Local Affairs. She is a Gold Level Certified Emergency Manager and received the 2007 Emergency Manager of the Year Award from the Colorado Emergency Managers Association. Lastly, she recently received the Federal Partner in Preparedness Award from FEMA Region VIII for her work related to enhancing community preparedness.

### **Leigh Fischer**

For the past ten years, Fischer has focused on reaching the underserved through public health program development, grant writing, research and evaluation. She is currently the program manager for SBIRT Colorado and a member of the board of the Colorado Society for Public Health Education. Through her previous experience with Planned

Parenthood of the Chicago Area, the Illinois Center for Violence Prevention, and the Teen Mother Education Project of Denver Kids, Inc., she facilitated education and advocacy-based activities in order to help address behavioral and environmental risk factors that impact health. Furthermore, Fischer assisted on two research studies funded through the National Institutes of Health: (1) Life Support Decisions for Extremely Premature Infants, and (2) The Women's Interagency HIV Study. She received a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Nebraska Wesleyan University and a Master of Public Health with an emphasis in behavioral sciences and health promotion from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

### **Nick Flattery, MPH**

Nick Flattery is project coordinator for Colorado Heart Healthy Solutions. Nick holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and a minor in Peace and Justice Studies from Creighton University in Omaha. He also holds a masters degree in public health from Walden University and is working toward his doctorate in public health at Walden University as well. He has worked in the field of public and community health for 7 years. He is the newest member to CPC's Prevention Department. Nick has served on numerous non-profit boards and understands the need for a strong core group of public health professionals, to implement the Colorado Heart Healthy Solutions statewide project.

### **Eileen Forlenza**

Eileen Forlenza serves as the Director of the Colorado Medical Home Initiative for the Department of Public Health and Environment .

Ms. Forlenza serves on several state and national advisory councils including Multi-Stakeholder Patient Centered Medical Home Pilot Project (Colorado), National Summit on Patient and Family-Centered Care, National Initiative for Child Health Quality (NICHQ) and The Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP).

### **Carol Foust**

Dr. Carol Foust studied at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque where she earned a B.S. School Health Education, with a minor in Biology and an M.S. in Community Health. A Ph.D. in Health Education from Texas A&M University was completed in 1993 and an M.Ed. in Counseling from Lamar University was completed in 1996. She has made over 70 peer reviewed presentations and has authored more than 15 peer reviewed publications including a Wellness textbook. In addition, she was the principal investigator or project member on 15 grants, the most recent focusing on Diabetes Prevention.

### **Liz Gilbert**

Elizabeth "Liz" Gilbert joined UNC Faculty in 2008 as an Associate Professor in Community Health Education in the School of Human Sciences. She has published and presented at numerous regional, national and international conferences on health service delivery to diverse populations, service learning/ civic engagement as a pedagogical strategy and community/campus partnerships. She has worked extensively for many years in the area of incorporating service learning and civic engagement into classroom objectives as a means of deepening student learning and community engagement.

### **Deborah Givray**

Dr. Givray is a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) as well as a Certified Parent Coach, receiving her certificate from Seattle Pacific University and the Parent Coaching Institute. Dr. Givray is an Associate Professor and Master of Public Health Graduate Coordinator at the University of Northern Colorado and is secondary faculty at the Colorado School of Public Health. Her research interests are in the area of school and community health interventions.

### **Tom Gottlieb**

### **Marshall Gourley, MA**

Marshall Gourley is a Health Program Administrator at Denver Public Health, STD/HIV Prevention and Control. He did both undergraduate and graduate work at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico and worked has worked in the Hispanic/Latino and Mexican immigrant community of metropolitan Denver for more than 25 years.

### **Jeri Harwood**

Dr. Harwood completed her doctoral degree in 2006 and is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado, with a secondary appointment in Biostatistics. Dr. Harwood has worked as a statistician on HIV/AIDS clinical studies since 2001, including clinical trials from the Acute Infection and Early Disease Research Program and a Phase-I vaccine trial. She currently provides statistical consulting for the Research Institute and the Clinical Translational Research Center at The Children's Hospital; the Colorado Biostatistics Consortium; and the Denver VA Medical Center.

### **High Plains Research Network Community Advisory Council**

The High Plains Research Network (HPRN) Community Advisory Council (C.A.C.) consists of 11 community members from eastern rural Colorado,

including a wheat farmer, rancher, 4th grade teacher, home health visit paraprofessional, hardware store manager, community college instructor, dental hygienist, two retirees, and two high school students. The C.A.C. was formed in 2003 and guides the research and programs in the HPRN. Members are involved with all facets of the HPRN's research activities.

#### **Andrea Hill**

Andrea is passionate about the use of technology as a medium for communication and collaboration. Her background in user-centered design has fueled her interest in usability and accessibility, and her experience as a developer has provided her with the ability to understand the implications of design and development approaches. As the Director of Social Media and Interactive Technology at Worldways, she oversees all digital initiatives with a focus on user experience and measuring the resulting impact of online marketing initiatives. She has presented at various conferences on the subjects of Web Accessibility and the Benefits of Social Media in the Social Services Sector.

#### **Anne Hill**

Anne Hill works as a health educator for the Pueblo City-County Health Department in the area of disaster preparedness and response. Under Colorado Medical Society grant funds, she educates Pueblo physicians' offices on office preparedness and planning. In addition, she is the Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator for Pueblo and collaborates with local agencies and volunteers to improve community disaster preparedness.

