

### PUBLIC HEALTH LEADS STEERING COMMITTEE 2024-2025

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# Shelley Argabrite, MA

#### GARRETT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

As the Director of the Population Health, Innovation, and Informatics Division within the Garrett County Health Department, Shelley defines strategic priorities and advances public health-related initiatives in Garrett County. She demonstrates expertise in planning, directing, and administering public health initiatives and operations. Shelley develops highperforming, cross-functional teams to position the Garrett County Health Department as an actionable, data-driven force, leading the region's fiscally responsible public health-related initiatives. Shelley leads a team that drives change to improve population health, fosters collaboration between public health and other sectors, and prioritizes the importance of health

communications. As a nationally recognized public health innovator, she champions tools and resources her division has developed, for example, the Garrett County Planning Tool found at MyGarrettCounty.com, to help strengthen infrastructure, workforce, and data modernization efforts. Through collaborative leadership and deep expertise in change management execution, Shelley is dedicated to improving health equity and creating a trusted public health system. Shelley is an avid cyclist who enjoys the outdoors.

## Dr. Sanggon Nam

#### AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Dr. Sanggon Nam serves on the Steering Committee for the NNPHI CCP Public Health Leadership and Education, Advancing Health Equity and Data Science (PH LEADS) project. He brings over 13 years of experience as an Associate Professor of Public Health in the School of Nursing at Azusa Pacific University. Dr. Nam's research focuses on health disparities, obesity, diabetes, disability, and mental health among minority and immigrant populations, with expertise in advanced statistical methods and big data analysis. As a social epidemiologist, Dr.

Nam has conducted extensive research on the health of older Mexican Americans and Asian immigrants. He is committed to translating research into policy and practice to reduce health inequities. Dr. Nam currently serves on the Diversity Council at Azusa Pacific University and as a board member for ReconciliAsian, demonstrating his dedication to advancing diversity and inclusion in public health. Dr. Nam earned his PhD in Preventive Medicine and Community Health from the University of Texas Medical Branch, an MS in Sociology (Minor in Statistics) from Clemson University, and a BA in Mass Media and Communication from Handong Global University in Korea. He holds multiple SAS certifications in advanced analytics and machine learning. In his role with PH LEADS, Dr. Nam is passionate about developing the next generation of public health leaders equipped with strong data science skills to tackle complex health challenges. He looks forward to contributing to the project's mission of building a more resilient public health workforce prepared to advance health equity through innovative leadership and data-driven approaches.





# Nakia Bolden, MPH, CHES

#### I AM HEALTH EDUCATION CORP

Nakia Bolden, MPH, CHES<sup>®</sup>, is a renowned public health leader and educator raised in Wisconsin and the Michiana area. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences with a concentration in Health Promotion from Indiana University South Bend and a Master of Public Health from Indiana State University. Nakia earned her Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) credential in 2020. With a deep-rooted passion for tackling health disparities, Nakia excels in designing and implementing initiatives that enhance community well-being. She currently serves as a Climate Health and Equity Advisory Board Member for the American

Public Health Association, where she provides strategic guidance to mitigate climate-related health disparities. In her role as the Continuing Education Director at Indiana SOPHE, Nakia develops professional development programs, offering CHES continuing education credits to public health professionals. As an Associate Faculty member at Indiana University South Bend and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Indianapolis, Nakia creates and delivers curricula aligned with CHES Exam standards, preparing the next generation of public health leaders. Additionally, as the Director at I Am Health Education Corp, she has implemented a training needs assessment to identify and address gaps in professional knowledge and skills, notably improving CHES exam pass rates. Nakia's extensive background includes pivotal leadership positions with organizations such as the American Cancer Society and the CDC Foundation, where she led public health programs and forged partnerships that significantly improved health outcomes. Her dedication to promoting equitable health outcomes is evident in her strategic approach to leveraging social determinants of health through evidencebased strategies. Connect with Nakia on <u>Linkedin</u> or via email at <u>Nakia.L.Bolden@gmail.com</u>

