

**Pathways to Innovation, Integrated Care and Sustainability:
what we are learning from North Carolina consultation projects and partnerships
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Speaker Bios in alphabetical order

Krista Brinkerhoff, MD, is a second year Family Medicine resident at MAHEC in Asheville. Her interest in working with adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities started while an undergraduate in 2009 during a pre-med shadowing experience. She subsequently worked as a medical assistant in that clinic, where her relationship with patients inspired Krista to go into Family Medicine even prior to medical school at Florida State University.

Courtney Cantrell, PhD., is the Senior Director for Behavioral Health at WellCare of North Carolina. She is responsible for ensuring the integration of behavioral health and I/DD with physical healthcare through oversight of care management, utilization management and special projects. She has been a leader in integrated care within North Carolina, contributing to the original 1115 waiver application and has been involved in state and national efforts to promote primary care integration. She is passionate about making quality behavioral health and physical healthcare accessible to everyone, and especially to those with who have been underserved. Dr. Cantrell enjoys finding solutions to complicated operational and policy challenges. Prior leadership positions include Senior Director of the NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, NC DHHS Policy Advisor on Integrated Care, Assistant Director of Behavioral Health for the Division of Medical Assistance, Senior Vice President of Clinical Operations at Alliance Health, Lead Behavioral Health Consultant with AccessCare (CCNC network) and Psychologist in the US Air Force.

Rob Christian, MD, FAAP, is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics at the Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities at UNC-CH. He has training in General Pediatrics and Adult/Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Dr. Christian holds strongly to the notion that any one lens is far too narrow a tool through which to view patients. Dr. Christian's works in an interdisciplinary, teaches LEND trainees and participates in numerous innovative projects. Dr. Christian's research includes attempting to understand how to best provide medical/behavioral services to individuals who have both neuro-developmental disorders and behavioral/emotional/psychiatric challenge and understanding the real world effectiveness of psychotropic medication usage in this population.

Andrew Clendenin, MSW, is the Vice President of Clinical Strategy and Innovation at Community Care of North Carolina's recently aligned Population Health Solutions unit,

leading both Care Management and Clinical Programs/Integrated Health. Andrew joined CCNC in 2016 as the director of Behavioral Health and was previously the Director of Integrated Programs at Community Care of the Sandhills where he lead quality improvement, pediatrics, maternal health and behavioral health programs. Andrew has been a staunch advocate for integrated health care and has lead the development of many innovative programs.

Kerri Eaker is the Education and Outreach Coordinator with the Family Support Network of Mission Children’s Hospital in Asheville, NC .She is the mother of an adult son with an intellectual disability, psychiatric disability and chronic health conditions. Kerri has first-hand experience learning to navigate the complexities of the health care, disability, education, and employment systems. She works every day to share her knowledge and compassion with other families. She is known as a “go to advocate” who expects all systems of care to step up and meet the needs of children and families.

Kevin Fitzgerald, MPA, has served in several senior leadership roles at UNC Health Care and the University of North Carolina, including the Interim Program Director of the North Carolina Area Health Education Centers (NC AHEC). Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff to Presidents Tom Ross and Margaret Spellings at the UNC System, founding Director of the Center for Public Technology at the School of Government, Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Government Affairs, and Vice Dean for Finance and Administration and Chief of Staff at the UNC School of Medicine and UNC Health Care. Kevin also serves as a coach for Entrepreneurial Programs at UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School.

Laura Grofer Klinger, PhD., is a clinical psychologist and Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry in the UNC-CH School of Medicine, and the Executive Director of the UNC TEACCH Autism Program. She oversees TEACCH’s clinical services, international training program, and its community-based research program. Dr. Klinger serves on a variety of community advisory boards, consults to school systems and employment programs internationally about best practices for supporting the transition to adulthood including supports for employment and postsecondary education. Her research includes the study of learning differences in individuals with ASD and the development of community-based intervention programs to promote successful adult outcomes. She is the Principal Investigator (PI) of a longitudinal study examining outcomes related to employment, quality of life, and aging in 25–60 year-old adults with ASD who were served by TEACCH during childhood; the PI of a community-college intervention study examining the effectiveness of the TEACCH School Transition to Employment and Post-Secondary Education Program and PI for the TEACCH Autism Project ECHO programs.

