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Speaker Biographies

Stella Bailey

Stella Bailey oversees the function and strategic priorities of the North Carolina's DHHS Justice Systems Innovation Section, situated in the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services. Stella has an MSc in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and was a Fellow of the UK's Royal Society for Public Health from 2016 to 2020. Before returning to the US in 2019, Stella provided strategic leadership in substance misuse prevention and community safety to local government. Stella is well versed in navigating competing demands of innovations in health and data technology, with existing legislative requirements to address complex issues resulting in successful policies to improve pathways to services for excluded adults. As Section Chief of the Justice Systems Innovation Section, Stella is at the helm of North Carolina's Drug Control Unit, driving system improvements in the state's response to controlled substances regulations and diversion prevention. Stella has been a member of NASCSA since October 2019, and a member of the Controlled Substances Committee since 2020.

Sean Belouin

CAPT Belouin currently serves in SAMHSA as a Senior Science Policy Advisor spearheading a battery of emerging issues SAMHSA must navigate moving forward by collectively and collaboratively engaging with other vested stakeholders. Crucially, this involves emerging therapeutic healing modalities that encompass identifying, developing, and implementing programmatic policy initiatives that are driven by evidence-based science, where the intervention from these initiatives are targeted at impacting the unmet needs for serious mental health disorders where current evidence based prevention and treatment programs have been exhausted. Throughout his professional career, CAPT Belouin has received numerous individual and service awards for his accomplishments and contributions, from the USPHS, US Army, US Navy, as well as numerous civilian awards from DHHS, FDA, SAMHSA, and other government and non-government agencies, including those from community-based outreach organizations.

Sarah Boblenz

DEA Policy Analyst Sarah Boblenz is an Iowa native and started her career with DEA in 2003. For the first 18 years she worked as a Diversion Investigator and conducted field investigations in Des Moines, Iowa; Knoxville, Tennessee; and New Delhi, India. She supervised a group in Des Moines, Iowa and was the Omaha Field Division's Program Manager where she oversaw inspections relating to the recordkeeping and security of controlled substances. She coordinated major criminal and civil investigations relating to the diversion of controlled substances, and maintained relationships with state regulatory boards, federal agencies, and with state and local law enforcement agencies.

Ms. Boblenz is currently assigned to the Policy Section at DEA Headquarters. This unit deals with complex regulatory questions surrounding the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, and disposal of controlled substances and listed chemicals. In addition to responding to inquiries, her other projects entail working with practitioners to expand medication assisted treatment, and drafting and editing external facing manuals that are published on DEA's website.

Claire Brennan

Claire Brennan is a Diversion Investigator for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) who is currently the Chief of the Liaison Section for the Diversion Control Division in Arlington, VA. In this role, Ms. Brennan is responsible for

the Liaison Section, ensuring that program objectives are met and acts as a liaison with DEA registrants and other partners in the prevention of diversion of controlled substances. Ms. Brennan has been employed with the DEA for 26 years and throughout her career has worked in the New Jersey, Seattle, and New England Division Offices as a Diversion Investigator, Diversion Group Supervisor, and Diversion Program Manager, respectively. Ms. Brennan holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Scranton.

Paula Broome, J.D.

Paula Broome is the Director of Training for the Children's Advocacy Centers of MS where she develops, coordinates and provides training to professionals on child abuse and other crimes against children. She retired from the MS Attorney General's Office in 2021 after 17 years as a Special Assistant Attorney General where she developed and conducted statewide training for various professionals on a variety of legal topics such as domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, crimes against children, report writing and courtroom testimony. Paula has also provided educational seminars both nationally and internationally for numerous groups and conferences. She serves as a faculty member for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Course, the Child First course on forensic interviewing and the Interdiction for the Protection of Children course. In 2016, the American Bar Association, Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence selected Paula as the recipient of the 2016 "Sharon Corbitt Award," which recognizes outstanding contributions by an attorney in the field of domestic violence. In 2017, the International Association of Forensic Nurses presented Paula with the Patron of the Year award, which recognizes a non-nurse who has contributed significantly to the advancement, growth, and success of forensic nursing. Paula has both prosecution and civil litigation experience. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology from Millsaps College, a Master of Science degree in criminal justice from Northeastern University and a Juris Doctorate from MS College School of Law.