# Emily McRae, PSM

#### CENTER FOR HEALTH INNOVATION PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE

Emily is the Director of the Information and Special Projects Department at the Center for Health Innovation Public Health Institute (CHI-PHI), where she operates the geospatial open data website New Mexico Community Data Collaborative (NMCDC). In this role, Emily serves to bridge the gap between community and data. She has a Masters in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Administration, and she loves the intersection of art and science inherent with mapping. She is passionate about data sovereignty and is grateful for the opportunity to work with and learn from so many who support a diversity of health outcomes across New Mexico. Emily enjoys collecting rocks, anything that involves being in the water, crafting, and snuggling with her cats and dogs.





### E. Chandlee Bryan, M.Ed.

#### **GEISEL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, DARTMOUTH**

E. Chandlee Bryan, M.Ed. runs Career Services for Master's degree programs in Public Health, Epidemiology, Health Data Science, and Medical Informatics at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. An active member of the ASPPH's Career Services Assembly, Chandlee has also worked in Career Services at the undergraduate level at Dartmouth College and the University of Pennsylvania and at the graduate level at Dartmouth's Thayer School of Engineering and Columbia University. Her interest in professional development was sparked in her first job post-college as the Membership Development liaison for Young Professional members of the

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Across her work, Chandlee seeks to learn from employers about the competencies needed for workforce success – and to educate students and colleagues so that we can best prepare graduates to meet workforce needs.

### Breyana D. Davis, MPH

### NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY

Breyana has over 10 years of experience as a public health practitioner. Breyana is an East Carolina State University doctoral candidate pursuing a concentration in health policy, administration, and leadership. She

is committed to addressing health disparities and advancing equity through health policy, community engagement and development, and community-based policy, systems, and environmental approaches. Her professional experience includes leadership, program planning and implementation, evaluation, grant management, capacity building, and community engagement and development through various settings such as nonprofits, universities, community groups, and government organizations. Breyana serves as the Executive Director for the HBCU Health Equity Data Consortium (HEDC) at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. In this role, she provides primary responsibility for the oversight and execution of operations, fiscal management, reporting, and continued strategic planning for the HEDC to build capacity across HBCUs to address disparity gaps across historically marginalized populations in North Carolina. Breyana is a proud plant mom and an avid traveler who enjoys exploring new trails, trying new foods, and volunteering with her church.





## Kathleen Rees, MSPH

#### WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

Kathleen Rees, MSPH, is an applied epidemiologist and epidemiology supervisor with the Research, Analytics, Informatics, and Data (RAID) program at the Washington County Public Health Division in Hillsboro, Oregon. She has worked in public health epidemiology at local, state, and federal levels for over ten years and participates in several workgroups across national organizations, such as CSTE and NACCHO. Currently, she supervises a brilliant team of tier 2 epidemiologists supporting communicable disease, environmental health, and emergency preparedness programs. In addition to her supervisory duties, Kathleen leads projects focused on data modernization, data ethics, data equity, and data and

community engagement practices. Kathleen is passionate about leading change in public health, particularly within data science, building data expertise in local public health, and developing and mentoring the public health workforce. She was selected to participate in the 3rd cohort of CSTE's leadership program LEAD: Leading Epidemiologists, Advancing Data and recently completed the Public Health Management Certificate Program with the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice. Kathleen advises and coaches epidemiologists through CSTE's Early Career Mentorship Program and is currently mentoring a LEAD cohort member. She is also a proud mama, an avid reader, and a lover of all things outdoors.

# Ethan Greenblatt, CHES, CPH

### SAINT LOUIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Ethan Greenblatt is a Health Education Supervisor at the Saint Louis County Department of Public Health, where he leads a team of health educators responding to COVID, MPOX and STIs in the community. He received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Missouri and holds Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) and Certified in Public Health (CPH) certifications. Ethan is passionate about public health, specifically with interests in leadership, health education and health equity. When Ethan isn't working, he enjoys fitness, playing golf, reading and traveling.

