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# NAAC Chair John Duval, MBA, FACHE

Senior Scholar

Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education

John Duval is the former Chief Executive Officer of Virginia Commonwealth University Hospitals and Clinics of the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System in Richmond, Virginia and Vice President for Clinical Services for Virginia Commonwealth University. As former CEO of this three hospital, 1,126 bed system, including more than 700 faculty and 705 resident physicians, he oversaw the day-to-day activities of the academic medical center. His responsibilities included overall responsibility for the hospital and clinics strategic planning, patient experience, quality and safety, performance management and improvement, financial management, workforce development and community outreach.



Mr. Duval currently serves as a Senior Scholar in Residence for the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. He also serves on the National Academic Affiliation Council of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Mr. Duval earned his BS in biological sciences from the University of California Irvine in 1976 and earned his Master's Degree in Business Administration from the same institution in 1981. Prior to joining Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, he served as Chief Operating Officer of University Medical Center in Tucson, Arizona. Prior to joining University Medical Center, he served in executive leadership roles at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and the University of California, Irvine Medical Center.

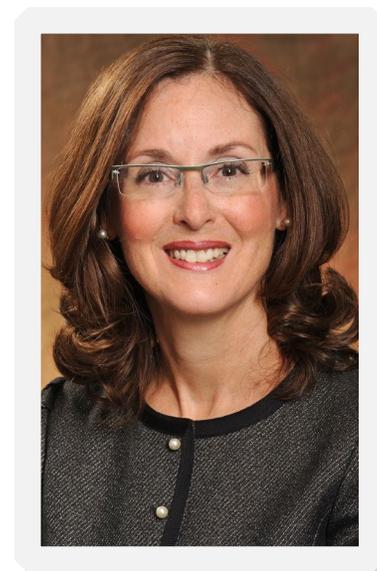
Mr. Duval served on the Boards of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) as chair, and was a member of the Richmond Industry Roundtable of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. He is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. Mr. Duval also served on the Board of the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association and is a former member of the Vizient Academic Medical Center Network Board of Managers. He has also served on the Boards of the American Red Cross for the Capital Region, the Valentine Richmond History Center, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Richmond.

# Susan Bakewell-Sachs, PhD, RN, FAAN

Vice President for Nursing Affairs and Dean

Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) School of Nursing

Susan Bakewell-Sachs is Vice President for Nursing Affairs, Professor, and Dean at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) School of Nursing. Dr. Bakewell-Sachs has a clinical background as a pediatric nurse practitioner and is a nationally recognized scholar and clinical expert in the long-term care of medically fragile children, born prematurely. She is also a recognized expert in nursing education, inter-professional education, and academic-practice partnerships, seeking ways to develop and evaluate innovative models of education and practice to prepare health care professionals and improve patient care.



Pennsylvania native, Dr. Bakewell-Sachs received a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Pittsburgh, and a master's degree in perinatal/neonatal nursing, a PhD in nursing and health policy, and a PNP post-master's certificate in pediatric acute/chronic care from the University of Pennsylvania. She was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Executive Nurse Fellow, Cohort 2007, where her leadership development focused on strategic effectiveness and nursing education. Prior to joining OHSU, Dr. Bakewell-Sachs served as Dean and Interim Provost at The College of New Jersey, and also served as the Program Director for the New Jersey Nursing Initiative, an RWJF program aimed at addressing the nurse faculty shortage through new curriculum models, faculty development, and academic-practice partnerships.

Dr. Bakewell-Sachs is an active member and leader in several national nursing organizations, and is currently serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and of the Oregon Action Coalition Steering Committee. Dr. Bakewell-Sachs is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing.

# Saurabha Bhatnagar, MD, FAAPMR

Acting Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health  
Quality, Safety, and Value

Saurabha Bhatnagar was detailed as the Acting Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Quality, Safety, & Value (QSV) effective January 2018.

Since joining the VA in 2014, Dr. Bhatnagar has served as the Deputy Assistant Deputy Undersecretary for Health for QSV, Acting Chief Medical Information Officer EHR Modernization, Innovation Officer at VA Center for Innovation, Acting Deputy Director of Performance Management, and Medical Director of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) / Polytrauma Network site at VA Boston Healthcare, where he has seen Veterans in TBI and Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation clinics. He is responsible for providing national leadership in the formulation and establishment of effective healthcare policies, programs, and operational initiatives that fulfill the VHA mission of providing safe, reliable, and high-quality healthcare for Veterans.



Dr. Bhatnagar, a Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation physician with a Bachelors in Computer Science, is a graduate of The Chicago Medical School-RFUMS and Illinois Institute of Technology (with Honors). He holds an academic appointment at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Bhatnagar has contributed to five academic text books and authored or co-authored more than 20 scholarly journal articles and 5 textbook chapters. He became a Fellow of the American Academy of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (AAPMR) in 2015 and participated in a Lean/Six Sigma Black Belt certificate program in 2015 in VA. Dr. Bhatnagar was named a Leadership Academy Scholar from Illinois Institute of Technology and graduated with a Certificate in Leadership Studies in 2002.

# Marjorie A. Bowman, MD, MPA

Ex-Officio NAAC Member

Chief Academic Affiliations Officer

Office of Academic Affiliations

Veteran Health Administration

Dr. Bowman completed her pre-medical undergraduate training at Penn State University and earned her medical degree from Jefferson Medical College. Following her residency at Duke University Medical Center, she went on to earn her M.P.A. at the University of Southern California and was awarded an honorary M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania.



