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Former Arizona State Senator **Amanda Aguirre** presently serves in the capacity of President & CEO of the Regional Center for Border Health, Inc. since 1991 and its subsidiary San Luis Walk-In Clinic, Inc., a primary care rural health medical center. Ms. Aguirre has been involved for more than 33 years in health care and business administration and has lived in Yuma for the past 29 years. In 2016 she became an ASU Morrison Institute's Distinguished Fellow. This title and role was created in 2012 by the institute as a way to utilize the institutional knowledge and innovated thinking of Arizona leaders.

Elizabeth Arredondo, BA – Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor, Program Coordinator, for Regional Center for Border Health, Inc. Ms. Arredondo received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with emphasis in Multicultural Education from Northern Arizona University. Ms. Arredondo facilitates Youth Mental Health First Aid Courses area of Yuma, La Paz and Mohave County as well as is involve in coordinating programs for Western Area Health Education Center WAHEC. Ms. Arredondo is responsible for coordinating, facilitating and promoting educational workshops, submitting reports and participating at community outreach events. Prior to joining Regional Center for Border Health, Inc. Ms. Arredondo worked with Community Intervention Associates as Dedicated Case Manager. Ms. Arredondo has over 4 years of experience in the behavioral health system in Arizona.



Isabel Arias, an Affiliated Practice Registered Dental Hygienist for San Luis Walk-In Clinic, Inc. integrating dental into the medical visit since 2015 thru the varnish fluoride program. A native of Somerton, Arizona pursued a Dental Hygiene career from Phoenix College in 1989. With over 25 years of clinical experience in private practice, participated in a school based sealant program and currently serves in a leadership committee for Yuma County Dental Study Club.



Alex Bejarano is the Community Liaison for the Regional Center for Border Health. A former councilmember and the youngest elected official in Arizona at age 19, Alex served 8 years on the Wellton, AZ council. Alex's passion for public service comes from being raised by his grandmother who instilled in him the values of hard work and giving back to the community. Alex begun his service with RCBH in 2011 and is currently pursuing his educational goals at Arizona Western College. Alex plans on attending Law School and on eventually returning to the political arena to continue his advocacy for the underserved populations of Southern Arizona.



Thomas J. Betlach has served as Director of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) since 2009. In this capacity, he reports to the Governor and is responsible for the Arizona Medicaid program. AHCCCS currently provides health care coverage to 1.3 million Arizonans at an annual cost of \$9 billion. The agency administers multiple sources of governmental funds and is responsible for regulatory oversight and compliance of Medicaid managed care health plans and health care providers to assure quality of care, fiscal accountability, program integrity and cost containment. Mr. Betlach earned his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin and his master's degree in public administration from the University of Arizona.



Jack Beveridge is a native Arizonan with over forty years' experience in health and human services. He has a BA in Psychology and MA in Educational Psychology from ASU. Beginning at Arizona State Hospital in 1968, Jack worked sixteen years at the Arizona Department of Health. For the next five years Jack did consulting while owning and operating a family catering business. In 1990 Jack founded the Pinal Gila Behavioral Health Association. In 2006 PGBHA was restructured and renamed Empowerment Systems, www.empowerment.systems.org, operating health education and wellness programs. Advocating health and human services, Jack is on the boards of numerous organizations.



Dr. Bentley J. Bobrow is Professor of Emergency Medicine and Associate Director of the Arizona Emergency Medicine Research Center at the University of Arizona College of Medicine. He is also Medical Director for the Arizona Department of Health Services' Bureau of EMS and Trauma System. He has partnered with public health officials, EMS agencies, hospitals, and the public to develop a statewide reporting and educational network for responding to out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, which has resulted in a significant increase in the rates of bystander CPR and a tripling of survival from sudden cardiac arrest in Arizona.



