

2022 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022
9:00AM - 2:45PM

VIRTUAL EVENT

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ASHWIN VASAN, MD, PHD

Commissioner, NYC DOHMH

Dr. Ashwin Vasani is the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Dr. Vasani is a primary care physician, epidemiologist and public health expert with nearly 20 years of experience working to improve physical and mental health, social welfare and public policy for marginalized populations here in New York City, nationally and globally. Since 2014 he has served on the faculty at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, and he continues to see patients as a primary care internist in the Division of General Medicine at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Irving Medical Center.



Dr. Vasani most recently served as the President and CEO of Fountain House, a national nonprofit fighting to improve health, increase opportunity, and end social and economic isolation for people most impacted by mental illness. During his tenure, he grew the organization from a New York-based community mental health organization to a national network across eight markets, and grew the budget by nearly \$20 million annually. He helped navigate the organization through COVID-19 by driving new telehealth and digital mental health programs while its physical locations closed, as well as developing new community-based outreach and accompaniment programs. Further, Dr. Vasani led the creation of a national policy office in Washington, D.C., working to change national mental health policy on the issues of crisis response services and funding for and quality of community-based mental health services.

From 2016 to 2019, Dr. Vasani served as the founding Executive Director of the Health Access Equity Unit at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, which focused on the intersection of clinical and social services for the care of people involved in the justice system and other

vulnerable populations — a first-of-its-kind government program in the nation. Under his leadership the team launched the NYC Health Justice Network — an innovative partnership between community-based primary care providers, criminal legal system reentry organizations, the Health Department and the Fund for Public Health — to embed tech-enabled, peer community health workers to promote health and wellness of people reentering the community from incarceration, and their families. The program is currently under evaluation through the CDC Prevention Research Center grant to NYU and CUNY.

Early in his career, Dr. Vasani spent nearly a decade at the intersection of global health, HIV and primary care, working with the nonprofit Partners In Health (PIH) in Rwanda, Lesotho and Boston, and at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Uganda and Geneva. At PIH, he led efforts to improve integrated primary care and HIV care delivery using WHO Integrated Management guidelines and training. Dr. Vasani worked as a Technical Officer under Dr. Jim Yong Kim on the WHO/UNAIDS "3by5 Initiative" to expand HIV treatment access in the developing world, focusing on pricing and access to HIV medications, and on health worker training and education, and he then supported the Ugandan government in the scale-up and quality improvement of HIV treatment in the southwest of the country, among the first areas in sub-Saharan Africa to attempt front-line government HIV treatment.

Dr. Vasani received his BA in Economics from the University of California, Los Angeles; his ScM in Epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health; his MD from the University of Michigan; and his PhD in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He completed his clinical training in internal medicine-primary care at New York Presbyterian Hospital. He has published widely in the academic literature in journals such as the Lancet, Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Journal of General Internal Medicine, Health Policy and Planning, and AIDS, and has been featured in mainstream media outlets, including the New York Times, BBC World News, NPR, Al Jazeera, the Guardian, and NBC News Think.

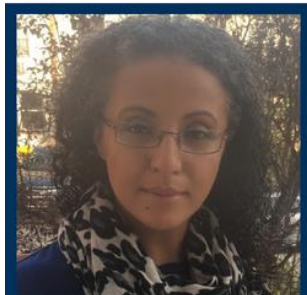
He is a proud husband and father of three school-aged children who fill up every free moment of his time.

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MUNERAH AHMED, MPH

Climate Health Program Director, Bureau of Environmental Surveillance and Policy, NYC Health Department

Munerah Ahmed, MPH, is the Climate Health Program Director at Bureau of Environmental Surveillance and Policy, New York City Health Department. She oversees the programmatic and communications activities of the Climate Health



Program, including initiatives to increase the social infrastructure of communities as a pathway to climate resiliency such as Be a Buddy. As a member of the climate and health team, Munerah works with external stakeholders and government agencies to develop policies that address the health impacts of climate change and the systems that perpetuate inequitable and unjust distributions of those impacts.

LYMARIS ALBORS

CEO, Acacia Network, Inc.

Lymaris Albors is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Acacia Network, the leading Hispanic-led nonprofit in New York State and one of the largest in the nation, serving over 150,000 individuals every year through integrated programs in the areas of health, housing, economic development, social services, and cultural revitalization.