Certified in Family Medicine and in Preventive Medicine, Dr. Bowman's first position was as a commissioned officer in the US Public Health Service. Her career has spanned decades as teacher, clinician, researcher and leader.

At Georgetown University, she was Assistant Dean and Division Director for Family Medicine. Next, she was Department Chair of Family and Community Medicine at Wake Forest University. She was recruited to the University of Pennsylvania as Professor and Founding Chair, the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, Director of the University's Center for Public Health Initiatives (including a MPH program), and Co-Director of Penn's multidisciplinary Mixed Methods Research Laboratory. She subsequently served as Dean of the Boonshoft School of Medicine, Wright State University.

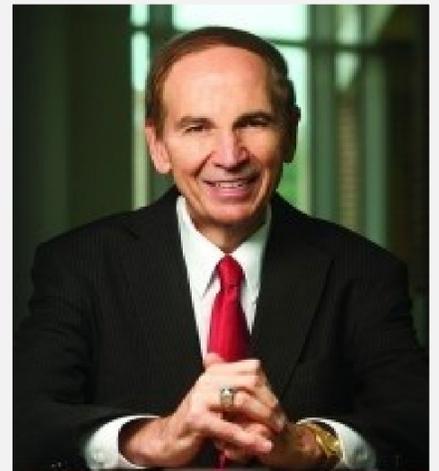
She has served as a consultant to several branches of government and many universities and was a member of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). She also has served as President of both the American Board of Family Medicine and the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine.

Dr. Bowman is widely published in areas of behavior change, health personnel, women's health, and community health (>200 publications). She currently edits the *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine* (read in over 50 countries daily, with 10 million views a year). She is also past editor of the *Journal of Women's Health* and the *Archives of Family Medicine*.

# Thomas A. Cavalieri, DO, FACOI, FACP, AGSF

Dean and Endowed Chair for Primary Care Research and Professor of Medicine Rowan University

Professor of Medicine, Endowed Chair for Primary Care Research and Dean as a geriatric educator and clinician, Dr. Thomas A. Cavalieri has been an advocate for older adults for over 25 years, raising the standard of care for them and achieving national renown in the field of geriatrics. Dr. Cavalieri is currently the Dean of Rowan SOM, a Professor of Medicine, and the Endowed Chair for Primary Care Research. He previously served as the Director of the New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging (formerly the Center for Aging, where he was Founding Director), and Chair of the Department of Medicine.



Serving as Interim Dean for over two years prior to his appointment as permanent Dean in July 2008, Dr. Cavalieri is widely credited with guiding the School through challenging times, and uniting the students, faculty, staff and alumni to achieve consensus and enthusiasm for a reinvigorated values-based culture. In addition to restructuring the school's management team and restoring organizational stability, Dr. Cavalieri energized the diversification of the School's financial base, which led to an infusion of endowment funding, further demonstrating the important role he has played in restoring confidence in the school. As Dean, Dr. Cavalieri is focused on strengthening and expanding medical education programs to meet the need for future physicians; cultivating interprofessional collaboration in health education, research and clinical care; developing Rowan SOM as an academic health center; and building the campus of the future. He also has committed the School to community service as a key part of its mission.

Another priority has been strengthening the School's Centers of Excellence, a task to which Dr. Cavalieri is particularly well-suited. It was as the founding director of the program that would become the N.J. Institute of Successful Aging that Dr. Cavalieri, whose interests include medical ethics and end-of-life issues, assembled a team that developed an array of geriatric clinical programs which are today recognized as being at the forefront of geriatric care within the State of New Jersey and the surrounding Delaware Valley. In addition, Dr. Cavalieri and his team developed educational programs that, for the past 12 years, have been ranked by US News and World Report among the top 20 geriatric medical education programs in the country. In the fall of 2008, they also successfully competed to become one of only ten recipients of the prestigious Donald W. Reynolds Foundation Geriatrics Training Grants, and have just been awarded a competitive grant from the Reynolds Foundation for Phase 2 of the project, focusing on interprofessional education. During his career, Dr. Cavalieri has garnered more than \$16 million in extramural funding for his research and training efforts in aging and

primary care. He is the author of more than 90 peer reviewed journal articles, abstracts and book chapters.

# Arthur Evans, Jr., PhD

Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President, American Psychological Association

Scientist-practitioner, clinical and community psychologist and health care innovator Arthur C. Evans Jr., PhD, is CEO of the American Psychological Association, a post he assumed on March 20, 2017. In this position, he heads the leading scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the United States, with researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants and students as its members.



Before joining APA, Evans spent 12 years as commissioner of Philadelphia's Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disability Service, a \$1.2 billion health care agency that is the behavioral health and intellectual disabilities safety net for 1.5 million Philadelphians. He realigned the agency's treatment philosophy, service delivery models and fiscal policies to improve health outcomes and increase the efficiency of the service system. The transformation of the Philadelphia service system has saved millions of dollars that the city reinvested in other community-based services

Evans has been recognized nationally and internationally for his work in behavioral health care policy and service delivery innovation. In 2015, he was recognized by the White House as an "Advocate for Action" by the Office of National Drug Control Policy. In 2013, he received the American Medical Association's top government service award in healthcare, the Dr. Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Government Service. Evans is also regarded as a strong mental health advocate and was recognized by Faces and Voices of Recovery with the Lisa Mojer-Torres Award. In 2017, he was awarded the Visionary Leadership Award by the National Council of Behavioral Health and inducted into the Florida Atlantic University Alumni Hall of Fame at his alma mater. He has also been recognized as a strong advocate for social justice, having received three different Martin Luther King Jr. awards.