Kristen Boilini has represented clients in various public policy arenas since 1995. She joined the Governor's Budget Office in 1989, under Governor Mofford, and continued to work for the Symington administration through 1994. In these roles, Kristen developed an in-depth understanding of state budgeting and the appropriations process, public finance, tax policy and government operations. Prior to starting her own firm, KRB Consulting in 2000 and later Pivotal in 2013, Kristen worked as a contract lobbyist for two government affairs firms. In addition, she has worked on a number of ballot initiatives and assisted in the management of a number of political campaigns. In addition to her lobbying practice, Kristen has a strong background in representing clients' interests with various regulatory agencies.



Jeri Byrne BA MS has served in the role as Executive Director for the Eastern Arizona Area Health Education Center a Non-Profit Organization located in Globe, Arizona for 14 years. Born and raised in the Globe-Miami area along with her husband Bill of 42 years. Jeri has served locally in the capacity as Chamber Director, Pregnancy Prevention Coordinator for the Cooperative Extension, Director of Development and Marketing for the Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center among others. Jeri received her education at Eastern Arizona College and online through Bennington University where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Business and Masters in Organizational Leadership. Jeri is a certified "Leadership" Trainer and enjoys designing and teaching professional and personal development programs particularly for rural audiences.



For **Allison Clough**, medical school was the natural outgrowth of social conscience. Ron Pust's International Health class furthered her ideals; she completed the University of Arizona Family Medicine Residency and then an MPH at the Mel and Endi Zuckerman College of Public Health. She did midwifery and public health rotations in Nicaragua and New Guinea and then helped direct the medical student-run Commitment to Underserved Populations clinic. For the past 15 years she has practiced exclusively in remote, rural emergency rooms. Now as an IHS ED Medical Director, she is developing a model to improve rural emergency services.



Haley Coles is the executive director of Sonoran Prevention Works. She has advocated for drug user health since 2006 in rural and urban areas both in Arizona and Washington state. Her work with vulnerable populations has been recognized by Governor Doug Ducey of Arizona and Governor Jay Inslee of Washington. She sits on several state-level advisory groups for the prevention of overdose and HIV, develops harm reduction curriculum, and pursues policy change to improve public health and health equity. Haley is currently pursuing her Master's of Public Health at University of Arizona.



Gail Emrick is an International Health and Development Specialist who dedicates her professional life to promoting the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities in Central America and the U.S.-Mexico border regions. Gail is the Executive Director of the Southeast Arizona Area Health Education Center (SEAHEC), a health workforce development agency, which serves Pima, Cochise and Santa Cruz counties. SEAHEC recruits, trains and retains culturally-competent health providers in rural, border and tribal communities. Gail's past leadership roles include executive director and principal investigator for international and local non-profit organizations and has worked with U.S.-based academic institutions including the University of Arizona.



Daniel Derksen, M.D., is the Walter H. Pearce Endowed Chair and Professor in the Community, Environment & Policy Department at the University of Arizona's Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health. He is the Director of the Arizona Center for Rural Health (AzCRH) and oversees multiple programs. After graduating from the University of Arizona College of Medicine in 1984, Dr. Derksen completed his family medicine residency at the University of New Mexico where he worked as a faculty member for 25 years. While working for Governor Susana Martinez as Director, New Mexico Office of Health Care Reform, Dr. Derksen wrote and was funded (\$34.3 million) by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to establish New Mexico's state health insurance Marketplace. Dr. Derksen completed a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship in 2008 with U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman. He researched and drafted federal legislative provisions to improve the nation's supply and distribution of the health workforce that were included in Title V of the "Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act." As principal investigator of state, federal, private foundation, and grants in excess of \$50 million over his academic career, Dr. Derksen works to improve health insurance coverage and access to high quality health care, emphasizing community-based service-learning models in rural areas.



Dr. Gerald Doeksen is Regents Professor/Health Economist for the Department of Agricultural Economics at Oklahoma State University. Dr. Doeksen was awarded the American Rural Health Association Research Award for developing medical-practice feasibility guidebooks and was honored by the Journal of Emergency Medical Services for his guide for planning rural EMS systems. Dr. Doeksen has worked with Oklahoma communities and health providers for over 35 years and co-founded the National Center for Rural Health Works. He contributes to this campus-community partnership by sharing his special expertise in measuring the economic benefits of the health sector and in developing budget studies for health services.