#### **Alexandra Hopkins, RN, MPH**

Alexandra Hopkins, RN, MPH, currently works for the Emergency Preparedness and Response Division at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Alexandra received a master of public health degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

#### **Martha Hubbard**

Ms. Hubbard has worked as a public health nurse in Teller County for 15 years. She has also been the school nurse for Cripple Creek/Victor RE1 school district for 10 years. Her 35 years of nursing also includes pediatric nursing and clinical care.

#### **Kimberly Irby**

Kimberly Irby graduated from the George Washington University in 2005 with a Masters of Public Health degree concentrating in Epidemiology. Following graduation, she began working for the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS).

As an Immunization Coordinator, she is responsible for implementing Colorado's statewide immunization registry in clinics across the state. She works with a variety of clinics along the Front Range, including local public health departments, community health clinics and private pediatricians and family practitioners. Her duties include presentations on the functionality of CIIS, integrating CIIS into clinic work flow, coordinating electronic data transfers, and training medical staff on the daily use of CIIS. In addition, she works with clinics to utilize report and recall functions to ensure immunization best practices and higher immunization coverage in the community and state. Kim's work has also included projects and collaborations with several community organizations. These include recall projects funded by the Kaiser Family Foundation and Colorado Clinical Guidelines Collaborative (CCGC), medical home research with the Colorado Children's Healthcare Access Program (CCHAP), a comprehensive sentinel site project with CDC.

#### **Keith Ives**

Keith coordinates Red Cross disaster sheltering and feeding efforts in Colorado. His interaction with both emergency managers and disaster clients on local and national incidents uniquely qualifies him to help our community mitigate and prepare for natural and man-made disasters.

#### **Patti Iwasaki**

Patti became a Stapleton resident in the summer 2008. Prior to working at 2040 Partners for Health and the University as a senior research assistant, she worked with community-based participatory research projects in Texas and Colorado that targeted health disparities. She taught at DU's Graduate School of Social Work as adjunct faculty and served a year as a Community Chair.

Patti has been active with TNH2H since introducing community-based participatory research to the community group and helping them build operating principles. She has worked with D-RAD since its beginning.

#### **Rachel Jervis, MPH**

Rachel Jervis received her MPH with a concentration in epidemiology and biostatistics from Tufts University in 2005. She was a Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists applied epidemiology fellow, splitting her time between the California Department of Public Health and the CDC-San Francisco Quarantine Station. She has been a communicable disease epidemiologist at the El Paso County Department of Health and Environment since July 2007.

**Craig Kapral, MA**

Craig Kapral, MA is a project manager and medical anthropologist in the Prevention Department at the Colorado Prevention Center. His primary focus is developing, implementing, and evaluating patient and provider education programs aimed at preventing cardiovascular disease. Mr. Kapral is currently implementing a promotora-led community-based participatory project among Latinos in Northwest Denver designed to increase awareness of cardiovascular disease and diabetes, build durable risk-lowering skills, and increase participation in lifestyle modification programs. Mr. Kapral is a graduate of the State University of New York at Potsdam (BA, Anthropology) and University of Colorado Denver (MA, Medical Anthropology). Mr. Kapral served on the Colorado Society for Public Health Education Board during 2006-07 and continues to lead CPC's partnership efforts with Kaiser Permanente's "Neighbors in Health", an annual outreach event providing health care services and prevention education to 3,000 of the Denver metro area's uninsured and underserved minority populations.

**Umit Kaya**

Umit Kaya is Project Leader at Development & Informatics Service Center of Colorado School of Public Health. Umit received his B.S. from Istanbul Technical University as an Engineer, and his M.S. from University of Colorado in Computer Science where he mainly focused on Artificial Intelligence, Database Systems, and Bioinformatics. Prior to joining School of Public Health Informatics team, he worked in the private sector, and taught computer science courses. His informatics interests are in the areas of the purpose driven social networking, Electronic Health Record Systems (EHRS) applications for public health and health information technology.

**Lori Kennedy**

Lori Kennedy is an epidemiologist who has more than four years of experience in public health research and epidemiology at both the local and state levels. She is an epidemiologist for Denver Public Health and is focused on communicable disease surveillance, working closely with public health preparedness and environmental health teams. She has been actively involved in the integration of emerging technologies and methods in both routine outbreak investigation and surveillance.

**Deniz Kitchen**

Deniz graduated from a medical school in Turkey and got her post-graduate degree in epidemiology from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She has worked as an epidemiologist at

the El Paso County Department of Health and Environment.

**Laura Kolasa**

Laura Kolasa earned her B.S. in Nursing from Trinity Western University, British Columbia, Canada. She is a MCH certificate program student of the Rocky Mountain Public Health Education Consortium based at the University of Arizona.

**Adrienne LeBailly, MD, MPH**

Dr. LeBailly has been the Director of the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment for the past 21 years. She is a Board Certified physician in preventive medicine and public health.

**Mariana Ledezma**

Mariana Ledezma is one of the Community Project Development Coordinators for the Center for Public Health Practice in the Colorado School of Public Health.

**Bonnie Leeman-Castillo**

Dr. Leeman-Castillo has a doctoral degree in Health and Behavioral Sciences from the University of Colorado Denver. She works on the LiveWell Colorado Evaluation team at Kaiser Permanente's Institute for Health Research. Her research experience includes community-based participatory research, using mixed methods to assess health, health behavior, and health communication among underserved, low-income, and ethnically diverse populations in community and healthcare settings.