Evans holds faculty appointments at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, Drexel University School of Public Health and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and has held a faculty appointment at the Yale University School of Medicine.

Earlier in his career, Evans was deputy commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services, where he led major strategic initiatives in the state's behavioral health care system. Similar to his work in Philadelphia, he was instrumental in implementing a recovery-oriented policy framework, addressing health care disparities, increasing the use of evidence-based practices and significantly improving community engagement. He also developed a thriving private practice.

Evans is the author or co-author of 40 peer-reviewed research articles and of numerous chapters, reviews and editorials. He is a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of*

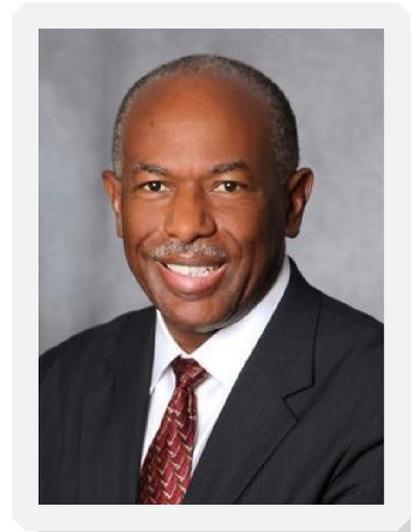
*Substance Abuse Treatment* and a fellow and member of the board of trustees of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

Evans holds a doctorate in clinical/community psychology from the University of Maryland and a master's degree in experimental psychology from Florida Atlantic University, where he also completed his undergraduate work.

# James E. K. Hildreth, PhD, MD

President & Chief Executive Officer  
Meharry Medical College

James E.K. Hildreth, Ph.D., M.D. is the 12th president and chief executive officer of Meharry Medical College, the nation's largest private, independent historically black academic health sciences center. A native of Camden, Arkansas, Dr. Hildreth began his undergraduate studies in 1975 at Harvard University and was selected as the first African-American Rhodes Scholar from Arkansas in 1978. He graduated from Harvard magna cum laude in chemistry in 1979. That fall, Dr. Hildreth enrolled at Oxford University in England, graduating with a Ph.D. in immunology in 1982. At Oxford he studied the biology of cytotoxic T cells with Professor Andrew McMichael and became an expert in monoclonal antibody technology and cell adhesion molecules.



He attended Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, taking a one-year leave of absence from medical school for a postdoctoral fellowship in pharmacology from 1983 to 1984. In 1987, he obtained his M.D. from Johns Hopkins and joined the Hopkins faculty as assistant professor.

In 2002, Dr. Hildreth became the first African American in the 125-year history of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine to earn full professorship with tenure in the basic sciences. In July 2005, Dr. Hildreth became director of the NIH-funded Center for AIDS Health Disparities Research at Meharry Medical College.

In October 2008, he was honored for his contributions to medical science by election to the Institute of Medicine, part of the National Academy of Sciences, the most prestigious biomedical and health policy advisory group in the U.S. In August of 2011, Dr. Hildreth became dean of the College of Biological Sciences at University of California, Davis. He was the first African American dean in the university, which was founded in 1905. He was also appointed as a tenured professor in the Department of Cellular and Molecular Biology as well as professor in the Department of Internal Medicine in the UC Davis School of Medicine.

In May of 2015, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Arkansas. Dr. Hildreth has been inducted into the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame and the Johns Hopkins University Society of Scholars. He currently serves on the Harvard University Board of Overseers. In 2016, he received the Champions of Health Award from the National Medical Fellowship. In May 2017, Dr. Hildreth was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and in August, he received the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award presented by the Boy Scouts of America.

Dr. Hildreth serves on the following boards: Nashville Health Governing Board, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Graduate School of Bi-

# Wendell E. Jones, MD, MBA, FACP

Ex-Officio NAAC Member

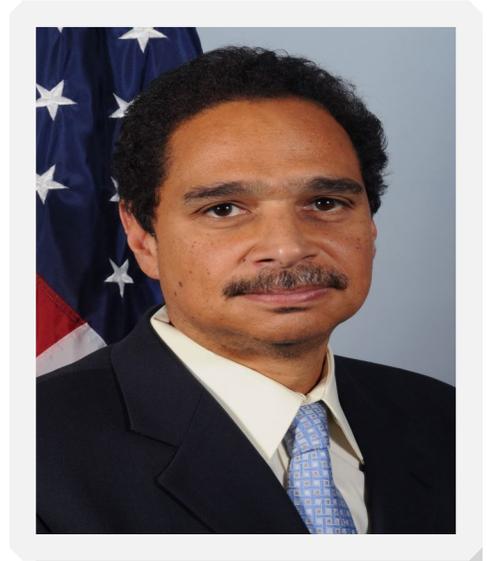
Chief Medical Officer

VA Heart of Texas Health Care Network

Department of Veterans Affairs

Dr. Wendell Jones is the Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Network Director for Clinical Services at the Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) No. 17 in Arlington, TX. He directs all clinical activities at seven VA healthcare facilities in Texas.