Robert Fleet, MC, LISAC currently serves as the Director of Medical Management for Health Choice Integrated Care (HCIC) in Flagstaff, AZ. Health Choice Integrated Care (HCIC) covers both physical and behavioral health services for Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) members with serious mental illness in Mohave, Coconino, Apache, Navajo, Gila, and Yavapai counties. As Director he is responsible for the daily operational oversight of HCIC'S Medical Management and Utilization Program. He had over 16 years in behavioral health services and managed health care experience. Mr. Fleet discovered his passion for rural health care issues when he moved to Flagstaff, AZ in 2007. He has been an Arizona Rural Health Association Board member for six years. He currently serves as the President of the Arizona Rural Health Association. Mr. Fleet holds a Bachelor Degree in Psychology from the University of Arizona and a Master's Degree in Counseling from the University of Phoenix.

Ali Gabriel is a doctoral candidate in Public Health Policy and Management at the University of Arizona. She holds graduate degrees from ASU (MA Interdisciplinary Studies) and University of Arizona (MPH). Before returning to academia, Ali was an executive and consultant in large corporations, primarily in heavily regulated industries, such as aerospace, food manufacturing, and healthcare. As a Lean Expert and Six Sigma Black Belt at AlliedSignal and Honeywell and later as a consultant, she trained and mentored quality improvement professionals and led hundreds of projects to improve customer satisfaction and financial performance."

Allen Gjersvig (Jers-vig) has led nonprofit organizations, large and small for more than 30 years. He has worked in the fields of higher education, blood banking and other health related and human service nonprofits. He joined AACHA in 2012; leading the Don't Get Dropped campaign to inform people at risk of losing Medicaid coverage. He directs a statewide Federal Health Insurance Navigator grant and works with Certified Application Counselors at community health centers across the state. AACHC's network of Navigators and Assisters during 2016 assisted consumers with nearly 225,000 applications for coverage and post enrollment assistance.



Leonard B. Goldstein, DDS, PhD, serves as A.T. Still University's Assistant Vice President for Clinical Education Development, Professor of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine at the ATSU School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona (SOMA), and Professor of Dentistry at the ATSU Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health (ASDOH) and the ATSU Missouri school of Dentistry and Oral Health (MOSDOH). Dr. Goldstein earned his DDS from Case-Western Reserve University and his PhD from the City University of Los Angeles. Immediately following graduation from dental school, Dr. Goldstein served in the U.S. Army as a Captain during the Vietnam Conflict. Prior to joining ATSU, Dr. Goldstein was Director of Clinical education and Associate Professor of Family Medicine at the NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine from 2005-2014.



Carlos R. Gonzales, M.D. is the Assistant Dean, Curricular Affairs and Associate Professor of FCM at the UA COM-Tucson. He was a rural Family Physician in Patagonia, AZ. He was on the AAFP Board of Directors and a Past-President of the AzAFP. Dr. Gonzales received his B.A. from Carleton College, Northfield, MN- 1977, M.D. from the UA COM-Tucson- 1981 and completed a FCM Residency at the UNMH in Albuquerque, NM- 1984. Carlos is a Tucsonan of Yaqui and Mexican descent. He participates in the Traditional Ceremonies at the NP Yaqui Pueblo in Tucson and performs Yaqui-Inipi Way Sweat Lodge Ceremonies.



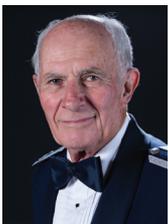
Ken Goranson is the Chief Financial Officer at Benson Hospital in Benson AZ. Ken's experience includes over 30 years of professional accounting and finance experience in for-profit and not-for profit organizations in healthcare, pharmaceutical manufacturing, software, and service related organizations. Before coming to Benson Hospital, Ken spent five years as controller and finance director for a large healthcare organization that included two hospitals and over 500 physicians. Ken holds an MBA degree from Babson University and is a Certified Management Accountant (CMA). He has taught accounting and finance classes at the college level in his spare time.

