



Maine Substance
Use Disorders
Learning Community

Saving Lives: Working Together to Improve SUD and OUD Care & Outcomes

Presenters

Lisa M. Letourneau MD, MPH, FACP



Lisa Letourneau, MD, MPH, FACP currently serves as Senior Advisor to Maine DHHS Commissioner Lambrew, advising on health care delivery system change efforts. She helped to support several aspects of Maine's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including provider education and outreach related to testing, vaccination, and therapeutic efforts. She currently helps to lead the DHHS Rural Health Transformation initiative, as well as providing support to clinical aspects of Maine's Opioid Response Strategic Plan and MaineCare's value-based payment efforts. Prior to joining the DHHS team, Dr Letourneau served as Executive Director for Maine Quality Counts and previously served as Senior Director of Clinical Integration for MaineHealth.

Gordon Smith, Esq.

Gordon H. Smith, Esq. was appointed by Governor Janet Mills as Director of Opioid Response in January 2019. He is responsible for coordinating and directing Maine's response to the opioid crisis, including prescriber education and reduction of opioid prescribing, prevention and treatment of substance use disorder, and harm reduction strategies. He stepped down as the Executive Vice President (EVP) of the Maine Medical Association in January 2019, where he had served as its EVP since September 1993 and where he began as General Counsel in 1981. He graduated from the University of Maine with the highest distinction in 1973 and from the Boston College Law School, magna cum laude, in 1976. He is a past Chairman of the American Society of State Medical Association Counsel, a nation-wide group of 140 attorneys representing medical associations. Mr. Smith has also served as Chairman of the American Medical Association/State Medical Society Litigation Center, the Maine Health Data Organization, and the Advocacy Resource Center of the American Medical Association. He is a former board member and chair of Quality Counts, a former board member of the Daniel Hanley Center for Health Leadership, and the Maine Association of Area Agencies on Aging. Mr. Smith is a frequent lecturer to medical groups on various medical legal subjects.



Nabarun Dasgupta, PhD, MPH



Nabarun Dasgupta, PhD, MPH is a scientist at the University of North Carolina (USA) with 2 decades of experience in harm reduction, focused on overdose epidemiology and prevention. His passion is telling true stories about health, with numbers. His multidisciplinary approach draws on large database analytics, qualitative field studies, analytical chemistry, randomized message trials, and community-based interventions. At UNC he works at the Opioid Data Lab (OpioidData.org), a team of scientists exploring difficult questions in overdose prevention. He is a co-founder of Remedy Alliance for The People (remedyallianceftp.org), a groundbreaking non-profit distributor that makes bulk naloxone purchases easy. He also co-founded the UNC Street Drug Analysis Lab (streetsafe supply), which provides mail-in drug checking services to 160+ programs in 35+ states. In 2023 Dr. Dasgupta was named to TIME 100 Next list of emerging global leaders: “Few Americans have done more to prevent drug–overdose deaths than Nabarun Dasgupta.”

Stephen Martin, MD, EdM, FAAFP, FASAM

Stephen Martin, MD, EdM, FAAFP, FASAM is a graduate of Williams College, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Harvard Medical School, and residency in Family Medicine at Boston University. Steve was a National Health Service Scholar for a rural community health center and a Federal Prison Medical Center. He has since worked for nearly 15 years at the Barre Family Health Center in rural central Massachusetts where he is medical director of its Office-Based Addiction Treatment program and a professor of Family Medicine and Community Health at the UMass Chan Medical School. He is also the medical director for research, education, and quality for Boulder Care—a company providing telehealth-only care for substance use disorders primarily for patients with Medicaid. He is lead or senior author of publications in the BMJ, JAMA, Lancet, Annals of Internal Medicine, American Family Physician, the Journal of Addiction Medicine, Substance Use & Addiction Journal, and the American Journal of Public Health.