Prior to her appointment as CEO in January 2022, Lymaris excelled in the executive career track, advancing through progressively responsible leadership roles since joining Acacia Network in 2012. While serving as the Chief Operating Officer, Lymaris established a remarkable record of driving profitable and sustainable growth through financial discipline, refining processes and systems, and establishing operational cadence which propelled the

organization to thrive through change and laid the groundwork for the organization's long-term vision.

As CEO, Lymaris oversees network-wide operations, managing an annual operating budget of approximately \$500 million and a portfolio of over 100 affiliates across six states and Puerto Rico. Leveraging her significant acumen in program management, capacity building, quality improvement, and strategy design and implementation, Lymaris is also responsible for cultivating and expanding Acacia's partnerships across the public, private and nonprofit sectors to build on the organization's longstanding legacy and carry forward its mission to address quality-of-life disparities across vulnerable communities of color.

During her tenure at Acacia Network, Lymaris has devised and launched key initiatives aimed toward building a solid foundation for continuous organizational expansion by focusing on four main pillars, which she believes are critical to long-term success: Quality, Integration, Accountability, and Equity. A change agent with profound dedication to strategic growth, financial sustainability, and operational excellence, she implemented best practices across the organization, restructured the Finance and Housing Departments, created the Procurement Division, and redeveloped Policies & Procedures that exceed industry standards.

In addition to promoting network-wide integration and organizational restructuring during a period of exponential growth, Lymaris has prioritized the renegotiation of contracts and agreements to better position the organization, the diversification of funding sources, and the recruitment and cultivation of top talent across the Network.

Among other achievements, Lymaris spearheaded the transition of new, high-impact affiliates into Acacia Network, and managed its expansion into Puerto Rico. Under her leadership, Acacia has further diversified its housing portfolio through joint ventures with the largest for-profit developers in the State. In addition, Lymaris has championed cultural, diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives across the network, and ensured that all services across the organization are delivered through a trauma-informed lens. A passionate advocate for arts & culture as an integral part of community development, she also nurtured and developed Acacia's cultural arm, Loisaida Center, into a self-sustaining affiliate of the organization.

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Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Lymaris moved to New York City to pursue graduate studies at Fordham University. Driven by her passion to effect change and improve health outcomes for underserved populations, she soon began her work at Cicatelli Associates Inc. (CAI), a firm dedicated to tackling health disparities worldwide. After a fruitful tenure at CAI, she transitioned to the William F. Ryan Women and Children's Center, where she drove quality improvement initiatives.

Lymaris earned a Master's Degree in Public Communications from Fordham University and a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Puerto Rico. She is a Fellow of the 2014 Executive Leadership Program of the National Hispana Leadership Institute (NHII), an Executive Program comprised of a diverse group of Latina professionals working across the nation in the public and private sectors. She also holds an Executive Leadership Certificate from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard Business School, and an Executive Leadership Certificate from the Center for Creative Leadership.

An award-winning executive, Lymaris is a recognized and lauded leader in the business sector and the community. She has received numerous honors for her leadership, including Crain's Notable Hispanic Leaders & Executives 2021, the Latino Social Work 2021 Leadership Award, and recognition by the New York City Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, among many others. She is a Board Member of the Legal Action Center (LAC).

DIANA AYALA

NYC Council Member

Diana Ayala has worked for nearly two decades serving the people of the 8th District in social service agencies and government, and is a passionate advocate on issues including housing, gun violence, and senior services.



Diana was born in Río Piedras, Puerto Rico, and moved to New York City with her family as a child. Growing up in public housing after a time in the shelter system, she experienced numerous challenges that would help give her a unique voice and perspective in

government and politics and drive her passion for public service.

As a teenage mom-to-be, the father of Diana's son was shot and killed in a senseless shooting, after which she returned to shelter. She later entered into a new relationship that proved abusive. In the face of these challenges, she found the personal strength to start her life over, enrolling in school and receiving her associate's degree in Human Services from Bronx Community College.

She worked as a senior center director in East Harlem for seven years, and later joined the team for Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito as Constituent Services Director, ultimately becoming Deputy Chief of Staff.