Ryan Harper, Manager, Government Relations, directs Arizona state government relations activities and manages relationships with industry trade associations and coalitions for Tenet Healthcare's Arizona platforms, which include Abrazo Community Health Network and Carondelet Health Network. Ryan was previously with Triadvocates, LLC, Tenet's long-time contract lobbying partner where he helped to lead enactment of Medicaid Restoration and Expansion, as well as local health care initiatives including the Phoenix Access to Care Ordinance. Ryan holds a B.S. from the University of Arizona and a M.A in Economics from Duke University.



Joyce A. Hospodar, MBA, MPA, has worked over the past thirty years in healthcare working for hospital systems in Utah, Kentucky, and Arizona in the areas of strategic planning, marketing, and operations of community-based programs. Currently, Ms. Hospodar is Senior Advisor, Rural Programs, at the Center for Rural Health, The University of Arizona, Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, where her responsibilities focus on providing technical assistance to the state's small rural hospitals, rural health clinics, and EMS and Trauma systems supporting and implementing performance improvement initiatives. Also, under the State Office of Rural Health Program, she manages the Arizona Rural Recruitment and Retention Network (Az3RNet).

Marcus Johnson is Vitalyst Health Foundation's Director of State Health Policy and Advocacy and is responsible for initiatives regarding access to care and coverage, workforce development and advocacy efforts. His responsibilities include convening and engaging the community to identify or advance public policy goals, analyzing and educating the community on state and federal health policy issues, writing or overseeing policy-related research or publications, and managing grants or contracts aimed at achieving Vitalyst Health Foundation's policy objectives. Marcus also oversees efforts aimed at strengthening the analytic infrastructure for policy analysis in the state, and provides support to bolster advocacy capacity among community partners. Marcus has significant experience addressing systemic issues that ultimately affect health. His contributions have led to numerous policy and systems changes in health care, behavioral health and public health – including the building of effective partnerships between the health care and public health sectors.



Leonard Kirschner, MD, MPH, is a Board Member of the Wickenburg Community Hospital. He was the AHCCCS Director from 1987 to 1993 and is a member of the State Medicaid Advisory Committee. He served as State President AARP AZ for six years and remains a member of their Advocacy Committee. He is a member of the Harvard School of Public Health Leadership Council, the AzHHA Public Policy Committee, the ARMA Government Relations Committee, the Arizona Town Hall Executive Committee, A Trustee of the Arizona Perinatal Trust and the AZDHS AzHIP Steering Committee.

Elizabeth Kizer, MS, completed the present study as part of her doctoral studies in Public Health Policy and Management at the University of Arizona. Ms. Kizer has extensive experience in county government in Arizona including serving as a health director for a rural county. Ms. Kizer successfully defended her dissertation and will graduate in May of 2017. She plans on continuing her career in public service.



Bryna Koch, MPH is an Academic Professional at the University of Arizona Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, Arizona Center for Rural Health and doctoral student in the Public Health Policy and Management program. She has 10+ years experience in program and policy evaluation and evaluation capacity building. Bryna has developed and implemented evaluation projects to meet federal, state and organizational requirements, assess program efficacy, and promote program improvement and sustainability.



Melissa Kotrys is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for Health Current, the health information exchange (HIE) that helps partners transform care by bringing together communities and information across Arizona. Ms. Kotrys currently serves on the Maricopa Health Centers Governing Council and on the board of the national trade association of community and regional HIEs, the Strategic Health Information Exchange Collaborative (SHIEC). Prior to joining Health Current, Mrs. Kotrys worked as a consultant and health policy analyst at Deloitte Consulting. Mrs. Kotrys holds a Masters in Public Health from The George Washington University with a concentration in health policy, and a Bachelor of Arts from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Tracy Lenartz is President of Lenartz Consulting, a small business providing technical assistance and training to a wide variety of public health and social service agencies, including non-profits and state government, to increase access to care for rural and underserved communities. Tracy specializes in training, grant writing, program development and evaluation, needs assessment, and research. Tracy has worked on a contract basis for the Arizona Department of Health Services for 9 years coordinating Arizona's shortage designations program, as well as assisting with health planning, data, and training around issues related to access to primary health care. Tracy received a Masters of Public Health from the University of Minnesota.