**Amber Leytem**

Ms. Leytem has worked in tobacco control for nearly 4 years in Colorado and Iowa. She holds a bachelors of arts degree in Health Promotion from the University of Northern Iowa and is currently pursuing a Masters of Science degree in Nonprofit Management at Regis University.

**Grace Linn**

Grace has provided media outreach and design services in the public health arena for more than 20 years. She has worked with a range of private, public health agencies and non-profit organizations throughout Colorado. Additionally, Grace has developed and is implementing the READY Colorado social marketing campaign that encourages emergency preparedness planning.

**Ingrid Lobo**

Ingrid Lobo is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and recently completed her second year as a faculty member in the Division of General Internal Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. She has enjoyed building her clinical practice and teaching both medical students and residents. After

graduating with an MD from the University of Virginia, she completed an internal medicine residency at the University of Michigan. She has an interest in international health and spent a year working in a small community hospital in Brisbane, Australia. She is also interested in chronic disease management and is now implementing diabetes group visits in outpatient clinics through a clinical effectiveness and patient safety grant she recently received from the University of Colorado Hospital.

#### **Steve Lockhart**

Steve Lockhart is an East Montclair resident and grew up in Park Hill. He first worked on the Taking Neighborhood Health to Heart [TNH2H] research project as a recruiter. He also worked on the Kids' Study, surveying 10-14 year old youth and a parent in the TNH2H communities, working both as a recruiter and team coordinator. Steve is now a part of DRAD, TNH2H, and works on the Colorado Clinical Translational Science Institute Pilot grant, submitted by DRAD and 2040 Partners for Health.

#### **Jan Lowery, PhD, MPH**

Jan Lowery is a cancer epidemiologist and Assistant Professor at Colorado School of Public Health. Her body of research spans the cancer spectrum to include cancer etiology, screening and survivorship. She is the Co-PI for the Colorado Generations Project, which is funded by the CCPD Program.

#### **Jennifer Ludwig**

Jennifer Ludwig is the Associate Director of Disease Prevention and Emergency Preparedness at the Pueblo City-County Health Department. She graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Health Education. She has 14 years public health experience with a focus on program management, grant writing, public relations, and administration.

#### **Marie Macpherson, B.S.**

Marie Macpherson has over 27 years public health experience and is currently the Administrative Services Director for Larimer County Department of Health and Environment. She has worked in this capacity for the past 12 years and is the recent past-president of the Colorado Public Health Administrative Directors group.

#### **Sarah Madrid**

Sarah Madrid is the Center Coordinator for the Cancer Research Network Cancer Communication Research Center and also serves as a Senior Grants and Contracts Administrator for the Institute for Health Research at Kaiser Permanente Colorado. Ms. Madrid is a recovering cultural anthropologist with a background in international relief and development and applied methods. Her

graduate work was completed at the Johns Hopkins University; her field research consisted of studying patterns of polygyny and the economic status of women in the Gwembe Valley of Zambia, and PhD research on women's strategies to cope with chronic food insecurity in a former homeland of South Africa.

#### **John Mahalik, PhD, MPA**

John Mahalik, Ph.D., M.P.A. is the Director of Research at the Behavioral Health & Wellness Program and a licensed psychologist in Colorado. John has several years of program evaluation, applied social research and mental health policy experience. His professional interests are conducting community-based and health services research as well as applying utilization-focused evaluation and quality improvement strategies to state and national grant-funded research projects. John also supervises the Administration & Evaluation Psychology Post-Doctoral Fellowship and teaches at the University of Colorado Denver's School of Medicine.

#### **Debbi Main**

Dr. Main has provided academic insight, leadership, and direction to DRAD since its beginning. In addition to the TNH2H principal investigator, she also advises the subsequent TNH2H Kids' Study that is also community-based participatory research, focused on obesity, physical activity, and nutrition involving 10-14 years of age adolescents in the five neighborhoods. She has been the principal investigator of numerous clinical practice and health services research studies over the past 20 years, having served as the Director of Research and Evaluation for Family Medicine, UCD and Assistant Director, Colorado Health Outcomes Program with the School of Medicine, UC Denver.

#### **Julie Marshall**

Dr. Marshall is Professor of Epidemiology in the Colorado School of Public Health at the University of Colorado Denver (UCD) and Director of the CDC funded Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center. She teaches Advanced Epidemiology Methods and has taken a lead role in the design and analysis of both observational studies and community trials. She has worked with partners in the San Luis Valley since 1983 on studies of the natural history and etiology of obesity and type 2 diabetes. Her more recent work has focused on translating research into practice by working with community members to identify the important research questions and to develop and test interventions to prevent obesity and type 2 diabetes in school and family settings. She is the research principal investigator for the RWJF funded initiative to establish a Colorado Public Health Practice-Based Research Network.

**Melanie Mattson**

Ms. Mattson received her Bachelors of Science Degree in Health Education from Northern Michigan University in 1986. After starting her career in the long term care field, Ms. Mattson joined the STI/HIV Section at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment in 1988 as a Disease Intervention Specialist. In 1993, Ms. Mattson joined the HIV Surveillance Program where she has served as Program Manager since 2004, at which time she assumed the responsibilities of managing all STI Surveillance activities in Colorado.

**Samantha MaWhinney**

Dr. MaWhinney is an Associate Professor of Biostatistics in the Colorado School of Public Health. Her graduate training was in Biostatistics at Harvard School of Public Health. Before coming to University of Colorado Denver in 1994, she completed post-docs at the Institute National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale (Paris France) and at HSPH working, in part, for the AIDS Clinical Trial Group. Her primary research interests are developing statistical methods for immunological, virological and infectious disease data with a current focus on longitudinal analyses utilizing varying-coefficient methods.