In her current capacity, Diana Ayala is the Deputy Speaker of the NYC Council and the Chair of the General Welfare Committee. She lives in East Harlem with her life partner, Frankie. She has four children and three grandchildren, and also lives with two rescued dogs and three cats.

RACHAEL BEDARD, MD

Research Fellow, Institute to End Mass Incarceration at Harvard Law School

Rachael Bedard, MD is the research fellow at the Institute to End Mass Incarceration at Harvard Law School. Until recently, she was the senior director of the Geriatrics and Complex Care Service at Correctional Health Services, a division of New York



Health+Hospitals that provides healthcare in the New York City jail system. Dr. Bedard was named one of Fortune Magazine's "Heroes of the pandemic" and a Crain's/Empire Whole Health Hero in 2020 for her work advocating for mass decarceration during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. She has also written about her work in The New Yorker, Inquest and The Washington Post and spoken about it widely, including to the New Yorker, to Slate and to the New York Times. Dr. Bedard has also served as a consultant to other correctional systems around compassionate release policies in partnership with the Vera Institute for Justice and has served as an expert consultant to the Department of Justice around standards in correctional healthcare. She is a member of the

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Correctional Association of New York's advisory council and has sat on the boards of the Osborne Association and Recess, both organizations that work with justice-involved New Yorkers. Dr. Bedard received her medical degree and completed her geriatrics and palliative care fellowships at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York, where she's also been an assistant professor in the Department of Medical Education. She attended Brown University and majored in History.

GARY BELKIN, MD, PHD, MPH

Visiting Scientist, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health & Founder, Billion Minds Institute

Gary is Founder and President, Billion Minds Institute, and Visiting Scientist, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health.



A psychiatrist who approaches mental health as a building block of social policy and progress, he recently founded Billion Minds as a non-profit policy and "think-action tank." The intention of Billion Minds is to link mental health to problems of great scale, specifically to the climate crisis, and to safeguarding sustainable societies through a humane social climate.

Gary is the former Executive Deputy Commissioner in the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene where he led the Division of Mental Hygiene and its development and implementation of the innovative NYC-wide public mental health initiative, ThriveNYC. Before joining city government, he was Medical Director for Behavioral Health across the Health and Hospitals Corporation of the City of New York, and served as Founding Editor in Chief of the open access journal Global Mental Health. As Director of the NYU Program in Global Mental Health, Gary partnered with other groups globally to test and scale community-led models of mental health promotion and access in less resourced countries that are now widely used.

A graduate of Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, where he also earned his undergraduate degree, Gary earned his MPH at Harvard School of Public Health and a doctorate in the Department of the History of Science at Harvard University.

STEVE CRIMANDO, MA, CTM, DRCC

Principal, Behavioral Science Applications

Steve Crimando is founder and principal of Behavioral Science Applications LLC, and director of the Homeland Security Human Factors Institute. He is an internationally known consultant and educator focused on the human element in security, emergency management, and business continuity.



Mr. Crimando is a Certified Threat Manager (CTM), Certified Disaster Response Crisis Counselor (DRCC), and a Board Certified Expert in Traumatic Stress (BCETS). He is also a Certified Master Trainer for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security National Threat Evaluation and Reporting (NTER) program.

With more than 30 years of frontline field experience, Mr. Crimando was deployed to the 9/11 and 1993 World Trade Center attacks, the Northeast anthrax screening center, and many other disasters and acts of terrorism. He is a published author who is frequently called upon by the media and the courts as an expert in crisis intervention. He provides training and support to multinational corporations, law enforcement, intelligence and military organizations, as well as NGO's, such as the United Nations.

AMY DORIN

President and CEO, The Coalition for Behavioral Health

Amy has spent her entire career in the health and human services arena as a clinician, administrator, executive and consultant in hospitals, government, and nonprofit community-based organizations. At the Mayor's Office of Operations, Amy held the position of Deputy Director for Health and Human Services. At FEGS, she was the Senior Vice President for Community Behavioral Health. In this position she led a large network of mental health treatment, recovery, residential, care coordination and



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health home programs serving more than 25,000 people annually throughout NYC and Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Under her leadership, FEGS received the 2013 Suicide Prevention Award from the NYS Office of Mental Health's Suicide Prevention Center and the 2002 Eli Lilly Award for Behavioral Healthcare Leadership in Time of Disaster, after 9/11. Amy is the recipient of the 2015 Cognitive Remediation in Psychiatry Conference's Science to Practice Award. She is a Fellow at the New York Academy of Medicine and the Vice Chair of Vibrant Emotional Health's Professional Advisory Board.