Dr. Jones received his Bachelor of Science in 1980 from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, and received his medical degree from Morehouse School of Medicine in 1985. He completed his Internal Medicine Residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida in 1988. He worked as a staff physician at the Miami VA Medical Center and as an Emergency Care physician at two hospitals in Miami. Dr. Jones was awarded an Executive Masters in Business Administration by the University of Miami in August 1991.



In December 1993 Dr. Jones was selected as Associate Chief of Staff for Ambulatory Care at the Amarillo VA Medical Center in Amarillo, TX, which is affiliated with the Texas Tech School of Medicine. In April 1996, Dr. Jones was selected as Associate Chief of Staff for Ambulatory Care at the South Texas Veterans Health Care System. He worked with The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in various capacities during that tour. Presently, Dr. Jones holds the position of Assistant Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

He is board certified in Internal Medicine and is a Certified Physician Executive with the American College of Physician Executives. He served as the Internal Medicine section chair four years ago with the National Medical Association and remains on the executive board. He recently held the position of the Secretary/Treasurer for the Texas Academy of Internal Medicine Services.

# Paul Jung, MD, MPH, FACP

Ex-Officio NAAC Member

Captain, United States Public Health Service (USPHS)

Director, Division of Medicine and Dentistry

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

CAPT Paul Jung is a career officer in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service, currently serving as the Director, Division of Medicine and Dentistry in the Bureau of Health Workforce at the Health Resources and Services Administration. CAPT Jung has held previous assignments at the Indian Health Service, Peace Corps, Office of the Surgeon General, Centers for Disease Control, House Energy & Commerce Committee, National Institutes of Health, and Food and Drug Administration. CAPT Jung chaired the Physicians Professional Advisory Committee of the U.S. Public Health Service for two terms. He graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine, completed residencies in internal medicine at Case Western Reserve University and preventive medicine at Emory University, and earned his M.P.H. as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at Johns Hopkins University. CAPT Jung is a Fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine.



# David Keahey, PA-C, MSPH

Chief Policy and Research Officer

Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA)

David is the Chief Policy and Research Officer for PAEA and a US Army veteran who served as a decorated DUSTOFF flight medic in West Germany during the Cold War. He is an adjunct associate professor with the University of Utah School of Medicine PA Program and practiced family medicine for 32 years in Salt Lake City Community Health Centers (CHCs) and the Maliheh Free Clinic. While practicing and precepting PA, medical, and NP students in the CHCs, David served six years as associate and medical director.



He graduated from the University of Utah MEDEX Program in 1983 with a degree in Primary Care Medicine where he trained in first-year rotations at the Salt Lake Veterans Administration Hospital and his second-year preceptorship was in rural Idaho CHCs with National Health Service Corps attending physicians. In 1989, David earned a Master of Science in Public Health at Utah which led to participation and leadership roles in a broad variety of community volunteer activities. David was a founding member of the Utah Health Care for the Homeless Task Force and served on Governor Scott Matheson's Task Force for the Appropriate Treatment of the Homeless Mentally Ill. He also served as an advisory board member for Area Health Education Centers, the Utah Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board, and the State PA Licensing Board. He was a member of the Valley Mental Health Advisory Council, the Utah Medicaid Primary Care Network advisory group, and served on the Utah Legislature's Medical Education Council PA, APRN, and PharmD subcommittee.

David was PAEA liaison to the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) from 2009-2012 and chaired the workgroup that published the STFM/PAEA Joint Position Statement "Educating Primary Care Teams for the Future: Family Medicine and Physician Assistant Inter-professional Education." He was appointed in 2012 by Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry where he served as vice-chair.

He has published on a number of topics ranging from the integration of evidence-based medicine curriculum into PA education to health policy, inter-professional education, clinical medicine, and outcomes associated with HRSA-supported Primary Care Training Grants. In 2004 he was nationally recognized by the American Academy of PAs with the Inner City Physician Assistant Paragon Award. Prior to joining PAEA, David completed a 2015-2016 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellowship in the office of Senator Chris Murphy (CT).

# Meredith Wallace Kazer, PhD, CNL, APRN, A/GNP-BC, FAAN

Dean & Professor, Fairfield University School of Nursing

Dr. Meredith Wallace Kazer completed her BSN degree Magna Cum Laude at Boston University. Following this, she earned a MSN in medical-surgical nursing with a specialty in geriatrics from Yale University and a PhD in nursing research and theory development at New York University (NYU). During her time at NYU she was awarded a pre-doctoral fellowship at the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing. In this capacity she became the original author and editor of *Try This: Best Practices in Geriatric Nursing* series. She was the managing editor of the *Journal of Applied Nursing Research* and the research brief editor for the journal and is currently Editor-in Chief of the *Building Healthy Academic Communities Journal*. Dr. Kazer is the author of numerous journal articles and book chapters. She published *Prostate Cancer: Nursing Assessment Management and Care* which won an American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year Award. Preceding this, she was the associate editor of *The Geriatric Nursing Research Digest*, and the second edition of the *Encyclopedia of Nursing Research*. She also published and edited a case studies book for advanced practice, all of which won American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year Awards. She is the past recipient of the Springer Publishing Company Award for Applied Nursing Research and the Virginia Henderson Award for Outstanding Contributions to Nursing Research. In 2014, Dr. Kazer was named among the 15 top adult gerontology professors. In 2015, she was named the 10<sup>th</sup> most influential dean of nursing in the United States. In 2018 she received the Connecticut League for Nursing President's award for furthering the mission and goals of the organization. She is an adult and gerontological primary care nurse practitioner and currently maintains a practice with a focus on chronic illness in older adults.