**Kerri McClory**

Kerri has been with the Tuberculosis program at the state health department for 4 years. She coordinates education and training activities. She received her Masters of Public Health in 2008 of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

**Carol McDonald**

Carol has over 20 years of experience working in public health. She is the program manager of the Epidemiology and Surveillance Program at Denver Public Health, and is focused on building relationships within the public health community and with public health partners. Carol serves as the president of the Colorado Public Health Nursing Directors.

**Colleen McMilin**

Colleen McMilin is a project coordinator in the Prevention Department at the Colorado Prevention Center. Her concentration is in the area of community and behavioral health. Ms. McMilin is currently coordinating a community-based program among Latinos in Northwest Denver designed to provide screening and education for older adults. In addition, Ms. McMilin is also a member of the PRC-CHIRTN (Prevention Research Centers Cardiovascular Health Intervention Research and Translation Network) team currently conducting cardiovascular disease perception-based work

among Latino and underserved populations in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. Ms. McMilin is a graduate of Montana State University (BS, Food and Nutrition) and will complete her MPH from the Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado Denver May 2009.

**Allegra Melillo, MD, MS**

Dr. Allegra Melillo is the Principle Investigator and visionary of the innovative SHARE program. Dr. Allegra Melillo graduated from Baylor University with Residency at the University of California, and currently serves as Assistant Professor in the University of Colorado, Denver, Department of Family Medicine. Involved in many projects concerning community health and social justice, Dr. Melillo was the recipient of the UCSD Faculty Honor award: Addressing the Needs of the Underserved Fellowship (2007).

**Christie Mettenbrink**

Christie Mettenbrink is an Epidemiologist within the Public Health Informatics Department at Denver Public Health, focusing on STD and HIV. She holds a Master's in Public Health from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and a BS in Medical Technology.

**Peg Mewes**

Hospital nurse, office nurse for approximately 16 years before the more rewarding field of Public Health. 25 years as Public Health nurse and Director experience. Took on the assignment of a combined agency of Social Services and Public Health in 2001. Feels strongly that public health provided social services before those department ever came into being. Has assisted with development of and provided support for several programs that benefit both divisions.

**Theresa Mickiewicz**

Theresa Mickiewicz has been part of the public health community in Colorado for the past 10 years. Theresa's primary area of interest is disease prevention through behavioral interventions and in the past, she has provided support for multiple projects as a researcher, evaluator, analyst and a member of the community. She currently provides data management and analytic support for a wide set of programs at Denver Public Health.

**Jennifer Miles**

Jennifer Miles has 15 years experience working as a health care policy expert and lobbyist. She is the President of her own government relations consulting firm. Miles Consulting, Inc. represents health and human services nonprofit organizations, including Colorado Public Health Association, Colorado Society for Public Health Education, Public

Health Nurses Association of Colorado, and Public Health Directors of Colorado. Jennifer holds a Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of Denver.

#### **Sara E Miller**

#### **Robyn Mobbs**

#### **Ray Mohr**

Ray is currently employed at the Colorado Department of Health where he works in the Air Pollution Control Division in the Policy and Planning Program.

At the Department, Ray has presented workshops at a variety of training situations. Some of these include: the Department of Health employees and others on a range of topics from comedy improvisation, to running effective meetings. In addition to speaking widely to schools and community groups on general air pollution topics, he works, or has worked, with a number of communities in Colorado helping local health agency staff develop community-based air quality programs.

He also teaches environmental science and public speaking at DeVry University here in Denver as an adjunct instructor. He has assisted CALPHO in presenting the environmental health component of Public Health 101 for the past couple of years

Ray holds Bachelor of Science and two Masters degrees. The Masters degrees are in Zoology (from CSU) and the other is Environmental Planning and Public Administration from CU Denver Center.

His other interests and activities include: playing golf, doing a lot of bicycling (He was appointed to the Governor's Bicycling Advisory Board by Governor Romer in the 1980s). He is also a volunteer storyteller in the Denver Public Schools and is active in Toastmasters in the Denver area.

#### **Nita Mosby Henry**

Nita Mosby Henry is an independent management consultant, nationally recognized for her work with nonprofit, healthcare and service delivery organizations. In her practice, Ms. Mosby-Henry specializes in the development and delivery of leadership and operations effectiveness strategies, as well as diversity, cultural responsiveness and inclusiveness training programs and strategies. Ms. Mosby-Henry has also founded The Kaleidoscope Project, which is a community-based health organization designed to expand healthy living perspectives and decrease health disparities within the African American community. Ms. Mosby-Henry holds a doctorate in the field of Organizational Leadership, a Master of Arts degree in Management and a Bachelor of Science degree in Education.

#### **Susan Moore, MSPH**

Susan Moore received a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences from the University of New Orleans in 1994, a Master of Science in Public Health from the Colorado School of Public Health in 2008, and is currently pursuing a doctorate in Health and Behavioral Sciences from the University of Colorado Denver. Ms. Moore has been involved in research projects concerning disaster preparedness, utilization of prenatal care by Latina women, the impact of the digital divide among American youth, and the use of HIT to improve care for chronic conditions. She previously worked in the information technology industry for ten years, where she provided project oversight and personnel management, software support and systems maintenance, multimedia and database design, and technical education, training, and evaluation. Ms. Moore is interested in the application of both quantitative and qualitative methods to health care research, and has a particular focus on topics involving health communication and the use of health information technology.