Donna Lewandowski is an independent planning consultant in Tucson, AZ with extensive local government experience in bicycle and pedestrian planning, alternate modes of transportation, and Safe Routes to School. She derives the greatest joy in her professional life from helping others overcome their fears of riding a bicycle for transportation, fitness, and fun. Ms. Lewandowski holds an undergraduate degree in Psychology with a minor in Criminal Justice, a Masters degree in Urban Planning with a concentration on Environmental and Healthy Cities, a graduate certificate in Sustainable Tourism, and is currently working on a Masters degree in Public Health.

Carol Lewis is the section manager for Community Health Education at Yavapai County Community Health Service (YCCHS). She has worked in public health for twenty-eight years at YCCHS. In her current position she oversees 14 grants and 18 staff. Ms. Lewis received her bachelors in health from Prescott College and Master's degree in Health Administration/Health Science from NAU. She was nominated for the Community Youth Advocate Award in 2016.

James Lincoln is President and CEO of Lincoln Capital Management and Illuminated Funds Group Inc., the latter being focused on sustainable venture capital. He has been actively involved in the investment/asset management business for nearly 25 years. Mr. Lincoln is also Vice President & Director of Vika Corporation and a Director of the Lincoln Center for Ethics at Arizona State University. He is the former President of Champion Partners LLC, a real estate development company. Mr. Lincoln is the father of James Lincoln, Chairman.



Tashina Machain has a Bachelors of Arts Degree from the University of Arizona in Social and Behavioral Sciences, focusing on Women and Gender Studies. Originally interning with the Southeast Arizona Area Health Education Center, SEAHEC, Ms. Machain, was hired immediately upon graduation and since 2013, has served as Program Coordinator for SEAHEC's Future Health Leaders Program as well as Program Coordinator for Native American Health Workforce Development. Ms. Machain oversees ten clubs in Santa Cruz, Cochise and Pima counties. As well, she organizes and implements two summer camps, one in collaboration with Tohono O'odham nation, the other in partnership with the sister AHECs. Tashina serves on the Inmed and WOSAC Advisory Boards.



Marica Martinic is the Northern Arizona Area Health Education Center (NAHEC) Program Manager at North Country HealthCare based in Flagstaff, AZ. She received her Master of Public Health in Public Health Practice from the University of Arizona MEZCOPH. She has over ten years of experience in development, implementation, and evaluation of non-profit community health programs.



Martha McNair is the Center Director for the Greater Valley Area Health Education Center (GVAHEC) at Empowerment Systems, Inc. Martha is a Registered Dietitian, having earned a degree in Dietetics from Arizona State University. It was during her dietetics internship through the University of Northern Colorado that she first encountered GVAHEC. She strives to ensure that the GVAHEC internship provides its students with impactful hands-on community experiences exposing them to a wide variety of underserved populations. She also holds an MBA degree from UCLA. In her spare time she enjoys cooking and developing healthy versions of classic recipes.



Martha Moore-Monroy, MA, is a REACH Program Director and a lecturer at the University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health. The primary focus of her professional career has been population health, women's health, community health worker interventions, and the development of coalitions dedicated to the elimination of health disparities facing underserved populations. Ms. Monroy is the Southwest Regional Director for the National REACH Coalition Board of Directors, and has served as a consultant and collaborator to a variety of university, community, and non-governmental organizations focused on health equity.

Alida V. Quiroz-Montiel (Member, Pascua Yaqui Tribe) is the Health Systems Director and Program Manager for the Tribal Health Steering Committee for the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. Overall responsibilities encompass: Conducting analysis and preparing information on Federal and State health policy and regulation development that impact Tribal Nations and the lives of American Indian people; Preparing information on health risks and identification of tribal recommendations to address concerns; Conducting training since 2010, on the Patient Protection and

Affordable Care Act and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to tribal councils, tribal health department staff and at local communities. Current board memberships include the National IHS Behavioral Health Work Group, the Arizona Governor's Advisory Council on Indian Health Care and the Arizona Behavioral Health Planning Council. Ceremonial responsibilities include participating in Yaqui/Mayo life ways and a teacher of traditional Aztec (Mexico) Dance, a designation received in 1987 from the Elders.