# Arthur Kellermann, MD, MPH

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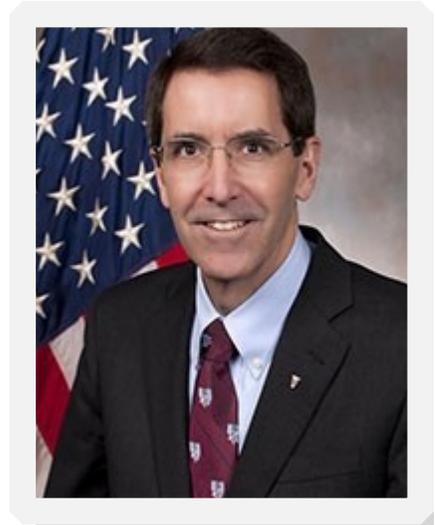
Dean, F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine

Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences (USUHS)

Arthur L. Kellermann, MD, MPH, became Dean of the F. Edward Hébert

School of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, on September 7, 2013. The unique program has ranked among the top in the nation, and is the country's only federal medical school.

Dr. Kellermann's distinguished career is anchored in academic medicine and public health. Prior to joining USU, he held the Paul O'Neill Alcoa Chair in Policy Analysis at RAND, a non-profit research organization. He was a professor of emergency medicine and public health and associate dean for health policy at the Emory School of Medicine in Atlanta. He founded Emory's Department of Emergency Medicine and served as its first chair from 1999 to 2007. He also founded the Emory Center for Injury Control, a World Health Organization Collaborating Center.



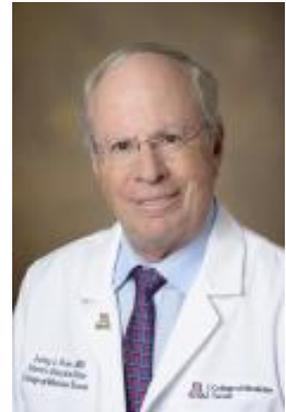
A two-term member of the board of directors of the American College of Emergency Physicians, Dr. Kellermann was subsequently given the College's highest award for leadership. He also holds "excellence in science" awards from the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine and the Injury Control and Emergency Health Services Section of the American Public Health Association. Elected to the Institute of Medicine (IOM) in 1999, he co-chaired the IOM Committee on the Consequences of Uninsurance. He currently serves on the IOM's Governing Council.

A clinician and researcher, Dr. Kellermann practiced and taught emergency medicine for more than 25 years in public teaching hospitals in Seattle, Washington; Memphis, Tennessee; and Atlanta, Georgia. His research addresses a wide range of issues, including health care spending and information technology, injury prevention, treatment of traumatic brain injury, emergency care and disaster preparedness.

# Irving L. Kron, MD

Interim Dean, College of Medicine – Tucson  
Senior Associate Vice President, University of Arizona Health Sciences  
Professor, Surgery

Irving Kron, MD, received his undergraduate degree in 1971 from the University of Pennsylvania and earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin in 1975. He continued with a general surgery residency at the Maine Medical Center in Portland before completing his training in thoracic and cardiovascular surgery in 1982 at the University of Virginia. Dr. Kron was then appointed to faculty. In 1993, Dr. Kron was named Chief of the Division of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery and became the Program Director of the Thoracic Residency program. Dr. Kron helped increase the national visibility of the Division and the Thoracic Residency program at UVA. He developed a successful NIH-funded research laboratory where many residents and students have gained experience in thoracic surgical research.



Dr. Kron has served on The American Board of Surgery, The American Board of Thoracic Surgery, The Thoracic Residency Review Committee (including serving as Chair), and NIH study sections. In 2002, Dr. Kron was named Chairman of the Department of Surgery at The University of Virginia. He was elected the 91st President of the American Association of Thoracic Surgery from 2010-2011 and received the prestigious Bakken Scientific Achievement Award for his scientific contributions in cardiothoracic surgery during the 51st Annual Society of Thoracic Surgeons in 2015.

Throughout his career, Dr. Kron has published more than 500 manuscripts, including 160 articles in *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*, making him the most prolific author published in the STS journal's 50-year history. He also has made nearly 250 presentations on cardiothoracic surgery in the U.S. and internationally. He has published about 30 books and chapters and has been the principal investigator for more than 20 funded research grants.

Dr. Kron's specialty interests include mitral valve and aortic valve surgery, surgery of the aorta, carotid artery surgery, coronary artery surgery, and heart transplantation.

