



OCEACT Annual Statewide Conference 2019 Presenter Bios

OCEACT is proud to present all our conference speakers bios and contact information for the 2019 OCEACT Statewide Conference. The three keynote speakers bios are listed first, followed by workshop and session presenters who are listed in alphabetical order.

Keynote Speakers

Keynote 1

Pascale Jean-Noel, LMSW

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Pascale Jean-Noel, has over twenty years' experience in social-service settings. She is currently the Director of Training for the ACT Institute at the Center for Evidence-Based Practices. Working with the New York State Office of Mental Health, she helps design coordinate and facilitate extensive training curricula in treatment planning, cultural competence, engagement, working with mandated clients, and ACT core daily principles based on recovery principles. The training curricula are used by eighty-nine ACT teams, consisting of over seven-hundred people collectively, throughout the state. She's an Adjunct Lecturer at Columbia University and Fordham University Schools of Social Work. At Columbia University, she teaches Adult Psychopathology and Wellness in a residential and on-line setting. At Fordham University, she teaches Assessment and Diagnosis and Clinical Seminar. Mrs. Jean-Noel, has expertise in managerial as well as direct-care roles, also has experience in inpatient psychiatric units, outpatient mental health (including ACT), foster care, and outpatient substance abuse programs. She holds a Master's Degree and Clinical License in Social Work.

Keynote 2

Lidia Yuknavitch, Ph.D.

Author

Lidia Yuknavitch is the author of the widely acclaimed memoir *The Chronology of Water* (2011), a finalist for a PEN Center USA award for creative nonfiction and winner of the 2011 Oregon Book Award Reader's Choice. The book garnered her a cult following for its honesty and intensity in dealing with loss, abuse, and addiction, as her hopes for Olympic swimming are derailed. Her two National Bestselling novels are *The Small Backs of Children*, winner of the 2016 Oregon Book Award's Ken Kesey Award for Fiction as well as the Reader's Choice Award and *The Book of Joan* (2017), a reimagining of Joan of Arc, poised to save a world ravaged by war, violence, and greed, and forever change history, named a Washington Post Book of the Year. *The Book of Joan* has the singular distinction of being an 'answer' on Jeopardy in 2018. She is also the author of the novel *Dora: A Headcase*, and a critical book on war and narrative, *Allegories Of Violence*.



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A powerful and compelling speaker, her humor and compassion inspires audiences to find beauty in the challenges of being an outsider, as shares how embracing her own 'misfit' identity helped transform her into the revelatory writer and speaker she is today. Yuknavitch's writing appears online at The Rumpus and in publications including *Guernica Magazine*, *Ms.*, *The Iowa Review*, *Zyzyva*, *The Sun*, *Exquisite Corpse*, *TANK*, and in the anthologies *Life As We Show It*, *Wreckage of Reason*, *Forms at War*, *Feminaissance*, and *Representing Bisexualities*. She founded the workshop series Corporeal Writing in Portland Oregon, where she teaches both in person and online. She received her doctorate in Literature from the University of Oregon. She lives in Oregon with her husband Andy Mingo and their renaissance man son, Miles. She is a very good swimmer.

Keynote 3

Dr. Patrick W. Corrigan, PsyD

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Patrick Corrigan is Distinguished Professor of Psychology at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Currently, he is principal investigator of the National Consortium for Stigma and Empowerment, a collaboration of investigators and advocates from more than a dozen institutions. He also heads projects examining integrated care primary and behavioral health care in a health disparities framework. He has written more than 400 peer-reviewed articles, is editor emeritus of the *American Journal of Psychiatric Rehabilitation*, and editor of a new journal published by the American Psychological Association, *Stigma and Health*. Corrigan has authored or edited fifteen books, most recently, *The Stigma of Disease and Disability*. He also is part of the team that developed the *Honest, Open, Proud* series of anti-stigma programs.