#### **Krystal Morwood**

Krystal Morwood is the Program Coordinator for the Colorado Generations project and the Study Coordinator for the Colorectal Cancer Family Registry project at the University of Colorado Comprehensive Cancer Center. She received her BS in Health Education and MS in Kinesiology and Health with an emphasis in Health Promotion from the University of Wyoming. She is credentialed as a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) and serves as a member of the Colorado Cancer Coalition, the Colorado Society for Public Health Education, the Colorado Public Health Association and the planning committee for the Colorado Cancer Conference.

#### **Susan Moyer, RN, MSN, CNSPH**

Susan Moyer RN MSN CNSPH  
Susan Moyer is a public health nurse supervisor with Jefferson County Public Health. She received her BSN from Mesa State College and her advanced degree in public health nursing at the University of Colorado Health Science Center. She has been working for JCPH for 7 years and supervises the Heart Wise, EPSDT, Cavity Free at Three and Teen Motor Vehicle safety programs as well as serves as the clinical placement coordinator for JCPH.

#### **Stephen Nkansah-Amankra**

Dr. Stephen Nkansah-Amankra is Assistant Professor at the Colorado School of Public Health, University of Northern Colorado and teaches Epidemiology and Environmental Health Science. His main research areas are exploring the role of

contextual factors in determining an individual's health. His previous work experience includes working with United Nations Population Fund and Save the Children UK. Currently, Stephen is involved in analyses of Colorado Youth Risk Behavioral Surveys as lead investigator in exploring factors related to improved adolescent health outcomes across the state.

### **Lola Ogunmodede**

Lola earned her B.S. in Nursing from the University of Phoenix, Lone Tree, Colorado. She is a MCH certificate program student of the Rocky Mountain Public Health Education Consortium based at the University of Arizona.

### **R. Mauricio Palacio**

Mauricio Palacio has been the director of the Office of Health Disparities since July 2005 and has been with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for more than 16 years. He has a master's degree in health education and a bachelor's degree in health care management from Southern Illinois University. His experience in minority health projects, task forces and initiatives throughout his public health career includes work in HIV/STD field investigations, HIV/STD education and training, AIDS-Ryan White Care Act administration and viral hepatitis prevention. Mauricio served as Colorado's hepatitis C coordinator for four years prior to assuming his current position as director of the Office of Health Disparities. His most recent work focuses on eliminating health disparities in Colorado by fostering systems change and capacity building through collaborations with agencies and sectors impacting the determinants of health.

### **Shana Patterson, RD**

#### **Robert M. Pestronk**

As Executive Director for the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) in Washington, D.C. since November 2008, Mr. Pestronk represents our nation's local health departments and their staff who protect and promote health, prevent disease, and seek to establish the social foundations for wellness in nearly every community across the United States. Mr. Pestronk received the M.P.H. from the University of Michigan School of Public Health with concentrations in human nutrition and health planning and administration. He received the A.B. in politics from Princeton University.

Prior to his position at NACCHO, he served as Health Officer in Genesee County, Michigan for 22 years where, among other accomplishments, he was recognized for: *establishing* the 26,000 member Genesee Health Plan, some of Michigan's earliest

public and work place tobacco control regulations, and Genesee County's Public Health week conference; *introducing* a culture of efficacy, efficiency, accountability and quality improvement within his Department; *reducing* infant mortality rates and the racial disparity among those rates; *increasing* foundation and federal funding for the Department's work; *involving* local residents and his Board in three five-year cycles of successful Departmental strategic planning; and, *creating* productive relationships with university and community-based organizations. His Health Department was fully accredited by the State of Michigan.

He was elected in 2006 to the Board of NARSAD, the Mental Health Research Association. He is a past Board member of the Michigan Health Officers Association (of which he is a past President) and of the Michigan Association for Local Public Health. He is a Primary Care Policy Fellow through the United States Department of Health and Human Services and trained as a Scholar through the Public Health Leadership Institute. He is Past President of the Primary Care Fellowship Society and Past President of the Public Health Leadership Society Council. He was a member of the Institute of Medicine Public Health Roundtable and of the National Advisory Committee for Turning Point: Collaborating for a New Century of Public Health. He was the first President of the Public Health Law Association. He served on the Board of the Greater Flint Health Coalition, the Rotary Club of Flint (Michigan), Priority Children, and Temple Bethel.

Mr. Pestronk received the John H. Romani Outstanding Alumni Award from the University of Michigan School of Public Health Department of Public Health Policy and Administration and was presented the Distinguished Alumnus Award by the University of Michigan School of Public Health. The American Lung Association, Genesee Valley, has honored him as Professional of the Year and subsequently as Health Advocate of the Year.

Bobby's published work includes articles in the Journal of Public Health Management and Practice, the Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics, the Journal of the American Public Health Association, Health Education and Behavior, Public Health Reports, and the Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. Chapters in books include those published by the American Public Health Association and Oxford University Press.

#### **Tonya Peters**

Tonya has worked with Worldways Social Marketing for over five years and in that time led the many of the firms leading projects. Teaming up with health departments, foundations, non-profit and

government organizations, across the nation, Tonya has worked to strategize and communicate about unintended pregnancy prevention, emergency preparedness, adolescent mental health, water conservation and more. In a new era of communication, Tonya has partnered with technical experts to bring an understanding of how social media tactics apply to the field of public health and emergency preparedness. Prior to joining the Worldways team, Tonya served as a program specialist for a local county health department developing and implementing behavior change programming and community health education projects.