Jacquelyn Cyr, RN, MSN, NPC



Jacquelyn A. Cyr, NPC is the Director of Substance Use Services at Northern Light Acadia Hospital. She began working at Northern Light Acadia Hospital in 1998. With a background in emergency medicine, she was initially hired to work in ECT. Since that time, she has worked within several other service areas, in Education and primary care, and has served as Hepatitis-C nurse practitioner and has held various administrative positions since 2014 when she began working with the substance use service. Jackie serves on the Opioid Advisory Council for the state of Maine, is a member of the Bangor Area Clinical Substance Use Workgroup, TARA ECHO participant and presenter, Preventative Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose-Related Death (PDO), and a member of the Institute for Health Improvement Leadership Alliance. Jackie holds a Master’s of Science degree in Nursing from Husson University and is certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Eric Haram, LADC

Eric Haram, LADC is owner of Haram Consulting LLC, whose aim is to improve community health and safety from the impact of substance use disorders, by providing consulting and technical assistance in the areas of strategic planning, workforce development and systems improvement for States, Counties and Organizations. Eric has 30 years experience delivering, designing, and directing substance use treatment services in hospitals, correctional facilities, court systems and community behavioral health centers. Haram Consulting, LLC provides consultation in 11 states, from California to West Virginia, including his home state of Maine where he directs behavioral health services for York Hospital.



Joshua McQueen, LCSW, LADC, CCS



Josh McQueen, LCSW, LADC, CCS is the Program Supervisor for Spurwink Adult Behavioral Health's Opioid Health Home and Outpatient Therapy Services. Josh developed and currently oversees Spurwink's Contingency Management pilot program, serving individuals struggling with stimulant use disorder, complex behavioral health needs, and often homelessness. He has worked for Spurwink in Portland's Bayside neighborhood since 2019.

Leah Bauer, MD

Leah Bauer, MD is a board-certified physician in psychiatry and addiction medicine, and an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine. She is currently the Senior Medical Director of Behavioral Health for Mid Coast-Parkview Hospital with MaineHealth. Dr. Bauer completed medical school at University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and residency at Mass General Hospital/McLean Hospital. Dr. Bauer provides clinical care to patients with co-occurring disorders through Mid Coast Hospital's Addiction Resource Center, the MaineMOM program, and in the primary care setting. Through her work with MaineHealth over the past 10 years, she has sought to improve the care of underserved patients through the development of innovative programs and collaborations across the health care system.



Christine Wyman, LCSW LADC, CCS



Christine Wyman, LCSW, LADC, CCS is a clinical social worker with an extensive background working with adults who struggle with serious and persistent mental illness and addiction disorders. Her clinical work includes crisis intervention, therapy for adults with psychosis, and substance use disorder counseling. Currently Christine is a Clinical Director at Maine Behavioral Healthcare & Mid Coast Hospital. In this role, Christine continues to do clinical work, primarily focusing on adults with active addiction.

Maggie Vaughn Jansson, MPH, RN, CLC

Maggie Vaughn Jansson, MPH, RN, CLC has worked in the field of Maternal and Child Health for over twenty-five years, specializing in helping marginalized and disadvantaged populations navigate complex health care systems. She has a particular interest in caring for pregnant and postpartum people with Substance Use Disorders and their infants. Maggie holds a BA from Carleton College, and a BSN and an MPH from Johns Hopkins University. She coordinates the MaineMOM and Healthy Generations programs at the Addiction Resource Center, which is part of the Mid Coast-Parkview Health/MaineHealth system located in Brunswick, Maine.



Richard Rawson, PhD



Richard A. Rawson, Ph.D., is Professor Emeritus at the UCLA Department of Psychiatry and a Research Professor at the Vermont Center for Behavior and Health at the University of Vermont. He received a Ph.D. in experimental psychology from the University of Vermont in 1974. Dr. Rawson conducted numerous clinical trials on pharmacological and psychosocial/behavioral addiction treatments for the treatment of individuals with cocaine and methamphetamine disorders. He has represented the US at numerous international meetings on methamphetamine. He has led addiction research and training projects for the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and the U.S. State Department, exporting science-based knowledge to many parts of the world. He currently is providing consultation on treatment of stimulant use disorder to 8 US states and several international projects. Dr. Rawson has published 3 books, 40 book chapters, and over 250 peer-reviewed articles and has conducted at least a zillion workshops, paper presentations, and training sessions.