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Workshop and Breakout Session Speakers (in alphabetical order)

Ross Acker, MS, LPC

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Ross Acker ('05 MS, LPC) began his counseling career in 2005 and has professional experience in addictions, private practice, corrections and community mental health. He received his Bachelor's degree in Physics from Texas Christian University and Master's degree in Counseling from the University of North Texas. He served on the Brief Therapy Crisis Team of Coos Health and Wellness for five years before becoming the Adult Program ACT and Forensics Program Manager. Acker is a Licensed Professional Counselor with the state of Oregon and serves as the CIT and Civil Commitment coordinator for Coos County. He is married, has two children, enjoys spending time with his family and looks forward to playing competitive golf on the Oregon Amateur tour this year.

Claire Anderson, QMHA

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Claire has worked at Outside In, serving young adults experiencing homelessness, for the last 7 years. She works to provide marginalized young people with culturally specific access to education and employment opportunities. In addition to developing Outside In's IPS Employment program, Claire has also provided Trauma Informed Care trainings to fellow employees and partner agencies.

Doug Beeler

Substance Use Disorder Recovery Mentor
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Doug comes to the ACT program with deep family ties to the Tillamook region. He has been working with Tillamook Family Counseling Center for the past 3 years and the past 2 years with the ACT program. Doug had struggled for 35 + years with drug addiction and has been clean and sober for the past 12 years. His strengths are his deep faith and established community ties in the recovery community, his ability to meet people where they are at, to encourage people to work toward their own recovery, and he is very knowledgeable with Motivational Interviewing. He is also a co-facilitator for the E-IMR group.

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Victor has a MA in Psychology with an emphasis in Art Therapy from Antioch University; BA in Developmental Psychology and a minor in studio ART from UCSB. I have worked 10 years as line staff for special needs children, then 3 years as a clinical case manager at Devereaux School, Santa Barbara, CA. I worked 27 years with TFCC performing c/m, therapy, ENCC, group therapy and other duties dictated by need. I am fluent in Spanish. Most of what I know about applying my knowledge I acquired in the field or from on the job work experience. Honing my skills comes from years of what I consider good supervision and client feedback. It has been an extraordinary experience working in a rural community and I feel being flexible and open to change has served me well.

Joseph Bonnell, LPC, CRC, CADC III

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Joseph provides mental health and substance use counseling at Outside In. They have worked in social services for a very long time, primarily with LGBTQ people, people with disabilities, young people and people experiencing poverty and homelessness. They have a master's of science in Clinical Mental Health and Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling and a certificate in Addictions Counseling from Portland State University where they focused on the mental health needs of people with chronic illness and disabilities.

Dee Conley, PSS, QMHA

Peer Support Specialist/Case Manager

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Dee has served on the Malheur County ACT team since late 2016 as a Peer Support Specialist and is originally from Southern Idaho. She is attending the online distance program in pursuit of her Bachelor of Science in Social Work with Minor in Psychology from the University of North Dakota and will be finished by the end of the year. Dee is also a case manager for the Adult Case Management Team at Lifeways, has worked with Substance Use Disorders team, and helps to facilitate and co-facilitate many groups at the office, peer center, and inpatient facility. Dee hopes to pursue her master's degree in social work with a concentration on Mental Health/Counseling as early as next year to continue serving the SPMI/Co-occurring populations within the surrounding areas effectively as a clinician.

Kris Cooley

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I am currently working as an Employment Coordinator on the ACT team with Options for Southern Oregon in Josephine County for close to 3 years now. I have completed the IPS training modules and access ongoing trainings to continue development of my skills relevant to serving the mental health population. After graduating from Rogue Community College in 2007 with an AAOT, I began working at The Job Council in Grants Pass as a job coach and quickly advanced into an Employment Counselor position. My work led me to serve a diverse population of individuals typically dual enrolled with mental health services; including the homeless, veterans, long-term unemployed, and hard to reach youth. My passion stems from watching individuals succeed and develop valuable skills they can apply in everyday life situations as well as long-term employment.