#### **Fernando Pineda-Reyes**

Fernando has lived in Denver for almost ten years. Originally from Mexico, Fernando has been working with several not-for profit organizations and agencies to facilitate programs on community organizing, asset building and community development addressing issues like education, increase awareness and research participation on public health issues including environmental justice and health disparities. He currently is working on a variety of programs including LUCHAR Program (Latinos Using Cardio-health Actions to Reduce Risk).

#### **Alana Podratz**

Alana graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing. She has worked in the Child Health Promotion Program at the El Paso County Department of Health and Environment.

#### **Rebecca Puckett**

Rebecca earned her B.A. from DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois. She is a MPH student at the University of Alaska and a MPH Certificate Program student of the Rocky Mountain Public Health Education Consortium based at the University of Arizona.

#### **Adrienn Borsika Rabin, PhD, MPH, PharmD**

Borsika Rabin works as the research coordinator for the new Cancer Research Network Cancer Communication Research Center (CRN CCRC) at Kaiser Permanente Colorado. The CRN CCRC is one of five Centers of Excellence in Cancer Communication Research funded by the National Cancer Institute. Dr. Rabin holds a Ph.D. in Public Health Studies and a Masters in Public Health from Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri and a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary. Her research focuses on the dissemination and implementation of evidence-based interventions for the primary prevention of cancer in community and health care

settings and on the identification, development, and dissemination of innovative approaches for the improvement of cancer communication and coordination in health care settings.

#### **Jim Rada, REHS**

With 28 years experience as a local public health official specializing in environmental health, Jim Rada has worked as a field inspector, a program manager and department head. His generalist background during his time spent with DuPage County Health Department in Illinois, Tri County Health Department in suburban Denver, and Summit County, Colorado prepared him for several major challenges as Environmental Health Manager for Garfield County Public Health. His current focus is developing a new environmental health program for Garfield County Public Health, centering on assessing a variety of environmental health issues and developing community-based collaboratives that address identified priorities.

#### **Linda Reiner, MPH**

Since 2001, Linda Reiner, MPH, has served as the Director of Planning and Evaluation at the Caring for Colorado Foundation, a statewide foundation dedicated to improving the health status of Coloradans. Prior to working at Caring for Colorado, Linda spent eight years as the Director of Planning, Information and Education and as a Health Planner at Tri-County Health Department in Englewood, Colorado. She has also worked as an Assistant Project Director at the Illinois Primary Health Care Association working with community health centers in Chicago to increase access to health services for the underserved.

#### **Kim Riley**

Kim offers over 16 years of experience working in community health education research. She is bilingual in Spanish and English, and has worked as a health educator at a large community health center and as the project director of a study focused on self-management of chronic illness and community resource support among Latinos. Kim has conducted a variety of program development and evaluation projects, among them, the evaluation of the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative's implementation in the Hanson and Clayton neighborhoods of Commerce City; the Denver Public Schools on nutrition and physical activity, the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center on tobacco education and advocacy, and the Colorado Trust on examining shortages of health professionals in rural and underserved areas of Colorado.

**Deborah Rinehart**

Deborah Rinehart received a Master of Arts in Applied Health Psychology and is currently working on her doctoral degree in Health and Behavioral Sciences. For the past 13 years she has worked in the field of HIV prevention and substance abuse treatment research. She is currently working at Denver Health in health services research where she is focusing on economic evaluations and developing research endeavors to address behavioral health issues among vulnerable populations.

**Barbara Ritche**

Barbara has 22 years of management experience in state government in positions at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment including Director of the Child, Adolescent and School Health Section and the Branch for Women, Children and Youth. For nine years she also directed a national MCH-funded training center for leadership development. She has a bachelor's Degree in Nursing and a Masters Degree in Health Education/Community Health.

**Christina Rubin**

Ms. Rubin has a Masters in Community Health/Education. For 13 years she has worked in public health, teaching and providing direct service as a public health nurse. She has also been employed as a school nurse. More recently she initiated the Coordinated School Health Model through the Steps to a Healthier Teller County grant.

**Deryk Sanchez Standing**

Deryk works with in the capacity of Program Director at SageRiver Consulting, Inc. (SageRiver). Deryk oversees the development and implementation of SageRiver's public health programming efforts that educate and engage members from communities of color and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities. Deryk has 11 years experience of building, executing, and managing culturally and linguistically relevant programming on local, statewide, and national levels. Deryk has lectured on diversity, multicultural programming, and public health at the University of Colorado at Boulder, Colorado State University, and University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, School of Public Health; additionally, he is an adjunct faculty member at Naropa University's Graduate School of Psychology and teaches Social and Multicultural Foundations. Deryk has a Masters degree in psychology with an emphasis in organizational development.

**Tristan Sanders**

Tristan Sanders has been with the Institute for Health Research at Kaiser Permanente and worked on the LiveWell Colorado project for approximately

one year. He has overseen the Interactive Voice Response survey for communities since March, 2008. He is currently getting his Masters in Public Health at the Colorado School of Public Health.

**Angela Sauaia**

Angela Sauaia is the Director for Project TEACH (Teaching Equity to Advance Community Health).

**Alison Saville**

Alison Saville holds a graduate dual-degree in public health and social work from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. She is a Project Manager with the Children's Outcomes Research Program (COR) at University of Colorado Denver. Since 2007, she has coordinated a state-wide adolescent reminder/recall project funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention entitled: "Evaluating vaccination reminder/recall systems for adolescent patients." In addition to coordinating aspects of a randomized controlled trial in 14 practices across Colorado, she also developed and implemented a qualitative research component to understand the feasibility of conducting practice-based reminder/recall in eleven pediatric settings. Prior to her work with COR, she coordinated a community-wide obesity prevention project and directed a teen health council in North Carolina. Alison enjoys being involved in programs designed to improve health outcomes among women and children.