# Kelly R. Ragucci, PharmD, FCCP, BCPS

Vice President, Professional Development, American association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP)



Dr. Kelly Ragucci received her undergraduate pharmacy degree from Ohio Northern University and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Toledo. Subsequently, she completed a clinical pharmacy residency in Family Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). Kelly is currently the Vice President for Professional Development at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) and was Professor and Chair of Clinical Pharmacy and Outcomes Sciences at MUSC for 20 years prior to that. Her professional interest areas include interprofessional education and practice, educational technology, the scholarship of teaching and learning and women's health topics. Dr. Ragucci was a finalist for the South Carolina Governor's Teacher of the Year Award in 2013, recipient of the ACCP Education Award in 2015, recipient of the MUSC Teaching Excellence Award for Educator-Lecturer in 2012 and recipient of the MUSC Outstanding Clinician Award in 2011. She was also named Preceptor of the Year in 2006 and has also been named Professor of the Year at MUSC 10 times over her career. She has published a total of 59 peer-reviewed publications and book chapters. Dr. Ragucci is a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), a Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist and has held certifications in Diabetes Education, Physical Assessment, Basic Life Support and Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support. She is an active member of a variety of professional pharmacy organizations, including AACP, the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, and the American Society of Health System Pharmacists.

# Elena V. Rios, MD, MSPH, FACP

President & CEO, National Hispanic Health Association

Dr. Rios serves as President & CEO of the National Hispanic Medical Association, (NHMA), representing Hispanic physicians in the United States. The mission of the organization is to improve the health of Hispanics. Dr. Rios also serves as President of NHMA's National Hispanic Health Foundation affiliated with the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University, to direct educational and research activities.



Dr. Rios also serves on the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda, Campaign Against Obesity, New York Academy of Medicine, and Care First Blue Cross Blue Shield Boards of Directors, and the U.S. Office of Personnel Management Hispanic Hiring Task Force, Centene Health Policy Advisory Committee, Cancer Treatment Centers of America Hispanic Advisory Committee, ASU Health Futures Council, and the Society of Medical Administrators. Dr. Rios previously served on the Commission to End Health Disparities, Nurse Family Partnership, California PacificCare-United Healthcare California Investment Committee and the Partnerships for Prevention Boards of Directors. Dr. Rios has lectured and published articles and has received several leadership awards, including the 2009 Top 100 Influential and Innovative Hispanics from Hispanic Business Magazine. Dr. Rios has been honored by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Congressional Black, Hispanic, Asian and Native American Caucuses, American Public Health Association Latino Caucus, Association of Hispanic Health Executives, Minority Health Month, Inc., Hispanic Magazine, Verizon's First Pollin Community Service Award, and Amerimed. In 2006, Dr. Rios was appointed to the Minority Alumni Hall of Fame of Stanford University and in 2007, was appointed as a Fellow to the New York Academy of Medicine.

Prior to her current positions, Dr. Rios served as the Advisor for Regional and Minority Women's Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health from November 1994 to October 1998. In 1993, Dr. Rios served as the National Health Care Reform Task Force Coordinator of Outreach Groups at White House. In 1992, Dr. Rios worked for the State of California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development as a policy researcher. Dr. Rios has also served as President, Chicano/Latino Medical Association of California, founder of the National Network of Latin American Medical Students (now called LMSA), member of the California Department of Health Services Cultural Competency Task Force, Stanford Alumni Association and Women's Policy Inc. Boards of Directors, and the American Medical Association's first Minority Affairs Consortium Steering Committee.

Dr. Rios earned her BA in Human Biology/Public Administration at Stanford University in 1977, MSPH at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Public Health in 1980, her MD at the UCLA School of Medicine in 1987, completed her Internal Medicine residency at the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose and the White Memorial Medical Center in East Los Angeles in 1990, and her NRSA Primary Care Research Fellowship at UCLA Division of

General Internal Medicine in 1992. Rios was presented with the honorary Doctor of Science by Lehman College in 2010.

# Karen M. Sanders, MD

Ex-Officio NAAC Member

Deputy Chief Academic Affiliations Officer

Office of Academic Affiliations

Veteran Health Administration

Karen Sanders is the Deputy Chief Academic Affiliations Officer for the Department of Veterans Affairs, in Washington DC, where she oversees the largest health professions education program in the United States. Over 120,000 trainees receive clinical training each year in the VA system, in more than 40 different health professions.

Dr. Sanders has over 30 years of experience in health professions education and health care administration. She functions as the Chief Operating Officer for the Office of Academic Affiliations overseeing day-to-day operations as well as formulating and implementing strategic plans.



# Jeannette E. South-Paul, MD

Andrew W. Mathieson Professor and Department Chair  
Family Medicine  
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Jeannette E. South-Paul, M.D., is the medical director of the Community Health Services Division of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. She also is chair of the department of family medicine at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, where she is the first woman and the first African-American to serve as the permanent chair of a department at the School of Medicine; and one of a small number of African American chairs in medical schools nationwide.

Dr. South-Paul is widely recognized for her research on the biological, social and behavioral factors associated with premenstrual syndrome; treatment strategies for osteoporosis; exercise and aerobic capacity during pregnancy; infant nutrition; and exercise-dependent physiologic function in obesity. She was recently honored in a special National Library of Medicine traveling exhibition, "Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians."

Beyond her family medicine interests, she also has an interest in socio-cultural issues in health care and health care in special populations. Dr. South-Paul is a widely recognized speaker and author on cultural competence in medical education; the impact of race, ethnicity and culture on health; cultural diversity and academic medicine; and the development of minority faculty. An active duty colonel in the United States Army, Dr. South-Paul came to the University of Pittsburgh from the F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) in Bethesda, Md. where she served as chair of the department of family medicine, vice president of minority affairs and president of the Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Dr. South-Paul is a former chair of the minority affairs section of the Association of American Medical Colleges. She is a diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice and a fellow of the American Academy of Physicians.