Brandy Davenport, BS, CADC II, QMHA

Substance Use Specialist

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Brandy is the Substance Abuse Specialist on Coos Health and Wellness's ACT Team and began her career as a substance abuse treatment provider in 2019 working at a local outpatient treatment facility as the Women's Addictions Program Counselor, Mom's in Recovery Counselor, Co-occurring Group Counselor, and the Relapse Prevention Counselor. Brandy has also worked with DHS Child Protective Services as the Addiction Counselor on the Addiction Recovery Team (ART), a similar model to ACT which supports parents who have DHS child welfare involvement and need recovery support to regain their families and get their children home from foster care. This is where she acquired the passion to work in a community with evidenced-based models to address substance abuse disorders and meet clients right where they are and where they need support. Brandy has degrees in Psychology and Addictions Counseling, and is currently working on a Master's Degree in Counseling online with Grand Canyon University. Brandy has been married to her husband Ray for 32 years and recently on March 25th of this year she celebrated 25 years of recovery from her own co-occurring diagnosis. She has 3 children and 4 grandchildren and really enjoys being a grandma and believes her family and her recovery are her greatest accomplishment.



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Lance has been a provider of services, professional educator and clinical trainer for 40 years. He is a LPC licensed in two states, a Nationally Certified Counselor, a Nationally Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor and a Nationally Approved Clinical Supervisor. He has a Master's of Science degree in Counseling Psychology conferred through Northeastern Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. His areas of formal training include EMDR, Clinical Hypnosis, REBT/CBT, Motivational Interviewing and Brief-Solution Focused therapy, with particular areas of specialization in Clinical Supervision, Diagnostics and Assessment, Behavior Modification, Existential, Gestalt and Bowen Family Systems approaches. In addition he is certified through the Oregon Addictions and Mental Health Division as a Certified Senior Mental Health Examiner and has worked extensively in the field of trauma treatment and forensic assessment.

Victoria Fielder

Supported Employment Specialist

Working Wonders

Victoria has been an Employment Specialist since July 2017 with Working Wonders Supported Employment, working closely with Coos Health and Wellness Behavioral Health Services. She actively goes out into the community and makes connections with employers to support her clients in their recovery and obtaining employment. She has been given the opportunity to be a member of the ACT team in Coos County since December 2018. Her education includes an AA in Anthropology from Fresno City Community College, and a BA in Sociology and Anthropology from Fresno State University. She has completed the IPS Practitioner course to be a certified Employment Specialist. During her spare time she enjoys the beach and walking her dogs.



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Paula received her BA in Child & Adolescent Development from San Francisco State University in California in 2008 and her MA in Marriage, Family, and Couples Therapy from Lewis & Clark College in Oregon in 2013. She became an AAMFT Clinical Supervisor in June of 2019 and is currently finishing her CADC III. Paula has worked as a Professional Mentor for youth in need, a Family Therapist for folks identifying in recovery, and currently is a Clinical Supervisor on an ACT Team at Central City Concern in addition to having a private practice and supervising graduate students at Lewis & Clark. Paula loves to laugh and is super jazzed to present at the OCEACT Conference!

Emily Frey, MOT, OTR/L, QMHP

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Emily Frey graduated with Masters of Occupational Therapy Degree from Pacific University of Oregon. In June 2010, she began her occupational therapy career at Yamhill County Health & Human Services with the Early Assessment Support Alliance and Abacus programs working with transitional age youth and adults experiencing serious mental health challenges. Emily transitioned to a management position in September 2013, and provides oversight of an array of community-based mental health programs, including Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Early Assessment & Support Alliance (EASA), Individual Placement & Support (IPS), Supported Employment and Education, Peer Services, Supportive/ed Housing, among others.

Sandra Gore, MS, QMHP

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Sandra Gore is the ACT Team Lead with the Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness and has been with the organization for 19 months. Prior to her employment at the Center for Wellness, Sandra's worked at Pioneer guest Home, a residential treatment facility in Enterprise as a Skills Trainer and Administrative Aide for 3 years. While at Pioneer Guest Home, Sandra obtained her Master's Degree from Capella University in Clinical Psychology with a specialization in Applied Research. In addition to her role as Team Lead, Sandra serves individuals who are placed in her care by the Psychiatric Security Review Board and monitors these individuals closely. Individuals placed in this care have plead guilty except for insanity to a crime that was committed due to their symptoms of a severe and persistent mental illness.