Navneet Marwaha, MD

Navneet Marwaha, MD is the Senior Vice President, Chief Quality & Safety Officer for Northern Light Health. In her role, Dr. Marwaha oversees quality and patient safety for the system, providing vision and strategic direction for quality initiatives for all Northern Light member organizations. An experienced physician leader with a demonstrated excellence in quality and safety, Dr. Marwaha's extensive post-doctoral training includes the American Medical Informatics Association's 10 X 10 course in Clinical Informatics, Patient Safety Executive Development Program from the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and the Clinical Process Improvement Leadership Program at the Edward P. Lawrence Center for Quality and Safety at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Marwaha earned her bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts and her medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine. She completed her medical training in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Baystate Medical Center in Massachusetts and has received the designation of Fellow in Hospital Medicine by the Society of Hospital Medicine. She is an active member of the Maine Medical Association, the American Association of Physician Leadership, the Massachusetts Medical Society, and the Society of Hospital Medicine. Prior to joining Northern Light in 2020, Dr. Marwaha held several leadership roles including Medical Director of Adult, Intensive Care, and Pediatrics Hospital Medicine programs, Medical Director of Quality and Patient Safety, Chief of Medicine, and Vice President of the medical staff at Cooley Dickinson Health Care. She aspires to "Be truthful, gentle, and fearless."



Alane O'Connor, DNP



Alane O'Connor, DNP is the director of perinatal addiction medicine at Maine Medical Center and is the medical advisor of the Maine Maternal Opioid Misuse (MaineMOM) Initiative, a 5-year, \$5 million federal grant to expand access to substance use treatment for pregnant and postpartum individuals in Maine. She also co-chairs Maine's Opioid Response Clinical Advisory Committee, which advises the Governor's opioid response director on clinical and public policy issues. Dr. O'Connor has more than 15 years of experience in addiction medicine in a variety of settings including the design and implementation of an extended-release buprenorphine pilot at Somerset County Jail, rapid access to substance use treatment in emergency departments through Maine Medical Association's Project RISE, as well as extensive experience caring for pregnant patients with substance use disorder in both the inpatient and outpatient settings. She lectures regionally and nationally and has trained more than 100 family medicine and obstetric resident physicians. She is a core faculty member of Maine's only addiction medicine fellowship program. Finally, she has published numerous peer reviewed articles on maternal and infant outcomes of substance exposed pregnancies including the related child welfare implications as well as the care of incarcerated pregnant patients.

Amanda Thompson, CPRC, CIPSS

Amanda Thompson, CPRC, CIPSS is a person in long term recovery from substance use challenges who has used her lived experience to support others navigating care and seeking wellness as a Certified Peer Recovery Coach and Certified Intentional Peer Support Specialist.



Deborah Hagler, MD, MPH, FAAP



Deborah Hagler, MD, MPH, FAAP has practiced pediatrics in Brunswick, Maine for the last 26 years. She attended Cornell Medical College and did her pediatric training at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. In 2021 she completed a Master of Public Health at the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University focusing on child and adolescent mental health and substance use. Dr. Hagler is currently practices at Mid Coast Hospital and is the immediate past President of the Maine Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and continues to serve on its executive committee. She led the TREAT Me learning Collaborative for the Maine AAP Chapter focusing on Managing Adolescent Substance Use Disorders in Primary Care. She has been the recipient of several Community Builder Awards from the local United Way. She is currently serving as a core team member of the Sagadahoc Working Community Challenge Team funded by the Boston Federal reserve focusing on systems change at a community level to address youth depression as a barrier to achieving full potential and employment.

Jean Leonard, LSW

Jean Leonard, LSW is a Regional Associate Director of Child Welfare Services for the Office of Child and Family Services within the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. She obtained her Bachelor's degree in Applied Sociology at the University of Maine at Orono and is a Licensed Social Worker. Jean has worked for OCFS for 27 years and has experience as a Child Protective Investigator, Permanency Supervisor, Assistant Program Administrator and Program Administrator in the Bangor office. In her current role, she is responsible for overseeing child welfare operations statewide. In partnership with the Associate Director and the other Regional Associate Directors, Jean is responsible for planning, directing, implementing, and evaluating the delivery of child welfare services, including programs, policies, and resource allocation.



Jean has experience with building community partnerships at both the local and statewide level. She has been active in several committees and is a member of the Maine Child Welfare Education Council which plans and develops the Annual Maine Child Welfare Conference.