# Michael Toedt, MD

Ex-Officio NAAC Member

Rear Admiral

Chief Medical Officer

Indian Health Services

Rear Admiral Michael Toedt serves as the Chief Medical Officer of the Indian Health Service (IHS). The IHS, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is the principal federal health care provider for 2.3 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who are members of 573 federally recognized Tribes. As the CMO, Dr. Toedt is IHS's lead expert on medical and public health topics, provides national leadership for the clinical and community-based health programs of the agency, and serves as the primary liaison and advocate for IHS health professionals. He previously served as CMO for the Nashville Area, and as Acting Chief Medical Information Officer for the IHS.

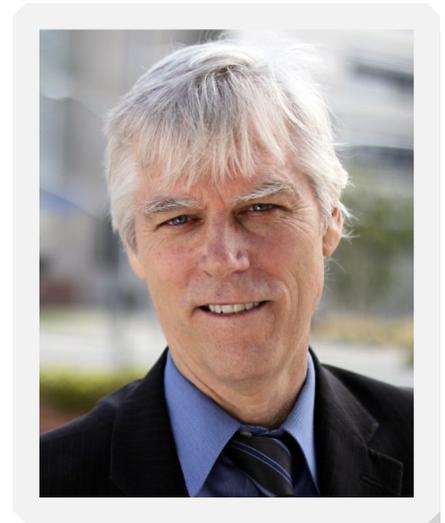


Dr. Toedt earned his Bachelor of Science in Applied Physics with honor from the Georgia Institute of Technology and his Doctor of Medicine from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He completed Residency in Family Medicine and a Fellowship in Obstetrics at the Franklin Square Hospital Center in Baltimore. He has served on numerous IHS and interagency committees, published several peer-reviewed articles, and holds several medical school clinical teaching appointments. He is board certified in Family Medicine and maintains active clinical privileges at several IHS and tribal facilities.

# Kenneth Wells, MD, MPH

David Weil Endowed Professor  
Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences  
David Geffen School of Medicine  
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Kenneth Wells, M.D., M.P.H. is the David Weil Professor of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences at UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, Professor of Health Policy and Management in the Fielding School of Public Health, Affiliated Adjunct Staff at RAND, Staff Psychiatrist at the West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Health System, Director of the Center for Health Services and Society at the Semel Institute and Associate Director of the Southern California National Clinician Scholars Program. Wells received the American Psychiatric Association's Research Prize, Junior and Distinguished Investigator Awards of Academy Health and Carl Taube Award of APHA.



He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine. He has been Principal Investigator of Community Partners in Care (CPIC), a group-randomized comparative effectiveness trial of multi-sector coalitions versus program technical assistance to improve outcomes for de-pressed clients in health and community-based programs in under-resourced communities (NIMH, NIMHD, RWJF), including long-term follow-up of client outcomes through a PCORI dis-parities contract. He co-led an American Red Cross post-Katrina mental health recovery effort in New Orleans and is PI of the PCORnet Community and Patient Partnered Research Network (CPPRN) across Los Angeles and New Orleans.

He was UCLA site PI for the Los Angeles County Community Disaster Resilience initiative and Resilient Baton Rouge and is co-investigator on the National Academy of Sciences-funded C - LEARN randomized trial in Louisiana (Springgate LSU PI; Arevian UCLA PI). With team co-leader Loretta Jones, M.A., Th.D., he and more than 120 academic and community partners in Los Angeles and New Orleans received the 2014 Association of Clinical and Translational Science Team Science Award and 2015 Campus Community Partnerships for Health Annual Award. He works clinically in the homeless primary care clinic (HPACT) at the West Los Ange-les VA and facilitates development of research on homelessness and mental health. He is Associate Director of the National Clinician Scholars Program at UCLA, and is Co-Director of the California Behavioral Health Center of Excellence at UCLA.

# Alison J. Whelan, MD

Chief Medical Education Officer, AAMC

As chief medical education officer, Alison J. Whelan, MD, leads AAMC initiatives to transform the current models of education and workforce preparation across the full continuum of medical education. She also directs AAMC efforts that support medical education officers, regional campuses, education researchers, students, and residents.



Prior to joining the association in 2016, Dr. Whelan had been a member of the faculty at Washington University School of Medicine since 1994. In 1997, she was appointed associate dean for medical student education and in 2009 was appointed senior associate dean for education. During her tenure, Dr. Whelan coordinated the creation of the Practice of Medicine curriculum and led the planning for the school's new education building and the creation of the Center for Interprofessional Education.

A member of the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) governing board, Whelan has received four Washington University School of Medicine Distinguished Service Teaching Awards, the Emerson Electric Excellence in Teaching Award, and the Samuel R. Goldstein Leadership Award in Medical Student Education.