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Sandra reports monthly to the PSRB on how these individuals are doing with the conditions of their release and reports immediately any concerns that may put the individual at risk of further legal issues and monitors behaviors to ensure public safety.

Melani Gregory, LPC

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Melani holds a Masters in Counseling from Southwestern College, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 2001. She has worked as a primary therapist in a juvenile detention center with adolescent male sex offenders, in a residential drug and alcohol detox and treatment center, and a residential treatment center specializing in PTSD, drug and alcohol dependency, codependency, eating disorders, and sex addiction. She has been with Tillamook Family Counseling Center since 2018, where she is an ACT Case Manager, ENCC, and clinician for Ivy Avenue Wellness Center, a behavioral health program for pain management. She is also studying yoga as a tool to increase the effectiveness of trauma therapy. Her experience includes individual and group therapy, assessment and treatment planning, case management, crisis work, and CHOICE program management.

Heidi Herinckx, MS

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Heidi Herinckx has been the Director of the Oregon Center of Excellence for Assertive Community Treatment (OCEACT), since its inception in 2013. Heidi has over 20 years experience helping mental health programs implement and evaluate evidence based mental health services. Prior to OCEACT, Heidi was a mental health researcher at the Regional Research Institute at Portland State University for 18 years. Her work focused on advancing and improving mental health care and community-based services. Heidi's areas of expertise include Assertive Community Treatment, the IPS model of supported employment, strengths based case management, the Matrix model for methamphetamine use disorder, mental health courts, therapeutic jurisprudence, peer delivered services, and person-centered service design. Going back to 1995, Heidi had the pleasure of implementing two of the first ACT programs in Oregon through a randomized clinical trial of ACT services funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in Multnomah and Washington counties. Since then, Heidi has partnered with multiple community mental health agencies in Oregon and Washington State to implement ACT and other evidence based practices to improve the lives of individuals living with mental health diagnoses.



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Heather began working as a Certified Peer Support Specialist on the ACT team at Coos Health and Wellness in 2016. She recently became certified as a QMHA. Heather was born and raised in Coos Bay Oregon. She has six children and nine grandchildren, with one more on the way. Heather enjoys spending time with her family. She also enjoys going to the beach and camping during the summer.

Trish Jordan, MA, CRC

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Trish is the ACT Lead for Coos Health and Wellness and has been working for the agency for the last 22 years. In the past, Trish worked for Coos Health and Wellness as a case manager and Enhanced Needs Care Coordinator. Prior to her work in the mental health field, she helped individuals with Developmental Disabilities and worked at a plywood mill. Trish received her bachelor's degree in Psychology and Deafness from Western Oregon University, her master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from Assumption College and is currently a Certified Rehabilitation counselor and Licensed Professional Counselor intern. Trish lives in the country with her husband and teenage son. She enjoys spending time with her family, hanging out with the family's pet sheep, and photography.

Alyssa Kerlinger, BS

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Alyssa Kerlinger has a BS in Sociology with certificates in applied social research and nonprofit management from Southern Oregon University. Alyssa has had the opportunity to participate in several research projects including Southern Oregon University's student retention study, the Jackson County Health and Human Services' Standardized Tobacco Assessment for Retail Settings, and co-editing a report on Food Assessment Research conducted in Southern Oregon food banks. She has worked in the mental health field since 2016, beginning as an Education Specialist for the Supported Employment team in Jackson County. In 2017, Alyssa joined the Oregon Center of Excellence for Assertive Community Treatment (OCEACT) team as the Research Associate. In this new role, Alyssa helped implement the Oregon ACT Database where Oregon ACT teams can enter quarterly ACT data on referrals, ACT client information, and ACT client outcomes as required by the Oregon Health Authority. Alyssa continues to train Oregon ACT teams to utilize the online Oregon ACT Database for quarterly ACT reporting.