**Jo Ann Shoup**

Jo Ann Shoup is a project manager at the Institute of Health Research, Kaiser Permanente Colorado, where she manages large, complex, multi-site projects. She has managed a RCT related to childhood obesity and currently is project manager for the Vaccine Safety Datalink project. Jo Ann is co-chair of the Kaiser Permanente People with Disabilities Staff Association. Jo Ann has completed a three year CDC fellowship, where she engaged in tuberculosis control and epidemiology. Jo Ann is currently obtaining her PhD at the School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado, Denver.

**Alyson Shupe**

Dr. Shupe earned her Master's Degree in Social Work in 1989. She worked for four years as a community organizer and in community health centers before obtaining her Ph.D. in public health from the Johns Hopkins University in 1997. Dr. Shupe worked as the health planner for the Boulder County Health Department for four years where she provided technical assistance and training to health department staff and community groups around program planning, research, and evaluation. Since March of 2001, Dr. Shupe has been the Chief of the Health Statistics Section at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment where

she provides scientific and management oversight of the Vital Statistics Unit, the Maternal and Child Health Surveillance Unit, the Survey Research Unit, and the Public Health Informatics Unit.

### **Anne Smith**

Anne Smith worked in the Denver media community for over 20 years, leaving that industry in July of 2007 to start Evolve Communications, LLC. Evolve Communications designs and executes comprehensive social marketing campaigns for public health efforts, with a focus on outreach to rural and underserved populations. While working for large media companies including Tribune, Gannett and Entravision, Smith developed initiatives including Start Smart for KWGN-TV; Safeway's Buddy Check 9 sponsorship and Parents Are The Power for KUSA-TV; and Una Boca Saludable and El Poder de la Prevencion for Univision, Telefutera, and the Entravision radio properties. Anne has executed projects funded by a range of foundations, including The Daniels Fund (Yo CREO: Cambio, Acción, Educación), The Dental Trade Alliance and the Caring for Colorado Foundation (Una Boca Saludable), The Colorado Health Foundation (Saludable, The LIVE Initiative, Encrucijada: Sin Salud, No Hay Nada), and The Piton Foundation (Earned Income Tax Credit). Smith designs and executes public health awareness campaigns on behalf of the Colorado Cancer Coalition, the American Cancer Society, the American Diabetes Association, Tri-County Health, Denver Public Health, the CDPHE Office of Health Disparities, and others.

### **Stephanie Stark**

Stephanie is a communicable disease epidemiology nurse and serves as the Health Alert Network Coordinator for Denver Public Health. She has over nine years of public health experience and is focused on communicable disease investigation, HIV surveillance, and preparedness. She was instrumental in viral hepatitis surveillance prior to her current role at DPH and continues to serve as a hepatitis resource in the public health community.

### **Katie Steneroden, DVM, MPH**

Dr. Steneroden, DVM, MPH is a PhD candidate in veterinary epidemiology focusing on veterinary public health and adult education.

### **Tracey Stewart**

Tracey has been an East Montclair resident for 10 years. Tracey has worked with many community and action-oriented groups such as: Get Out the Vote (increasing civic engagement and political empowerment), the Bus 15 Safety Coalition (increasing personal safety on the Colfax bus), Yosemite Corridor (increasing political and social

empowerment for new immigrants) and Neighborhood Watch (community building around safety issues).

She was also Director of the Get Out the Vote projects (from 1997-2004) for the Colorado Women's Agenda. She has been active with Taking Neighborhood Health to Heart (TNH2H) and Data Review and Dissemination since the beginning. She is "all about moving research into action--now that we know, what do we do."

### **Penny K Studebaker**

Penny K. Studebaker is the Health Care Systems Coordinator for the Chronic Disease Prevention Branch of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and plays a key role in leading capacity building for evidence-based chronic disease self-management programming. Ms. Studebaker has the responsibility for guiding a private partnership developed with the Consortium for Older Adult Wellness to build the Health Aging Service system that standardizes training, implementation, fidelity and data. Self-management support is one component of the Chronic Care Model and part of integrated health care. Ms. Studebaker is responsible for long range planning, partnership identification, and development of collaborative initiatives.

Ms. Studebaker has served in public health for over 19 years in the areas of surveillance, epidemiology, and prevention. Ms. Studebaker has been recognized for her public health work from the Colorado Board of Health, the Colorado Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, The Centers for Disease Control, and Arapahoe County.

### **Vicki Swarr**

Vicki Swarr received her B.S. in Nursing from the University of Northern Colorado. She is a MCH certificate program student of the Rocky Mountain Public Health Education Consortium based at the University of Arizona.

### **Richard Thompson, B.S., M.S.**

Richard Thompson, Environmental Health Manger, B.S. Chemistry, M.S. Environmental Science. Experience includes working as a County Sanitarian, District Sanitarian, Solid Waste Management Director for the Oklahoma Department of Health, Environmental Consultant, Environmental Health & Safety Director for a major lead-acid battery manufacturer and is now working to develop a regional Environmental Health Program for the West Central Public Health Partnership.