Stephanie Truman, RN, MS

Stephanie Truman, RN, MS has been a nurse for 40 years with 34 years in Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Programs. She currently serves as the Plan of Safe Care Nurse Consultant for the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services. Her previous roles include serving as the Director of Nursing in a Behavioral Health agency, working in the Opioid Health Home Program, and overseeing a Psychotropic Medication Management Program.

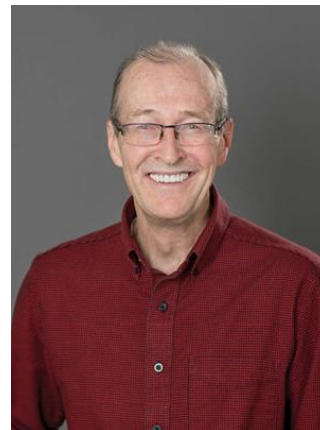
Sarah Bagley, MD, MSc



Sarah Bagley, MD, MSc is a primary care physician at Boston Medical Center. A graduate of the Georgetown University School of Medicine, the Combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Residency at Brown University, and the Boston University Addiction Medicine Fellowship, her particular research interests are in the treatment of opioid use disorders in the adolescent and young adult population and the involvement of the family in addiction care. She sees patients in both General Internal Medicine and the Adolescent Center. She is the Medical Director of the CATALYST (Center for Addiction Treatment for Adolescents/Young adults who use Substances) Clinic – a clinical program to provide integrated medical and behavioral health care for adolescents and young adults who use substances – and an Attending on the inpatient Addiction Consult Service.

Erik Steele, DO

Erik Steele, DO is a family physician practicing family medicine primary at the nonprofit primary care and insurance company Martins Point Health Care. He is also the immediate past president of the Maine Medical Association. He has practiced primary care for more than 30 years, and emergency medicine in rural Maine hospitals for more than 20 years. He has served in several leadership roles in healthcare, including as chief medical officer of two large integrated delivery systems, CEO of a rural Maine hospital, and ED administrator for a large tertiary hospital. He has led and participated in numerous collaboration projects between different specialty areas of the health care delivery system, including between emergency medicine and occupational medicine, emergency medicine and primary care. He was a medical columnist for the Bangor Daily New for 17 years and has written and presented frequently on a broad range of health care topics. Dr Steele is a graduate of Bowdoin College, and the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. He did a rotating osteopathic internship at Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Stratford, New Jersey, and his family medicine residency at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, Maine. He is board certified in family medicine. He is a recipient of the UNECOM Pioneer of Osteopathic Medicine Award, has been on UNECOM's clinical faculty for many years and served briefly on its board, has been a mentor to many of its students, and is a longtime supporter of UNECOM.



R. Corey Waller, MD, MS, FACEP, DFASAM



Corey Waller, MD, MS, FACEP, DFASAM is board-certified in emergency and addiction medicine with extensive experience at the local, state, and national levels. He is involved with the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) and related organizations to advance the evidence-based practice of treatment and recovery for individuals affected by addiction. A nationally recognized expert in substance use disorder (SUD), he is editor in chief of The ASAM Criteria®. Dr. Waller also currently serves on ASAM's legislative advocacy committee. He has been involved with ASAM in numerous other capacities including as a member of the public policy coordinating council, finance committee, and planning committees for various ASAM education courses. Dr. Waller is chief medical officer at BrightView Health, where he oversees medical team education, practice standards, and care delivery. By actively engaging and leading BrightView's physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician

assistants, he drives service quality, care integration, and the delivery of consistent patient outcomes. Prior to joining BrightView, Dr. Waller was managing director of the HMA Institute on Addiction, where he was responsible for consultation and development of addiction treatment systems for hospitals, primary care practices, justice-involved populations, and addiction treatment providers. His experience also includes serving as senior medical director for education and policy at the National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs and medical staff chief of pain medicine at Spectrum Health System in Grand Rapids, MI. Additionally, he oversaw the development of core competencies for addiction treatment in the labor and delivery unit and the neonatal abstinence syndrome treatment algorithm for the Level 1 neonatal intensive care unit. Dr. Waller earned his master's degree in biology, with a neuro-molecular focus at Southwest Texas State University, and his medical degree at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. He completed his emergency medicine residency at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

Glen Gordon, BA, CADC

Glenn Gordon, BA, CADC is a person in long term recovery from substance use disorder and mental illness. Glenn began working with Oxford County Mental Health Services for the Overdose Prevention Through Intensive Outreach Naloxone and Safety (OPTIONS) program in November 2020. Glenn is the Board Director for River Valley Recovers Strong, a grass roots organization supporting recovery in northern Oxford County through a variety of activities including an annual winter Recovery Rally. Glenn also serves on the board of the Mountain Recovery Network, which is working to establish and sustain new recovery resources in western Maine starting with opening a women's recovery residence which will open in 2024.