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Alyssa also just completed a year long program evaluation of Oregon ACT teams, interviewing ACT participants, ACT team leaders, and community stakeholders ACT teams coordinate services with in the community. Alyssa is excited to present on some of these findings at the 2019 OCEACT conference.

Christina Lindsey, PSS, QMHA

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Christina is the newest Statewide Trainer for OCEACT. Christina graduated from the University of Oregon with a BA in Psychology. In 2012, Christina began working in the mental health field when she was placed on an ACT Team in Arizona as a “Floating Case Manager”. This temporary post soon became permanent and she quickly found that she was learning the skills needed to better manage her own mental illness. Christina moved back to Oregon in 2013, and started working for Laurel Hill Center as the Peer Support Specialist for their ACT team in 2014. Christina began working with OCEACT in 2018.

Dr. John Mahan, MD

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Dr. John Mahan, MD is an Addiction Psychiatrist, an ACT Physician, and the Psychiatric Medical Director of Jackson County Mental Health in Medford, Oregon. Following a degree in Medicine at the Oregon Health & Science University, he completed a Psychiatry Residency training and a one-year fellowship in Addiction Psychiatry at the University of Utah. Dr. Mahan has been named a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and the American Society of Addiction Medicine and is the 2017-2018 President of the Oregon Chapter of the American Society of Addiction Medicine. He is a tele-health lecturer for OHSU’s Project ECHO for Addiction Medicine, facilitates the Southern Oregon Addiction Medicine Journal Club, and is a lecturer and steering committee member for Oregon Pain Guidance.



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Linda Malenowsky began her nursing career in 1982 and has worked in a variety of positions including long-term care, inpatient medical, field supervisor in home health, occupational health nursing, and hospice care. She, however, always found her way back to psychiatric nursing, and ultimately specialized in the field beginning in 1988. Over the past decades, Linda has garnered years of psychiatric nursing experience working with a wide variety of patients in many different settings. She worked as both a staff and charge nurse at a behavioral health unit in Missoula, Montana, a nurse manager at an adolescent residential treatment facility in Billings Montana, a charge nurse at inpatient adult and adolescent units in Billings Montana, a staff nurse with Justice Community Triage in Portland, OR, and most recently as the nursing coordinator for Telecare ACT in Gresham, OR. Linda has climbed the professional education ladder starting as an LPN in 1982, graduating as an ADSN from University of the State of New York in 1988, and ultimately completing her baccalaureate in 2014 from the University of Phoenix. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and credentialed in psychiatric-mental health nursing through ANCC. She brings with her a dedication to the specialty and a passion for ACT nursing.

Kelly Manz, RN

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Kelly Manz began her nursing career in 2011 after receiving her BSN through the Accelerated RN Program at South Dakota State University. She worked in Pediatrics at Sanford Children's Hospital & Specialty Clinic for four years, then transitioned to psychiatric nursing at Avera Behavioral Health Hospital. In 2017 Manz began travel nursing, taking assignments in Arizona and California, with a majority of time spent in the Behavioral Health Emergency Department at Phoenix Children's Hospital. She and her family fell in love with the Pacific Coast, moving to Coos County in October 2018. After a brief time as a Home Visiting RN, Manz is now working as a Psychiatric RN at Coos Health & Wellness. Though new to the ACT team, Kelly is enjoying learning from her team members and building rapport with the clients. She is currently working to obtain her PMHN and QMHP certifications and hopes to return to school for her Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner degree in the near future.

Anna Mapes, RN

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Anna Mapes is a Registered Nurse. She has worked at Oregon Health and Science University for over ten years in both the Adult and Pediatric Emergency Departments. Outside of her Emergency Department work, she has worked abroad with organizations such as Doctors Without Borders and Operation Smile in countries such as Uganda, South Sudan, India, Nicaragua and Ecuador. At Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness, Anna is a part of the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team and has a focus on assisting clients in navigating the medical system, understanding their medications and monitoring for medication side effects. She wants to support people in discovering what a healthy life looks like for them. Anna also works on a team for Early Assessment and Support Alliance (EASA) wherein they aim to support young folks, families and communities of young folks experiencing psychosis for the first time.