Kay Doyle

Kay Doyle is the Director of U.S. Public Policy & Public Affairs for Greenwich Biosciences, a part of Jazz Pharmaceuticals. Kay was one of the inaugural Cannabis Control Commissioners for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, charged with implementing the programs for adult use and medical use of cannabis. Kay also served as the primary counsel for the Medical Use of Marijuana Program, Food Protection Program and Tobacco Control Program for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. She has also taught Marijuana Policy & Law as an adjunct professor for the New England School of Law. Prior to public service, Kay practiced land use and civil rights law, litigating in state and federal trial and appellate courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

Deneen Fumich

Deneen Fumich is the Director of Strategic Affairs for Pharma Solutions USA, Inc. heading industry and regulatory agency relations, partnerships and solution development. Prior to Pharma Solutions role, she has spent the last 16 years as the Senior Manager of Distribution Compliance at Viatris (fka Mylan) developing, leading and managing over 400 state licenses including DDA accreditation, developed a state compliance reporting processes, developed strategic timelines for state licensing during decommissioning, acquisitions and integration initiatives, and assisted with Suspicious Order Monitoring. Prior to Viatris, Deneen spent 13 years as PIC for a major retail chain pharmacy, Rite Aid. A graduate of West Virginia University School of Pharmacy obtaining her WV Pharmacist license in 1993.

John Gilbert

John A. Gilbert, Jr. counsels and advises clients on legal and regulatory issues involving controlled substances, prescription drugs, and precursor chemicals. His expertise extends to international, federal and state laws and regulations governing the scheduling, manufacturing, distribution, dispensing, import and export of controlled

substances drugs and precursor chemicals. Mr. Gilbert has advised numerous companies at all levels of the drug supply chain on legal, regulatory and enforcement matters involving the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) and state laws governing controlled substances and precursor chemicals. Mr. Gilbert frequently conducts investigations and inspections related to compliance with federal and state laws and has handled numerous civil litigation matters involving violations of federal and state laws including actions before the DEA Office of Administrative Law Judges and civil actions initiated by U.S. Attorney Offices in federal court.

Mr. Gilbert has extensive experience in scheduling and regulation of controlled substances under the international drug control treaties and issues related to the United Nations Drug Control Program. He has advised and represented clients on matters related to the World Health Organization's Expert Committee on Drug Dependence, the International Narcotics Control Board and the U.N. Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

Mr. Gilbert also advises clients on compliance with federal and state requirements on licensing, pedigree, track and trace, and drug sampling requirements, including regulations associated with the Drug Quality and Security Act.

Before joining the firm in 1995, Mr., Gilbert was an attorney in the DEA's Office of Chief Counsel, Diversion/Regulatory Section. He also served as law clerk to the DEA's Chief Administrative Law Judge as part of the U.S. Department of Justice's Honors Program.

Rodrick Marriott

Rodrick Marriott currently serves as the Director of the Connecticut Drug Control Division at the Department of Consumer Protection, and is the youngest person ever to serve in that role. Prior to his time as director, Rodrick was a Drug Control Agent with the state for nearly 10 years, and practiced pharmacy from 2004 to 2008. Rodrick graduated from Northeastern University with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2004 and lives in Cheshire Connecticut wife his wife and two small children.

Alan McGill

Alan McGill is a Senior Supervisory Special Agent with the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General and currently assigned to the Office of Public Engagement. Agent McGill has been a professional investigator for over 35 years with 27 years in law enforcement. He served nearly 20 years at the Bureaus of Narcotics Investigation and Drug Control with his previous assignment being a Street Supervisor and Drug Diversion Unit Supervisor. He also served as an Undercover Narcotics Agent, Drug Task Force Coordinator, Drug Diversion Agent, Computer Voice Stress Analyst, PDMP BNI Statewide Supervisor, Clandestine Laboratory Enforcement Program member and an "A" and "B" Technician installing wiretap equipment. Although Agent McGill's undercover experience is extensive, he is best known as a subject matter expert in Drug Diversion and is court qualified as an expert. Agent McGill routinely conducts Drug Diversion presentations and trainings for practitioners and law enforcement in Pennsylvania. Agent McGill also conducts drug diversion lectures at over 25 university practitioner programs in Pennsylvania and is a national speaker on the subject. In addition to conducting training lectures, Agent McGill also authored an article published in The Keystone Veterinary Magazine on Drug Diversion in veterinary practices and he has hosted podcasts for the Office of Attorney General that can be found on the Pennsylvania Attorney General website. Agent McGill joined NASCSA (National Association of State Controlled Substance Authorities) in 2014 serving on various committees including co-chairing the Education Committee and chairing the Executive Committee. In 2021 he was elected President of NASCSA. He also created The NASCSA Podcast and is the current producer and host.

Machelle Neal

Machelle Neal holds the position of Principal, Regulatory Consulting Services for IQVIA U.S. Compliance Solutions Group (formerly BuzzeoPDMA). Ms. Neal currently manages and oversees the US Compliance Regulatory Consulting Group and provides subject matter expertise to the industry and the health care community in the areas of the Controlled Substance Act, Prescription Drug Marketing Act and more specifically, state pharmacy and wholesale distribution regulatory issues.

