

Meet NASCSA'S Officers and Executive Committee 2011-2012

Grant Carrow, Ph.D., is Director of the Drug Control Program (DCP) in the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), a position in which he has served since 1993. DCP enforces the Commonwealth's Controlled Substances Act by setting standards and conducting regulatory oversight activities with respect to the control of manufacture, distribution, prescribing, dispensing and administration of pharmaceuticals. Dr. Carrow also serves as Director of Research and Development for the MDPH Bureau of Health Care Safety and Quality, which assures the quality and safety of, and access to, health care services in Massachusetts. As part of his responsibilities, Dr. Carrow serves as Principal Investigator on a research grant on electronic prescribing of controlled substances from the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and on enhancement grants for the Prescription Monitoring Program from the U.S. Department of Justice. Prior to joining MDPH in 1992, Dr. Carrow served as a Senior Health Policy Advisor in the Health Office of the U.S. Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources. He is a graduate of Cornell University and received his doctorate in Cellular and Developmental Biology from Harvard University.

Margaret Clifford is currently the Chief Compliance Investigator for the NH Board of Pharmacy, where she is responsible for supervising the Board's Compliance Unit. Prior to working for the Board Peg worked for the Office of Medicaid Business and Policy as a Pharmaceutical Services Specialist and as the Medicaid Pharmacy Administrator. In January 2010 Peg was appointed to serve on the NH Drug Utilization Review Board by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services. She is a 1989 graduate of the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy.

Brian Howes received a Master's degree in Business Organizational Management from the University of LaVerne in 1998. Brian worked for several years as a police officer before becoming an investigator for the State of Alaska's Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing in 1998. The Division is an umbrella agency comprising of 42+ professions. Brian currently serves as a Division Senior Investigator and Program Manager for Alaska's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

Mark Keeley is an Ohio native and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of Toledo. Mark worked in hospital, retail, and home infusion pharmacy settings until 1993 when he became a Compliance Specialist for the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy. As a Compliance Specialist he enforced the drug laws of Ohio by conducting administrative and criminal investigations and inspections of licensed sites. In 2000, Mark was promoted to Legislative Affairs Administrator at the Board. His duties include monitoring, evaluating and recommending the Board's response to proposed federal and state legislation and rules. Additionally, he is responsible for the administrative rule and exam processes, grant research and writing, and supervising the fiscal and drug information departments of the Board office.

Kathy Keough is Executive Director of the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA), having served in that capacity for the past seven years. Prior to that she served as President of NASCSA and had several leadership positions in the organization. Ms. Keough has nearly 25 years of experience in the health care industry, specifically in the areas of health care policy and related regulatory issues. She has held a variety of public policy positions in the private sector as well as the public sector, having worked at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health where she held a variety of policy positions. A graduate of Suffolk University, where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism, Ms. Keough received her Master's Degree from the McCormick Institute of Public Policy from the University of Massachusetts in Boston. She currently serves as a member of the Massachusetts Pharmacists Association Board of Directors and was the recipient of the "Pharmacist of the Year" Award from that organization in 2007 and is involved with a number of charitable organizations.

Ronald Klein is Executive Director of the Montana Board of Pharmacy, a position he has held since 2007. In his position, Mr. Klein oversees the day to day operation of the board office, pharmacy inspection process, and professional discipline process. He provides information on state regulatory requirements and provides education and outreach regarding the procedures, policies, and objectives of the board and its programs. As part of his responsibilities, he works with legislative committees regarding the statutes, rules, regulations and policies related to the pharmacy profession. Mr. Klein coordinates cooperation between federal agencies, other professional licensing boards, schools of pharmacy and pharmacy associations in their interactions with the board of pharmacy. Prior to his present position, Mr. Klein served 19 years as inspector and Chief

Inspector for the Nebraska Board of Pharmacy, where he performed inspections of pharmacies and other health care facilities, and worked closely with DEA and FDA on investigations. Previous to his service with the Nebraska board, Mr. Klein managed both institution and community pharmacies. He is a 1981 graduate of St. John's University College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions where he earned his Master of Science in Pharmacy Administration degree, and a 1978 graduate of the Creighton University School of Pharmacy (Omaha, NE). Mr. Klein also completed a hospital pharmacy residency. He is a currently licensed pharmacist and is a member of several professional associations related to pharmacy.

Christina Morris is currently serving as the Director for the Kansas Prescription Monitoring Program (K-TRACS) and has held this position full time since February 2010. She is responsible for administering the K-TRACS program for the Kansas Board of Pharmacy to include federal grant management, education and outreach, and the operation and enhancement of the program. Prior to taking this position she served as Assistant Director of the Kansas Board of Pharmacy. Christina received her B.B.A. in Business Management in 2005 from Washburn University, Topeka, KS., and her Juris Doctor degree from Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, KS in May 2008. She has been a member of the Kansas Bar and the Bar of the United States District Court for the District of Kansas since 2008. She serves as a member on the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities, serves on the National Board of Pharmacy PMP Interconnect Steering Committee, and serves on the Policy and Procedures and Education and Training Subcommittees for the Kansas Health Information Exchange.

Ralph Orr is currently serving as the Program Manager for Virginia's Prescription Monitoring Program and has held this position full time since July 2005. He is responsible for administering the prescription monitoring program for the Department of Health Professions to include federal grant management, contract oversight and the operation and expansion of the program. Prior to taking this position he served as Deputy Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy. His responsibilities with the Board included the inspection program, licensure program, innovative and robotic program management and public information services. He is retired from the United States Army after more than 22 years of service. Mr. Orr received his B.S. in Public Administration from Brenau College, Gainesville, Georgia, is a 2002 graduate of the Commonwealth Management Institute and a 2006 graduate of the Advanced Management Institute. He serves as a member on the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities and is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit.

Dean Wright holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy. Dean worked in retail and long-term care pharmacy setting until 1991 when he became a Compliance Officer for the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy. As a Compliance Officer, he conducted compliance visits at regulated facilities, investigated complaints and violations of state and federal drug laws. In 1994, in addition to his regular duties, Dean became the Board's rule writer. In August 2007, he left compliance and moved into the Board office to become the Director of the Board's Prescription Monitoring Program.