Jamie Niemi, MSW, QMHA

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Jamie is currently working on her MSW and attends Portland State University. She received her BA from George Fox University. She has worked in the health field and has worked as a nurse. "The most enjoyable part of my job is watching people achieve things they didn't think were possible. I think it is amazing to watch someone become confident and feel good about themselves". Jamie takes care of herself by being with friends and doing things outdoors. She loves riding ATV's, hunting and fishing.

Eva Oveson, QMHA

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Eva is one of the Assertive Community Treatment Case Managers and has been with the organization for 12 years. Eva's earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Pierce College in Los Angeles and Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton. Her years of experience with the organization include working as the Administrator at Wallowa River House for 5 years and currently as Case Manager with the Assertive Community Treatment Team.



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With almost too much “lived experience” which turns out to be just the right amount as a Peer Specialist, I have a lot of education from the several decades in recovery, and decades employed in the private sector. Then one day, a job called Peer Specialist caught my attention and my recovery and lived experience in combination with a few other things became a job description. I’ve been a Peer on the ACT Team with Deschutes County for 5 years. I am also on the Oregon Consumer Advisory Council which is under The Oregon Health Authority, Health Policy and Analytics Division.

Michael Oyster, LPC, CADC III

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Michael Oyster is a Licensed Professional Counselor and a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, working in the field of treatment and counseling since 1988. He received his BS degree in Psychology from Oregon State University in 1990 and his MA in Counseling Psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute in 1998. He began working in community mental health and substance abuse services, serving children, adolescents, and adults as a therapist, clinical supervisor, program manager and clinical director. Michael has worked in system building since 2011, within a behavioral health organization and a coordinated care organization, and then for the last 5 years at the Oregon Health Authority. Michael is the lead of the Choice Model team and oversees 18 contracts of local Choice Model Coordinators serving every region throughout the state. He also coordinates Assertive Community Treatment Services statewide through being the contract administrator for the Oregon Center of Excellence for Assertive Community Treatment. Michael’s orientation to this population is through facilitating after-hours crisis services for over 10 years, conducting civil commitment investigations and helping to re-establish patients from the Oregon State Hospital back into the community. Michael was also a part of implementing the Children Mental Health Initiative in the early 2000’s which is remarkably similar to the community emphasis now in the adult population.

Michele Riggs, LCSW

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Michele earned her MSW from UNLV, Nevada in 2011. She worked in outpatient behavioral health in Klamath Falls from 2011-2013. She also has her pre-commitment certification. She has worked as a psychiatric social worker at OSH, working on the civil commitment units for 1 year. She was the program manager for the Community Support Services Program with Lutheran Community Services, and currently is the ACT team lead with Tillamook Family Counseling since 2017. Michele has experience with crisis, civil commitment hearings, SPMI individuals, skills training, case management, ENCC duties, assessment and treatment planning, and individual and group therapy.

Kelsey Sandage, OTD, OTR/L, QMHP

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Kelsey Sandage graduated with a Doctor of Occupational Therapy Degree from Pacific University of Oregon. In August 2018, she began her occupational therapy career at Yamhill County Health & Human Services with the Early Assessment Support Alliance and Abacus programs working with transitional age youth and adults experiencing serious mental health challenges. Kelsey is passionate about working alongside underserved individuals and communities to reduce barriers and increase access to mental health care.

Lisa M. Schiro, MA

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Lisa began her professional work experience in mental health in 2004 as a Behavior Interventionist and Special Education Teacher. In 2006, Lisa transitioned into the role of Consumer Services Coordinator and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. In 2011, Lisa relocated to Oregon and worked as a Vocational Trainer/Like Skills Coach/Youth Treatment Specialist. Lisa has been an Employment Specialist for Yamhill County since 2014 and on the ACT team for the past 3 years.