### **Sallie Thoreson**

Sallie Thoreson is an Health Professional at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. She received a BS degree from the

University of Wisconsin and an MS from the University of Minnesota. Sallie has worked for the state health department for 24 years, in a variety of health and environmental programs. She currently works on emergency preparedness for older adults, as well as designing and testing injury prevention programs. She has taken training classes in writing easy-to-read, and is always practicing ways to reach audiences with the right health promotion messages.

#### **Christina Torizzo**

Chris Torizzo has worked in the field of health and wellness for over nine years. Chris has served as the Worksite Coordinator for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and recently began working with employers on worksite initiatives for Kaiser Permanente. Chris holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Skidmore College and Masters in Public Health from the University of Northern Colorado.

#### **Patricia Valverde**

Ms. Valverde is Associate Director of the Colorado Patient Navigator Training program and Research Manager of the Denver Patient Navigator Research Program, a navigator clinical trial at Denver Health. She is chair of the Health Disparities Task Force of the Cancer Coalition which has patient navigation as one of its core topics and is Chair of the National PNRP Navigator Coordinator Committee. She is a patient navigator trainer in Colorado as well as for the National Patient Navigator training in Atlanta.

#### **Danielle M. Varda, PhD**

Danielle M. Varda, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor at the School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado Denver. She specializes in collaborative management and policy networks, focusing specifically in public health systems research, public-private partnerships, and all-hazard preparedness networks. Her research focus is on evaluating the network structure of collaborations between the public, private, and nonprofit sectors and the subsequent network affects of these recorded interactions.

#### **Bethany Van Wyk**

Bethany Van Wyk is the Nursing Supervisor at Eagle County Department of Public Health. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from the University of Northern Colorado in 2004. She began working at Eagle County Department of Public Health in December 2004. She has co-chaired the Eagle County Smiles Oral Health Coalition for 2 years and established numerous oral health programs within Eagle County. Bethany has been recognized publicly for her efforts at improving the oral health of children in Eagle County.

#### **Lisa VanRaemdonck**

Lisa VanRaemdonck began her professional career in public relations and marketing and has experience with non-profit, association and business-to-business communications. After leaving the public relations field, Lisa earned a Master's in Public Health and Master's in Social Work from the University of Michigan. She is currently a Project Manager and Training Coordinator at the Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials. Her work is focused on projects that build and improve state and local public health relationships, and support and build capacity of local public health agencies and workforce.

#### **Danielle Varda**

Danielle M. Varda is an Assistant Professor at the School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado Denver. She specializes in collaborative management and policy networks, focusing specifically in public health systems research, public-private partnerships, and all-hazard preparedness networks. Her research focus is on evaluating the network structure of collaborations between the public, private, and nonprofit sectors and the subsequent network affects of these recorded interactions. With funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, she has recently developed a software tool (PARTNER) that allows public health departments to measure and monitor their collaborative activity over time. Dr. Varda's PARTNER tool was featured in her first place award for the 2008 Maxwell School Collaborative Governance Initiative competition, Teaching Simulation.

#### **Pat Vigil**

Pat Vigil has been a member of the Community Heart Health Actions for Senior Latinos at Risk (CHARLAR) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the past year. Mr. Vigil has an MA in Secondary Education and Sociology from the University of Denver. Over the past year as a member of the CAC Mr. Vigil has acted as an advisor for the community-based program among Latinos in Northwest Denver designed to provide screening and education for older adults.

#### **Kieu Vu**

Kieu Vu is a statistical analyst in the Health Statistics Section at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. She is currently the BRFSS coordinator with previous experience as an analyst with the Colorado Central Cancer Registry. She earned her Masters of Science in Public Health from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in 2003 where she also worked as a Professional Research Assistant.

**Ashley Walker**

Dr. Ashley Walker is an Assistant Professor of Community Health at the University of Northern Colorado and the Colorado School of Public Health. She received her doctorate from Texas Woman's University in Health Studies and she is CHES certified. Ashley has worked in community health education for five years. Her research interests include global health, health advocacy, and community-based participatory research. She has extensive experience in on-line instructional design and analysis of qualitative data.

**George Ware**

George Ware is in his fourth year of residence in Denver's East Montclair neighborhood. He has a M.S. in Preventive Medicine from Ohio State University and currently works at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment in STI/HIV. He is an active member of CDPHE's Health Disparities Strategic Planning Team and has partnered with communities at increased risk of STI/HIV (e.g., gay men, African Americans, and Latinos) in conducting needs assessments and designing, implementing, and evaluating STI/HIV prevention initiatives. He supervises the STI/HIV Research and Evaluation Unit, coordinated the statewide Colorado Coalition for STD Prevention, and chaired subcommittees of Coloradans Working Together, the HIV prevention community planning group. He has actively participated in Taking Neighborhood Health To Heart since 2007.

**Amy Warner**

Amy Warner manages the Viral Hepatitis Program at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Prior to coming to CDPHE, Ms. Warner conducted public health research with farm workers in Georgia, and she served on a team that evaluated the NIOSH SENSOR (Sentinel Event Notification System for Occupational Risks) project in 10 states. She joined CDPHE in 1992 as the manager for the Rocky Flats Workers Study. Ms. Warner holds a Masters in Public Health from Emory University, and a bachelor degree from Colorado College.

**Vickie Weeast**

Vickie Weeast was a laboratory technician in the Microbiology Laboratory at Denver Health Medical Center for 13 years. She worked at Denver Public Health Department as their HIV/AIDS Surveillance Coordinator for 9 ½ years. Vickie is currently a Perinatal Hepatitis B Case Manager with the Viral Hepatitis Program at the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment. She has been in that position for the last 9 years.

**Alexis Weightman**

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