KERCENA DOZIER

Executive Director, Children's Defense Fund

Kercena A. Dozier is the executive director of the Children's Defense Fund-NY. Kercena has a wide array of substantive experience in fighting poverty in city and state government, on a grassroots level, in partnership with unions and as a staffer for a CDFI's community development corporation. Additionally, in a volunteer capacity, Kercena helped to start her church's social justice ministry. Previously Kercena served as the chief of staff for a New York State Senator whose district covered Harlem, East Harlem and the Upper West Side. As chief of staff, Kercena managed a Harlem in-district office and an Albany legislative office focused on voting reform, education justice, M/WBE support, criminal justice reform, millennial civic engagement, senior support, affordable housing, economic justice, gun violence prevention and equitable COVID19 response. Kercena also worked for the nation's largest social services agency, the NYC Department of Social Services (DSS), as the Director of Community Affairs for the NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS). At DHS, Kercena was intentional about framing homelessness as a women of color and children of color racial equity issue that is rooted in systemic poverty. Through an initiative she created titled "I Am My Sister, My Sister is Me," she brought leaders in the faith, government, legislative and nonprofit sectors together to discuss the drivers of poverty and to inspire compassion and collaborative action to address citywide poverty and



homelessness. Kercena's entire professional career has been focused on fighting poverty. She was the NYC Faith Organizer for the Fast Food Forward, Airport Worker Economic Dignity, and #RaiseUpNY campaigns. In each of these campaigns, the coalition that she was a part of achieved success at raising the wages of low-income workers in the fast food and airport industries as well as throughout the entire state through authentically engaging and organizing impacted individuals and communities.

She received her Juris Doctor and Masters of Business Administration degrees from American University in Washington, D.C. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Loyola University in New Orleans, where she double majored in International Business and Economics.

DEBBIAN FLETCHER-BLAKE

CEO, VIP Community Services

Debbian Fletcher-Blake, APRN, FNP, is the CEO of Vocational Instruction Project (VIP) Community Services, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization in the Bronx that offers comprehensive medical, behavioral health, housing, vocational and supportive services to the community. She served as administrator and medical provider in several health centers for over 25 years and as a Nursing instructor at New York University.



Ms. Fletcher-Blake has been active in building culturally competent workforces, tackling healthcare inequities, focusing on strategies to eliminate health disparities, and ensuring community members are active participants in deciding systems of care. Due to her vast experience in quality assurance, integrated care, physical and behavioral health care delivery systems, Debbian has served as a subject matter expert on numerous clinical and administrative projects both locally and nationally.

In 2019, for her leadership, vision, and dedication to reducing health disparities in the communities and transforming lives of the underserved populations, Debbian was selected one of CRAIN's Notable Women in Health Care and eminent New York's health care's leading

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women. She is also the recipient of the prestigious Dr. Philip W. Brickner Award Honoree from CHCANYS for advocating and championing for the medical needs of those who are homeless and vulnerable and, most recently, received a 2021 Empire Whole Health Heroes Awards for her unrelentless contributions to the Bronx.

Ms. Fletcher-Blake serves on multiple Boards, Councils and Coalitions, including Montefiore Nyack Hospital, Community Health Care Association of New York State, NYC Behavioral Health Council, Coalition of Medication Assisted Treatment Providers, Homeless Services United. She was also a 2020 mentor for the National Behavioral Health Council's CCBHCs mentorship program.

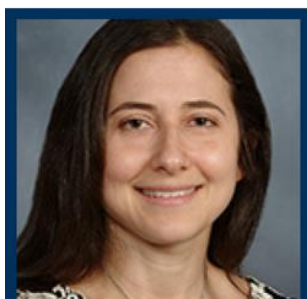
With an Executive Leadership Certificate in Health Information Technology from the University of Colorado School of Nursing, Debbie brings expertise and efficiency in coordinating health and social services programs through health information technology.

Ms. Fletcher-Blake is a Board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner. She holds a Master of Science in Nursing from Pace University. Debbie holds an Executive Leadership certificate from UCLA School of Business and Bachelor of Science degrees in Nursing and Chemistry.