Dr. Whelan received her bachelor's degree from Carleton College in 1981. She earned her medical degree from Washington University in 1986 and completed her postgraduate work and residency at the former Barnes Hospital, now Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

# Leslie Wiggins, RN, MBA, FACHE

Ex-Officio NAAC Member

Network Director

VA Southeast Network

Department of Veterans Affairs

Leslie B. Wiggins assumed duties as the Network Director of the VA Southeast Network – Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 7 on December 27, 2015. VISN 7 consists of eight health care institutions in Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina and provides coverage for over 1.4 million Veterans. She provides direct leadership of the eight VA medical centers, pharmaceutical facilities, and more than three dozen outpatient clinics across the tri-state region of Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina. VISN 7 serves 25 Congressional Districts, 13 Vet Centers, eight State Veterans Homes, three VBA Regional Offices, Seven National Cemeteries and three State Veteran Cemeteries.



Prior to joining VISN 7, she served as the Director of the Atlanta VA Medical Center (VAMC) where she was responsible for the delivery of health care to more than 100,000 Veterans through 15 sites of care in northern Georgia and with a workforce of over 4,000 employees and an operating budget of more than \$600 million. In addition, she served as the Department of Veterans Affairs, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Labor-Management Relations in Washington, D.C. As the former DAS for Labor Management Relations, she was the principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration at the VA Central Office on matters pertaining to the development and management of labor relations within the VA, and was responsible for the establishment of a corporate approach to managing the Department's relationship with its five national labor unions.

She began her career with the VA in 1993 and has served in multiple capacities caring for Veterans. Ms. Wiggins is a true believer that all things are possible. She began her career as a certified nursing assistant and progressed to head nurse, chief of quality management, Associate Director of the Detroit VA Medical Center, DAS for Labor Management Relations, Director of the Atlanta VAMC and her most recent role as Network Director.

As the Network Director and leader of third largest network in the nation, her dedication and desire to ensure Veterans receive the best care possible remains top of mind. She is a proven visionary senior executive with extensive experience in strong and decisive management of clinical health care operations and administrative areas such as clinical, financial, human capital and facility planning.

Ms. Wiggins is a re-certified Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. She was recognized as a 2016 recipient of the Georgia Minority Business Heritage Award for her dedication to expanding excellence in healthcare for diverse populations. Governor Nathan Deal appointed Ms. Wiggins to Lieutenant Colonel, Aide De Camp of the Governor's Staff. Ms.

Wiggins is the recipient of the 2017 American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) Regent-at-Large Award for Individual Accomplishments in Diversity.

# Larissa A. Emory, PMP, CBP, MS

Designated Federal Officer  
Department of Veterans Affairs

Larissa Emory currently serves as a Health Systems Specialist for the Veterans Health Administration's Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA). In this role, she is the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the National Academic Affiliations Council, a Federally chartered advisory committee that provides recommendations to the VA Secretary on the Department's statutory clinical education mission and its relationships with academic affiliates. In addition to DFO responsibilities, Ms. Emory manages projects for OAA in support of the Executive Leadership Team. She previously served as a Project Manager for MyVA Access and the Office of Mental Health Suicide Prevention, providing education, Lean process improvement and change management for the VA's top initiatives. Prior to Federal civilian service, Ms. Emory was a Biometrics and Forensics Business Portfolio Manager and member of a Contract Management Team for Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc.

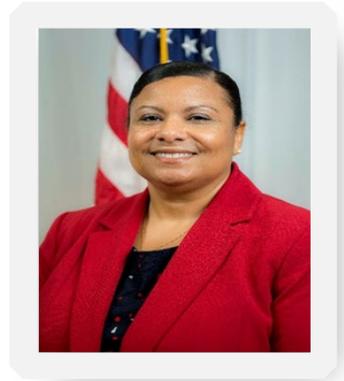


Ms. Emory is a graduate from the United States Military Academy – West Point, where she received her commission as an Officer in the United States Army. Her active duty time included assignments to the 18<sup>th</sup> Military Police Brigade in Mannheim, Germany; 701<sup>st</sup> Military Police Battalion at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri; and a combat tour to Iraq. Professional certifications include Project Management Professional (PMP), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Certified Biometrics Professional (CBP), and Lean Black Belt (Healthcare).

# Corshea L. Thomas, MEd, EdD

Alternate Designated Federal Officer  
Department of Veterans Affairs

Corshea Thomas is a Program Analyst for the Veterans Health Administration's Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA). She serves as the Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO) for the National Academic Affiliations Council, a Federally chartered advisory committee that provides recommendations to the VA Secretary on clinical education and its relationships with academic affiliates. Dr. Thomas has served in prior roles with the Department of Veteran Affairs including; Chief of Voluntary Service and Academic Affiliations Coordinator at Carl Vinson VA Medical Center in Dublin, GA and Housing Development Coordinator for Homeless Programs at VA Palo Alto Health Care System in Monterey, CA. Preceding her VA career, she served as an Educator for nearly 15 years in both secondary and post-secondary education.



Dr. Thomas is a cum laude graduate of Georgia Southern University where she graduated in the top 10 percent of her graduating class and earned a bachelor's degree in Health Science/Community Health Education. She graduated summa cum laude and received a master's degree in Foundations of Education from Troy University. Dr. Thomas earned her doctorate from Grand Canyon University in Educational Organizational Leadership. Her dissertation and research: Community Service-Learning & Levels of Engagement and Institutional Connectedness was published 2013. Professional certifications and affiliations include FAC Contracting Officer Representative, level II (COR II), American College of Healthcare Executives member (ACHE) and Lean Yellow Belt.