Paul David Moore, D.Ph., currently serves as Senior Health Policy Advisor to the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. To this opportunity, he brings experience related to rural healthcare of more than thirty years in community and hospital pharmacy. But his career reaches beyond just pharmacy as he has served as the CEO of a rural County Healthcare Authority, consisting of one of the nation's earliest Critical Access Hospitals, the County EMS, a physician clinic and a Home Health Agency. Paul also serves as the Executive Secretary for the National Advisory Committee for Rural Health and Human Services.

Edgardo Muñoz is a board member and cyclist with the 0s3 Bike Movement. 0s3 Bike Movement is a local non-profit organization 501c3 dedicated to social welfare and cycling education. It encourages families to adopt a healthy lifestyle by including bicycling in their normal daily activities. It's mission is to enhance wellness by promoting bicycling as a means to good mental and physical health by producing bicycling, cultural and educational events.

Wendy O'Donnell, MPH, MCHES, is an Arizona native who finished her undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Arizona. Her background in public health mostly consists of health education. She has experience in educating on infectious disease, chronic disease, stages of change, and immunization. She became the Director of the Arizona Living Well Institute at Empowerment Systems in October, 2016. She strongly supports the mission of advancing evidenced- based chronic disease self-management education in Arizona.



Dr. Christy Pacheco is Director of the Rural Health Professions Program and Clinical Assistant Professor for the University of Arizona, College of Nursing. Dr Pacheco is dedicated to improving the quality and access to care for rural and medically underserved populations. She has been a Family Nurse Practitioner in Northern Arizona for 17 years, including clinical and program work with the Indian Health Service, living and working in at a rural clinic site on the Navajo Reservation for 6 years, community health center, and county health department. In addition to her teaching activities, she is currently practicing at a local clinic for the underserved. Her program and published work has impacted local, regional and international levels.



Jennifer Peters is an Academic Professional at the University of Arizona Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, and the Program Manager for the Arizona State Office of Rural Health Program at the Arizona Center for Rural Health. She has a 15-year background in the development, implementation, and management of community-based projects designed to provide facilitative technical assistance to under-served populations to address issues around achieving health equity. She has worked with rural communities on diverse health care issues, and has engaged with stakeholders and decision-makers at the national, state, and local levels.



Dr. Allen Prettyman applies his expertise in interdisciplinary preventive healthcare and blends it with his administrative experience to lead healthcare innovations. He has focused on families applying a holistic model and approach to healthcare. Dr. Prettyman works to provide nursing students with an interdisciplinary educational platform to learn and apply clinical skills. He strives for unsurpassed excellence in clinical outcomes and to this end develops ongoing collaborative relationships with interdisciplinary translational team members. Dr. Prettyman believes in collaboration with colleagues and advocates that students are exposed to models of interprofessional healthcare delivery in the classroom and in the clinical environment.



Ana Roscetti is the Workforce Section Manager for the Arizona Primary Care Office, Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), Bureau of Women's and Children's Health. In her current role, Ana provides oversight to 7 workforce programs that aim to increase the number of health care professionals working in medically underserved areas of Arizona. Those programs include the National Health Service Corps, State Loan Repayment, Nurse Corps, J1 Visa and the National Interest Waiver Programs. Ana has received her Master of Public Health in Community Medicine from the University of Washington in 2004 and a Certificate in Epidemiology from the Arizona State University in 2008.