Christine Malloy, B.S, M.A. is the Director of Programs for Mission Children’s Hospital leading strategic planning, innovation and development with key providers, caregivers, community and regional leaders. Prior to joining Mission in 2015, Christine served as the Executive Director of the Roundtable of St. Lucie County building collaborations and systems of care to improve outcomes for children in the region and across the State of Florida. She has 20 years of experience in legislative advocacy and fundraising for nonprofit organizations.

Gary Maslow, MD, MPH, is the Co-Chief in the Division of Child and Family Mental Health & Developmental Neuroscience and the Medical Director of the Integrated Pediatric Mental Health Clinical Practice Unit at Duke Health. He completed residencies in pediatrics, psychiatry and child and adolescent and psychiatry. Dr. Maslow’s experience in direct patient care informs his research and enables him to serve as a bridge and translator between the pediatric and mental health communities. Within the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry field he is recognized as an expert on integrated pediatric care. He is known as a leader who values collaboration and innovation. His presentations and publications include adolescent health, pediatrics, school health, psychiatry, and internal medicine.

Kody H. Kinsley serves as the Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health & Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities at DHHS. He leads state-wide public policy and operations that promote whole-person health by developing prevention methods, interventions, and systems of care for individuals living with mental illness, intellectual or developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injuries, and substance use disorders. He oversees the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Division of State Operated Healthcare Facilities and the Senior Advisor for ADA. Mr. Kinsley’s experience spans the public and private sectors, including positions at the White House, the U.S Department of Health and Human Service, and leading operations for a behavioral health care service provider in western North Carolina. Mr. Kinsley served as the presidentially appointed Assistant Secretary for Management for the United States Department of the Treasury, functioning as the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

Tara Larson is a Senior HealthCare Policy Specialist with Cansler Collaborative Resources. She has over 38 years of experience in healthcare, from the direct delivery of services to the development and administration of state policy and offers a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the administration of state and federal policies and regulatory requirements. From her initial work in the State’s behavioral health facilities, to her ultimate responsibilities as Senior Deputy Director and Chief Clinical Operations Officer, and as interim Director of the State’s Medicaid program, Tara has an understanding of the issues related to healthcare administration and management. She also served as the Deputy

Director of the NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services where she had responsibility for oversight of central office, state facilities, and local programs.

Mya Lewis is the Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities & Traumatic Brain Injury Section Chief with the North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS). She has 20 years of experience in the field and uses this experience to help guide the policy work for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). Mya has supported individuals with I/DD in various capacities and roles, including direct care staff supervisor, director, and assistant vice president of a service agency. Mya joined DMH/DD/SAS as an I/DD Program Manager in 2012 and now serves as the IDD & TBI Section Chief. In this role she supports in the development, monitoring, management, and improvement of child, adult, and geriatric IDD and TBI services statewide. Mya participated in the inaugural Advancing Strong Leadership for North Carolina DD Professionals program – a leadership development initiative funded by the NC Council on DD and operated by the National Leadership Consortium on DD at the University of Delaware.

Kathleen C Thomas, PhD, MPH, is an Associate Professor in the Division of Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy, UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy and UNC Health Sciences at MAHEC Asheville. Kathleen Thomas is a behavioral economist conducting research to enrich the knowledge-base for ways to improve access to care for underserved populations with mental health needs, ranging from minority populations, to disability policy and childhood autism. She currently serves as co-investigator of a NIDILRR-funded study of the impact of health reforms for people with disabilities.

Rebecca Thomson, MD., is a faculty physician at MAHEC Family Medicine Residency in Asheville, where she leads the Adult IDD Assessment Clinic. She was inspired to go into family medicine when her younger brother, who has autism, aged out of pediatric care and fell off the services “cliff.” She has worked on projects focusing on transition planning for adolescents and young adults with autism during both her undergraduate studies at the University of Texas at Austin and while attaining her medical degree at the University of Colorado.

Nina B. Vinson, MPH, is the Director of Population Health Outcomes at Vaya Health. Ms. Vinson works with Vaya colleagues, outside experts, and various community partners and stakeholders to assess the impact of Vaya’s services on member health status, patterns of service utilization and costs, provider/staff experiences, member experiences, and other outcomes. Nina has over 25 years of experience in health care (public health, primary medical care, mental health), Federal contracting, for profit consulting, research and evaluation, quality improvement, and health information technology. She is passionate

about building a data-driven organizational culture and supporting capacity to actively use, interpret, and leverage information to drive improvement and the Quadruple Aim. Prior to joining Vaya, she was the Director of Program Evaluation and Director of the Center for Quality Improvement at MAHEC (Mountain Area Health Education Center) in Asheville, North Carolina.

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