CORI GREEN, MD, MS

Director, Behavioral Health Education and Integration & Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Weill Cornell Medicine

Dr. Cori Green is a national expert on integrating mental health into pediatric care and specifically, on training pediatric clinicians and trainees to prevent, assess, and manage mental health problems in their practice. She is the Director of Behavioral Health Education and Integration in Pediatrics and an Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Weill Cornell Medicine/NewYork-Presbyterian Phyllis and David Komansky Children's Hospital.



Dr. Green received a Bachelor of Science at the University of Michigan. She received her medical degree from Rush University Medical College in Chicago, Illinois, where she

also completed her residency. Following residency, Dr. Green obtained a master's degree in Clinical Investigation during a fellowship in General Academic Pediatrics at the New York University School of Medicine and a Certificate of Medical Education at Montefiore Medical Center.

Dr. Green is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Mental Health Leadership Workgroup, a consultant for the American Board of Pediatrics for their mental health initiatives and has presented her research at national and international meetings. Dr. Green has been a faculty member for Project TEACH and the REACH institute since 2013 and has taught over 20 3-day mini fellowships in mental health for pediatric clinicians.

GARY JENKINS

Commissioner, NYC Department of Social Services

Gary P. Jenkins was appointed by Mayor Eric Adams as the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Social Services (DSS), which oversees both the Human Resources Administration (HRA) and Department of Homeless Services (DHS) in January of 2022. Commissioner Jenkins' over 30-year history with the agency began with a front-line position in HRA, where he rose through the ranks to become Administrator of the Human Resources Administration and now Commissioner of DSS.



In addition to HRA Administrator, Commissioner Jenkins previously served as HRA First Deputy Commissioner, where he directly oversaw the Homelessness Prevention Administration, Employment Services, the Office of Child Support Services, and the Fair Fares Program. Before this, he held positions of leadership in numerous HRA program areas including the Medicaid Program and Temporary Cash Assistance and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Commissioner Jenkins received a Master's in Public Administration from Metropolitan College of New York and a Bachelor of Arts from CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He resides in Brooklyn, New York with his wife and three daughters.

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ROBERT A. KENT, JD

General Counsel, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy

Robert A. Kent is the General Counsel with the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). In this role Mr. Kent provides overall legal support to all components of ONDCP.

Mr. Kent most recently served as the Vice President of Advocacy and General Counsel for the American Association of Orthodontists, a national healthcare organization. Prior to that he served as the General Counsel for the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS). In this role, Robert provided overall legal support, policy guidance, and direction to the OASAS Executive Office and all divisions of the agency. Robert led the OASAS efforts to implement NYS's Heroin and Opioid Task Force recommendations, including the Combat Addiction/Heroin Campaign, the Federal Opioid Targeted Grant program, and Medicaid Redesign Team initiatives including implementation of historic legislation to increase access to treatment, including harm reduction services. Robert has co-authored articles on patient confidentiality and sober homes and has presented nationally and throughout NYS on the addiction system of care.

In 2011, Robert was recognized by the Caron Foundation with their Legal Professional Public Service Award. In 2013, Robert was recognized by the Coalition of Behavioral Health Agencies with their Leadership Award. In 2016, Robert was recognized by the American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence with their Nyswander/Dole "Marie" award; the Long Island Recovery Association Friend of Recovery Award; and the Northern Tier Providers Coalition Public Service Award. In 2018, Robert was honored by the Friends of Recovery New York with the Charles Devlin Recovery Advocate Award and by Christopher's Reason with the Outstanding Leader in the Recovery Community Award. In 2019, Robert was honored by NYAPRS with its Public Policy Leadership Award and by the MHANYS with their CEO Award. In 2020, Robert was honored by the NYS Justice Center with their Champion Award.



LINDA LEE

NYC Council Member

Council Member Linda Lee represents the 23rd Council District in Eastern Queens and serves as Chair of the New York City Council's Committee on Mental Health, Addictions, and Disabilities, the co-Chair of the Queens Delegation, and the Vice Chair of the Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus. She was elected to the Council in November 2021, becoming the first Korean-American ever elected to the City Council, and the first woman and person of color to hold the seat.