Christina Booth, RN, BSN



Christina Booth, RN, BSN is the Nurse Director Emergency Services at Stephens Western Family Medicine. She graduated from Simmons College in 2004 with her second BS, which was in nursing. She has worked in a variety of settings, but mostly Emergency Medicine. Her nursing career started at Massachusetts General Hospital where she worked 2005-2019. She came to Stephens Memorial Hospital per diem in the Emergency Department in 2016 and has worked there since. She took over as the Nursing Director in September of 2019. She is the Treasurer for the Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative, and she is an advocate and ally for those with Substance Use Disorder. Recovery is possible and communities are key in making recovery possible!

Lisa Miller, MD

Lisa Miller, MD is a Family Medicine physician with 20 years of experience in primary care. In 2022 she completed a fellowship in Addiction Medicine after five years of practicing integrated medication assisted treatment (IMAT) for opioid use disorder and finding it to be the most gratifying aspect of her practice. She currently is the medical director of the Comprehensive Addiction Medicine (CAM) program embedded in Western Maine Primary Care (affiliated with Stephen's Memorial Hospital) and is board certified in both addiction medicine and family medicine. Aside from her clinical work she is actively engaged in research that addresses the importance of harm reduction as well as stigma through outreach and education to the local and greater community.



Kari Taylor



Kari Taylor is the Executive Director of the Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative (WMARI). With a deeply personal understanding of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and a journey of long-term recovery, Kari's leadership is fueled by passion, resilience, and a commitment to transforming lives. Having dedicated most of her career to healthcare and public health, Kari found a calling in leading WMARI, embracing the exciting challenges it brings. Her mission is clear: to dismantle the stigma surrounding SUD, educate the public, advocate for change, and foster a sense of community that uplifts individuals in both active addiction and recovery. Under her guidance since July 2021 and with the support of the organization's Board of Directors, WMARI has flourished, securing substantial funding and significantly expanding its services. The greatest achievement came with the opening of The HILLS Recovery Center in April 2023, a testament to WMARI's vision and determination. As the first paid staff member of WMARI, Kari has paved the way for growth, now overseeing a team of two full-time individuals in recovery and numerous volunteers. Her approach

is not just administrative; it's deeply personal. Kari frequently shares her own journey with addiction and recovery, breaking down barriers of shame and offering hope to those who may feel isolated in their struggles. For Kari, success is measured not just in numbers but in lives transformed and communities united. With unwavering support from the community, she continues to advocate for increased access to treatment, sober living, and essential support services, hoping to create a brighter future for individuals and families affected by addiction.

Jennifer Small, MEd, LADC, CCS

Vonzell Wade, PhD, LPC



Vonzell Wade, PhD, LPC is an Advanced Implementation Specialist (AIS) with the Opioid Response Network (ORN), and the Co-Founding Director of Lost Dreams Awakening (LDA) Recovery Community Organization in New Kensington, Pennsylvania. Dr. Wade is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and the owner of Luo Counseling Center, Lower Burrell, PA. Dr. Wade is a life-long resident of the community where he graduated from Valley High School, Seton Hill University, Greensburg, PA, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services; and continued his education at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, where he earned his Master of Science in Education and his Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision. Dr. Wade is a life-Certified Clinical Trauma Professional (CCTP), a Recovery Coach Trainer of Trainers (TOT) and an adjunct faculty member of Faces and Voices of Recovery, Washington, DC. Dr. Wade is also the co-developer of Pennsylvania's Peer Recovery

Support Workforce (PRSW) Program – a six-week curriculum developed in response to the Covid-19 crisis PRSW. Dr. Wade has provided care and trainings in the realm of drug and alcohol and mental health for several decades; serving both the adult and adolescent population. Dr. Wade is a person in active, ongoing, long-term recovery, established in 1991, and he has been an active participant in various recovery pathways, self-help, and change groups.