Kim Russell is of the Bitter Water People, born for the Tangle People. Her maternal grandmothers are from Chinle, Arizona and her paternal grandmothers are from Tuba City, Arizona on the Navajo Nation. Ms. Russell is the Executive Director of the Advisory Council on Indian Health Care, an independent state agency whose mission is to advocate for increasing access to high quality health care programs for all American Indians in Arizona. Kim has worked with Tribes, the Indian Health Service, and Urban Indian Centers to advance their health agendas and priorities her entire career. Ms. Russell received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a Master's of Health Administration. Kim enjoys spending time with family and traveling.



Alex Sachs is originally from Brazil, but grew up in New Jersey and France. She played soccer for the Brazilian Women's National team for 11 years was a silver medalist in the 2003 Athens Olympic Games and 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. For the past 10 years, she worked at the Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center in Scottsdale in different capacities as the Sports Director and Camp Director. Presently, she is the program director for KEEN (Kids Enjoying Exercise Now) a national non-profit volunteer-led organization that provides one-to-one recreational opportunities for children and young adults with developmental and physical disabilities. Alex is excited to be a Program Manager with Playworks and is looking forward to being a part of an organization that makes a difference in children's lives.



Gigi Sorenson is System Director of Telehealth & Community Connected Care for Northern Arizona Healthcare (NAH). Ms. Sorenson is responsible for the inception of the program, strategic planning, and global operational responsibilities with NAH acting as both hub and spoke site. She has developed programs in remote patient monitoring, prehospital, direct to consumer, outpatient and inpatient care delivery models, and transitions planning using connected care programs. The remote patient monitoring program of Northern Arizona Healthcare, Care Beyond Walls & Wires™ is a nationally recognized program for its impact and outcomes. Ms. Soren-

son has published on remote patient monitoring and has presented a national case study on RPM at the Brookings Institution. She is actively involved in the American Telemedicine Association being a member of the Business & Finance SIG Executive Committee and past Chair, and a member of the Arizona Telemedicine Council. Gigi is a graduate of Northern Illinois University with a Master of Science in Nursing.

Cheryl F. St. Clair has over 30 years of experience in rural community development and five years experience in hospital administration. She has assisted with the development of RHW and its tools. Ms. St. Clair presents RHW workshops, develops web tools, and provides ongoing technical assistance to other states. Dr. Doeksen and Ms. St. Clair have expanded RHW to over 40 states by training teams to use the RHW tools and processes in partnership with their local communities.



Monica Vandivort is the Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Geriatrics, General Internal Medicine and Palliative Medicine in the College of Medicine at the University of Arizona, Tucson. Dr. Vandivort is a board certified geriatric and palliative medicine physician and a certified medical director in long-term care. She has over 20 years of experience in providing primary care both in a clinic setting and at home, is a leader and champion for the development of home-care programs and guiding health system change. Since 2014, Dr. Vandivort has participated as a faculty scholar with the Reynolds Program for Applied Geriatrics through the University of Arizona Center on Aging.

Teresa Vincifora is the Chief Clinical Officer at Benson Hospital in Benson AZ. She has worked for many years as a Med/Surg and emergency department nurse and manager, as well as hospital administrator. She began her tenure at Benson Hospital as the Emergency Room Supervisor and since then assumed the roles of Director of Nursing (DON), Chief Nursing Officer (CNO), and now Chief Clinical Officer (CCO). She holds a Degree in HealthCare Administration from University of Phoenix and a nursing degree from Cochise College. Teresa has also studied Quality Improvement in continuing education courses.



Amy L. Waer, M.D. is the Associate Dean for Medical Student Education at the College of Medicine-Tucson. Dr. Waer is also the Medical Director for Arizona Telemedicine Program, Associate Professor for the Department of Surgery as well as the Block Director for Advanced Topics. Her research and clinical interests include Native American culture as it pertains to surgery, surgical education and breast surgery. A fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Waer is also a member of several medical societies including the Tucson Surgical Society, Arizona Women's Physician Association, Association of Women Surgeons and Association for Academic Surgery.

Anna Williams, is the Outreach Manager for Desert Senita Community Health Center in Ajo, AZ. Anna works directly with the community, providing and coordinating events and health education through programs such as Bike Ajo and the Edible Ajo School Yard focusing on chronic disease prevention.

