

## Home Telehealth Care Coordinator Bios for Website

### **Kim Houston**

I am Kim Houston, a native of California that relocated to Las Vegas in 2008. I have 2 adult children, one of which is an RN, and the other is a Navy Veteran. I have been a Registered Nurse for 30+ years, starting as an ADN, then BSN, and now MSN Ed. I have worked in ER, ICU, Psych, Home Health, Hospice, and now Home Telehealth, to name a few. I am currently a Preceptor and Mentor for the VA as well as working on multiple committees and projects to improve the care provided to our Veterans. My goals include returning to school within a year to prepare for retirement, while continuing to serve and promote the health of our Veterans.

### **Jennalyn Marie Verano-Oani**

Jennalyn Marie Verano-Oani has been a licensed registered nurse for 6 years. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from Touro University Nevada. Upon completion of graduation, she began her career on a Medical-Surgical Unit and has also worked for a short period of time in Labor and Delivery. She values providing patient centered care and working as a team player. She has also received the Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nurse at VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System in October 2022. On her free time, she enjoys spending time with her husband and children.

### **Cherrylinne Neely**

Cherrylinne Neely has had a lifelong passion for helping others. As a registered nurse, she has been able to combine this passion with her desire to make a difference. Cherrylinne Neely started as certified nursing assistance and went to further her education as licensed practical nurse but before she was able to practice as an LPN, she was accepted at Touro University for their BSN program. Cherrylinne Neely obtained her RN license after completing the accelerated program. She went on to specialize in the Mental Health field, and she is a natural when it comes to caring for my customers. Cherrylinne Neely loves getting to know her patients and taking part in the development and health of each individual. When not at work, Cherrylinne Neely enjoys traveling with her husband and spending time outdoors with her family.

### **Savalla McLeod**

Savalla McLeod, RN, BSN, earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Arizona College and will graduate with her MSN Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner degree from Charles Drew University in June 2023. She has a passion for serving the underserved, especially in mental health. She believes in community service and works closely with her church and professional nursing organization, Chi Eta Phi, to do so. Savalla loves eating delicious foods and desserts. She 100% agrees with the saying, "Life is short, so eat dessert first!"

### **Hermenegilda De Guzman**

Full Name : Hermenegilda De Guzman, I am called Gilda for short.

Career: I've been a nurse since 1977

VA: I've been working at VA since 2013

Years as a HT CC: Been a Home Telehealth Care Coordinator since 06/2019

### **Kmystry Taylor-Jackson**

Kmystry attended Grand Valley State University where she graduated with her bachelor's degree in nursing. While attending Grand Valley she volunteered at homeless shelters, half-way houses, breast cancer walks and kids' food basket. Kmystry is passionate about mental health nursing. She enjoys supporting women and empowering them through all walks of life. In her spare time, Kmystry enjoys traveling, cooking, spending time with family and friends.

### **Elaina Denutte**

My name is Elaina DeNutte, I am originally from New Hampshire and married my high school sweetheart and have now been stationed in CA, TX, NV, TX (Again), MO, SC and now back to Las Vegas, NV. I have been a nurse for 10 years (LPN-4, RN-6). Most of my RN experience is from being in the OR. I started at the Columbia, SC VA October 2021 and transferred here to Las Vegas when my husband got orders in June 2022. I have enjoyed working in the VA so far and love helping and working with our amazing veterans.

### **Misty Ashworth**

Hello, my name is Misty Ashworth, BSN, RN CHPN. I am a Care Coordinator for the Home Telehealth program at the VA. During my Career as a registered nurse of 19+ years I have been an Emergency Room trauma RN and then a hospice and palliative care nurse which I specialized and have been certified in prior to coming to work for the VA. I love taking care of people. I especially love working with those that have courageously served our country. I value my family which consists of my Veteran husband and our daughter. I also value education and my faith. I enjoy doing crafts like scrapbooking and making deco mesh wreaths.

### **Tara O. Spears**

I was born in Columbus, Mississippi, and lived there until completion of high school. I then attended college at the University of Mississippi and graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology. Not knowing exactly what I wanted to do, I enlisted in the Army as a Combat Medic. I spent two and a half years on active duty then went into the Army National Guard while I went to school to obtain my Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Upon graduation I was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps and returned to active duty. I remained on active duty until my retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2012 after 22 years of service. During my time in service, I was stationed in many locations, deployed twice to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and I was able to obtain my Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Virginia and become a board-certified Clinical Nurse Specialist with an emergency/trauma focus. Since retirement from the military, I have served as the Trauma Program Manager for a Level II military trauma center, and I am now a RN Care Coordinator for the VA's Home Telehealth program in Las Vegas, NV. In my off time I enjoy hiking, biking, music, and learning to play golf.

**Nikk Featherstone MSN, MBA-HM, LSSGB**

Ms. Featherstone has been with the VA for 17 years and served in US Navy for 13 years. Ms. Featherstone was born in Chicago IL. Ms. Featherstone background is ICU and Medical Surgical. Ms. Featherstone comes from a military family and loves helping fellow Veteran reach their healthcare goals. She loves comedy, spending time with family and traveling the world. Nikki attending WGU for both MSN and MBA-HM.

**James Berry**

James has been a nurse with the VA for 13 years. He's an avid sports fan and enjoys taking care of our veterans.

**Juliana Weeks**

Dr Juliana Weeks, retired USAF Nurse Corps. My background is in Maternal Health, Health Promotion, and Public Health. Proud to continue serving as a Home Telehealth Care Coordinator where I started my nursing and military career.