Prior to taking office, Linda was the President/CEO of Korean Community Services (KCS) of Metropolitan New York, Inc., New York's first community-based social service organization focused on the Korean community. KCS's mission is to be a bridge for Korean immigrants and the wider Asian community to fully integrate into society and overcome any economic, health and social barriers to becoming independent and thriving members of the community. KCS serves over 1,300 members daily through culturally competent programs in the areas of Aging, Education, Immigration, Workforce Development, Public Health, and Mental Health. KCS has been on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic helping members receive unemployment benefits, PPP loans, COVID tests, and vaccinations. Under Linda's leadership, the Obama White House named KCS as a Champion of Change in 2014 for its work around the Affordable Care Act. Linda also spearheaded the creation of the only State-licensed Article 31 Mental Health Clinic serving the Korean-American community operating in New York.

Ms. Lee received her Master of Social Work from Columbia University and her Bachelor of Arts from Barnard College. Linda is passionate about improving social service delivery for at-risk populations, improving healthcare and mental health access to New Yorkers, and promoting the wellbeing of seniors to a top priority in New York City.

Linda serves on the leadership team at New Vision Covenant Church, as a National Advisory Committee member of NYU's Center for the Study of Asian American Health, and on the School Leadership Team at her son Drew's school PS 203. She previously served on



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Community Board 11 in Queens, as a Commissioner of the New York City Civic Engagement Commission, and as board member for the National Alliance on Mental Illness of New York City.

Linda, a lifelong New Yorker, lives in Oakland Gardens with her husband Jie and her two sons.

KEITH LITTLE

President and CEO, SCO Family of Services

Keith Little was appointed President & CEO of SCO Family of Services on January 1, 2018. In this role, he assumes oversight of the agency's extensive continuum of residential and community-based child welfare, early childhood, youth

development, family support, special needs, and homeless services. Keith joined SCO in September 2017 as Deputy Executive Director.



A hands-on leader with over 30 years of experience at state, city, and nonprofit organizations, Mr. Little brings considerable expertise in the provision of mental health, health care, child welfare, and juvenile justice programs. He has been a tireless advocate for children, youth, and families throughout the metropolitan area.

Keith joins SCO from his recent position as Executive Director at Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families, where he was credited with building organizational capacity, external collaborations, and financial sustainability. He has held senior organizational and program leadership positions at the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) for two decades. He last served as Associate Commissioner and Deputy Director at OMH, where he was responsible for the direction and oversight of State Operations, including 13 statewide child and adolescent psychiatric centers/units; the coordination of state-local services via regional OMH field offices; and oversight of Division State Operations budget and spending plans.

His vast experience includes posts at the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services and the New York City Department of Health. Keith earned an MPA from Baruch

College, City University of New York, and a bachelor's degree from University of Bridgeport. He currently sits on the Boards of Directors of COFCCA and the Collaboration of Children and Families (CCF), the Priority and Strategy Council for the Human Services Council, and is a lead member of the Black Agency Executives.

MITCHELL NETBURN

President and CEO, Samaritan Daytop Village & Chair, The Coalition for Behavioral Health Board of Directors

A native New Yorker, Mitchell has over 30 years of public interest experience. Mitchell is the President & CEO of Samaritan Daytop Village (SDV). SDV serves 33,000 people annually in over 50 programs across 10 counties in New York State and has an operating budget of \$200 million dollars. SDV offers a rich array of services including: treatment and residential facilities for substance use disorders; programs addressing behavioral health issues; and transitional and supportive housing. From 2010 to 2018 Mitchell was the President & CEO of Project Renewal and was responsible for ensuring it fulfilled its mission to end the cycle of homelessness for 15,000 clients per year by empowering them to obtain health, homes and jobs.



Previously, Mitchell was the Senior Vice President at F-E-G-S Health and Human Services System where he directed a public assistance-to-work initiative serving 24,000 disabled clients annually. Prior to joining F-E-G-S, Mitchell served as the Executive Director for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority where he coordinated all homeless programs for the City and County of Los Angeles.

Before moving to Los Angeles, Mitchell was the First Deputy Commissioner at the New York City Department of Homeless Services where he ensured quality shelter and programs were provided to 23,000 homeless men, women and children per night. Mitchell also held the positions of Chief of Staff to the NYC Deputy Mayor for Education and Human Services as well as the Agency Chief Contracting Officer and the Assistant Commissioner for the Ryan White

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CARE Act Program at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Mitchell is the Chair of The Coalition for Behavioral Health, Inc., the Treasurer of the Human Services Council and a Board Member of Homeless Services United.