With over 28 years of pharmacy operational and regulatory compliance experience in the healthcare industry, Ms. Neal assists clients with the development and maintenance of programs for pharmacy regulatory compliance, diversion surveillance and prevention, state and federal pharmacy and wholesale distribution licensing and regulatory determinations, and provides regulatory and operational training specific to these areas. Prior to this position, Ms. Neal was Compliance Director of State and Compliance Services, where she was responsible for the regulatory review and auditing functions of our consulting staff, and for the management of our regulatory research, state survey, and licensing departments. Previously, she held the position of Director, State Liaison for the company where she managed the company's federal and state regulatory research programs and established ongoing professional relationships with the federal and state offices, providing clients with a resource as liaison to federal and state agencies.
Prior to joining BuzzeoPDMA, Ms. Neal was employed as Compliance Manager, Regulatory Compliance by Omnicare, Inc., the nation's largest professional pharmacy related consulting and data management services for long-term care. Ms. Neal was responsible for the development of the company's regulatory compliance program and was responsible for the day-to-day regulatory oversight of approximately 230 institutional pharmacies nationwide. Prior to her position as Manager, Regulatory Compliance, Ms. Neal held the position of Manager, Corporate Communications with Omnicare where she was responsible for the management of the company's shareholder services, sales and marketing development, implementation, and training resources.
Ms. Neal graduated Cum Laude from Cincinnati State College, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sidney Seal

Sidney "Sid" Seal, R.Ph., Oxford, MS., B.S. Pharmacy 1985, University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy; 1985-2011, Super D/USA Drugs, Pharmacist, PIC, District Supervisory positions; 2011-present, Mississippi Board of Pharmacy, Sr. Compliance Agent, Pharmacy regulatory/Drug Diversion/Fraud cases with MS Bureau of Narcotics, Medicaid, MS AGO, DEA, and FBI; 2014-2017, Secretary MS Chapter of NADDI (Nat'l Assn of Drug Diversion Investigators), Mississippi Opioid and Addiction Town Hall Meetings, Speaker/Presenter, Avid college sports fan, music aficionado, and collector of signed first addition books; Proud husband, father, and grandfather.

Mary-Lou Schoonover

Mary-Lou Schoonover currently serves as the Customer Due Diligence and State Licensing Manager for Par Pharmaceuticals, Inc., an Endo owned company. She is responsible for the licensing of all the Par/Endo entities as well as the DEA Suspicious Order Monitoring/Customer Due Diligence program. Mary-Lou has over 20 years of combined experience between PDMA and DEA compliance in the pharmaceutical industry. She has work for MedPro Systems, Allergan (formerly Actavis), Reckitt Benckiser and lastly, the United States Pharmacopeia. Considered a subject matter expert in State Licensing, PDMA and DEA Compliance, Mary-Lou attributes her wealth of knowledge and success to the many folks she has worked with. She has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Management from Centenary University and; is a graduate of the National Academy of Paralegal Studies. Mary-Lou is a Certified Corporate Paralegal. She has served as an industry volunteer on several committees at NASCSA for many years. Mary-Lou has also presented at NASCSA and other industry conferences. She is a member of or affiliated with NASCSA, NADDI and IQVIA. In her spare time, Mary-Lou volunteers for the Center for Prevention in Sussex County, NJ.

Sumeet Singh founded Pharma Solutions in October 2015 and, as CEO, is responsible for leading the development and implementation of the company's strategic vision. Sumeet is a thought leader in the space, having been invited to educate state regulatory agencies, published in trade publications including Pharmaceutical Commerce and Pharmacy Times, and invited to speak at multiple industry events including ACI's Controlled Substances Summit, IQPC's Pharmaceutical Traceability Forum, the PBOA's Annual Meeting & Conference, and Chain76.

Travis Butchello

Travis Butchello serves as Director of State Government Affairs for the Healthcare Distribution Alliance ("HDA") where he is responsible for all advocacy before state governments in ten states. HDA serves as the national trade

association for pharmaceutical wholesale distributors – the vital link between the nation's pharmaceutical manufacturers and pharmacies, hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, and others nationwide. HDA members include national, regional and specialty primary distribution companies who are not just distributors, but are technology innovators, information management experts, security specialists and efficiency professionals.

Before joining HDA, Travis served most recently as Senior Policy Officer and Legal Counsel for the Ohio House of Representatives where he was responsible for the development and implementation of all health and human services policy for the Speaker. Prior to that, he served as a Regulatory Policy Advisor in the Kasich Administration where he coordinated administrative rule review and development for all HHS agencies, boards, and commissions.