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Courtney Szper, BSN, RN

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Courtney Szper graduated cum laude from the University of Portland in August of 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Courtney was inducted into the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta International where she serves as a Governance Committee Member. She was awarded the Iva Bratton French Winkel Award in recognition of her professional potential, strength in the art of nursing, commitment to social justice and aspiration to help underserved populations. Courtney currently works as an ACT nurse on Telecare's Assertive Community Treatment team serving Multnomah County, Oregon. She brings with her a fresh perspective and energy around this exciting field.

Krystine Valle, PSS,

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Krystine became a Certified Mental Health Peer Support Specialist with Tillamook Family Counseling Center in 2018. She came to Tillamook from the Portland area in 2016, after the toxicity of her home life caused her to lose her job and the family home all in the same month. At this point the domestic violence and substance abuse she had been struggling with for 10 years continued to escalate. While hiking the sand Dune at Cape Kwanada she found clarity after reaching the top in that moment she decided her life had to change. She spent the next two years escaping domestic violence, rebuilding her home and sense of self. Krystine identifies as a Mental Health Consumer who challenges herself to find her new normal while struggling with PTSD, Anxiety, Depression, and ADHD. For Krystine, stagnation is no longer an option on her recovery journey. Krystine says that she is grateful to have found a way to cultivate so much good out of such a destructive time in her life.



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John is one of the psychiatric providers at Coos Health & Wellness and began his practice in September of 2015. He conducts psychiatric assessments, prescribes psychotropic medications, and provides psychotherapy as well. He is the ACT team provider, and also works with the Coos Health and Wellness Forensics Team as a provider. Prior to his work as a psychiatric nurse practitioner, he worked as a psychiatric RN at the clinic. John has degrees in nursing and psychology and is currently pursuing a PhD in forensic psychology. He lives in the community with his wife of nearly 35 years and enjoys the company of their nine children, 21 grandchildren, four chickens, and a cat with PTSD. Prior to his work in psychiatric nursing, John worked on the Acute Care Unit at Lower Umpqua Hospital in Reedsport, OR. He also served as a sworn reserve police officer for the cities of Myrtle Creek and Oakridge, and served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Postdoctoral interests include teaching, trial consulting, psychological autopsies and coordinating with local law enforcement agencies in support roles.

Derek Weaver, PSS

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My name is Derek Weaver; I have been a Peer Support Specialist for 4 years, 3 of which have been with Deschutes County. Prior to working with the county, I worked for Community Connections, a troubled youth focused program in Southeast Alaska. Currently, I work for the Deschutes County ACT team, but I have worked on a different team within the county that primarily focused on supporting clients with their physical health. As for education, I am still currently working on my BA in psychology and plan to finish some time before I grow old and die.



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Erin Kinavey Wennerstrom, M.Ed., IMH-E® has worked in various capacities in the field of early childhood for over 20 years. She has worked as a Head Start coordinator, early intervention home visitor, program administrator in child welfare, lecturer and mental health clinician. Erin has graduate training and certification in early childhood special education and is currently pursuing licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC). Erin is a third year doctoral student in Special Education - Early Childhood Special Education at the University of Oregon. Erin has recently co-authored an article on Secondary Traumatic Stress (Kinavey Wennerstrom, Stegeng & Lund, 2018) and is pursuing research across the areas of teacher preparation, social and emotional intervention and implementation science. Erin lives in Eugene with her husband, son and dogs.

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Renee Yandel has been with the HIV Alliance since beginning as a volunteer in 1999. Prior to her appointment as Executive Director in 2015, Yandel worked with the agency as Program Director, Housing Coordinator, Client Services Director, and Case Manager. As Program Director, Yandel oversaw: 1) the development of an innovative dental program that now provides low-cost comprehensive dental services to people living with HIV/AIDS in twenty-one counties in Oregon, 2) a groundbreaking pharmaceutical program for people living with HIV/AIDS, and 3) a Hepatitis C prevention and care program in Lane County. In this position, Yandel was also responsible for the education, prevention, and care programs which made up roughly 90% of the agency's revenue, staff and activities. Yandel has been with the agency since it only served one county, and played a key role in expanding the agency's care coordination and nursing case management program for people living with HIV/AIDS to twelve additional counties in Oregon.

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