KATHLEEN M. PIKE, PHD

Director of the Columbia-WHO Center for Global Mental Health; Deputy Director of the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program, and Director of the Mental Health and Work Design Lab, Columbia University

Dr. Pike is Professor of Psychology at Columbia University, where she is Director of the Columbia-WHO Center for Global Mental Health; Deputy Director of the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program, and Director of the Mental Health and Work Design Lab.



Dr. Pike has pioneered initiatives on the global stage advocating for expanded mental health services and translating research into practice in under-resourced communities, schools and workplaces. Her scholarship focuses on eating disorders, culture and psychopathology, global mental health, and mental health at work.

She completed her BA/MA in international studies and psychology at Johns Hopkins University and her doctoral degree in clinical psychology at Yale University. She is the recipient of multiple honors, including the 2021 American Psychological Association Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology.

A passionate beekeeper, when she is not at her desk, Kathy is likely to be in her apiary tending her hives and doting on the thousands of resident honeybees.

GIAMARA ROSADO, ESQ.

Senior Vice President/Executive Deputy Counsel, Acacia Network, Inc.

Giamara M. Rosado, Esq. is the Senior Vice President/Executive Deputy Counsel of Acacia Network, Inc. and its affiliates, where she assists the Chief Legal Officer in overseeing all legal matters, including litigation, compliance, and risk management, for over 100 related entities.



Ms. Rosado plays a critical role in the Office of Legal Affairs to ensure corporate responsibility to State and City agencies and contract management for all Acacia's related entities. Ms. Rosado handles a broad range of Acacia's transactional legal work, including real estate transactions, negotiating, drafting and reviewing legal agreements, contracts and leases network-wide.

Ms. Rosado has assisted with expansion of the Network since 2012 by working closely with the Board Attorney to legally complete over 15 corporate entity affiliations, doubling the Network's size. Ms. Rosado continues to assist with complex corporate restructuring and regional transactions.

Ms. Rosado holds a Juris Doctorate from the City University of New York School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts from The Pennsylvania State University. Ms. Rosado has completed executive education at Columbia Business School for Nonprofit Professionals. She is focused on supporting Acacia's mission throughout the future.

JOSHUA RUBIN

Principal, Health Management Associates

Prior to joining HMA Josh was vice president and chief operating officer of the Mental Health Association of New York City (MHA-NYC), a leader in services, advocacy and education for people with mental illness and their



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families. He directed the agency's day-to-day operations, including those of its subsidiary, Link2Health Solutions, Inc. They provided a wide range of behavioral health services, including residential, rehabilitation, child and adolescent, family support and technologically mediated services including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, the national Disaster Distress Helpline, New York City's LifeNet, New York State's HopeLine and the NFL Lifeline.

Prior to joining MHA-NYC, Josh was director of policy and planning for YAI Network, where he led advocacy efforts and helped develop an international training and consulting business that facilitated the creation of the first group homes for people with developmental disabilities in Jordan. Before joining YAI he served as assistant commissioner for Mental Hygiene Policy for the City of New York Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. During his years of city service, Josh also served as the assistant commissioner for Chemical Dependency Services, the Division of Mental Hygiene's chief policy officer and chief administrative officer, and as special assistant to the executive deputy commissioner for Mental Hygiene Services. Before his government service he was on the staff of the Coalition of Voluntary Mental Health Agencies. He also served on New York City's Community Services Board from 2008 to 2014.

RAVI N. SHAH, MD, MBA

Chief Medical Officer, Geode Health

Ravi N. Shah, MD, MBA is an adult psychiatrist and Chief Medical Officer of Geode Health, a private-equity backed mental health services organization aiming to provide high quality, in-network mental health care both in-person and using technology. Previously, he served as Chief Innovation Officer and Medical Director of the Faculty Practice at Columbia University's Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Shah has extensive experience in digital mental health, having worked with several venture-capital backed mental health startups. Ravi completed his combined MD and MBA from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and The Wharton School and his adult psychiatry residency at Columbia University, serving as chief resident in his final year.

