



Mental Health Solutions: Improving Care

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

(In order of appearance on the program)

Kathryn Santoro, MA, is Director of Programming at the National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation, a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization dedicated to transforming health care through evidence and collaboration. Ms. Santoro currently leads NIHCM's programs to highlight market and policy innovations, including webinars and Capitol Hill briefings, and directs the organization's journalism and population health programs.

Ms. Santoro joined NIHCM Foundation in September 2004 after receiving her Master's degree in Public Policy from George Washington University with a focus on women's health policy. Ms. Santoro previously served as a Project Consultant for Women in Government where she was responsible for compiling a state-by-state report card on access to cervical cancer screening. While pursuing her Master's degree, Ms. Santoro was a Communications Assistant for a health policy consulting firm and a Graduate Intern for a Washington, D.C. based women's and children's policy research organization. Ms. Santoro attended Villanova University in Villanova, PA and graduated with a BA cum laude in Political Science.

Ken Duckworth, MD, serves as the Chief Medical Officer with the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Dr. Duckworth's journey into psychiatry started when he was a boy growing up with a dad who experienced severe bipolar disorder. His father was loving, kind and periodically quite ill, hospitalized for months at a time. Dr. Duckworth became a psychiatrist in part to help his father. He is very fortunate to serve as the Chief Medical Officer for NAMI and to be part of this remarkable community.

Dr. Duckworth is also writing NAMI's first book, *You Are Not Alone: The NAMI Guide to Mental Illness and Recovery*. He is interviewing NAMI members about what has helped them in their mental health journeys in an effort to help other people living with mental

illness. The book will be published by Zando Projects, a new independent publisher led by Molly Stern.

Dr. Duckworth is double-board certified in adult and child/adolescent psychiatry and has completed a forensic psychiatry fellowship.

Chyrell Bellamy, MSW, PhD, is an Associate professor in the Department of Psychiatry. She is the Director of Yale's Program for Recovery and Community Health and serves as a Senior Policy Advisor to the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addictions. Her research is focused on sociocultural pathways of recovery and healing. Dr. Bellamy has been awarded local, state, and federal (NIH, PCORI) research grants to support her work on Peer Wellness for people living with both mental health and physical health conditions and to develop and study peer and community-based participatory research approaches.

Dr. Bellamy is Principal Investigator with Dr Ayana Jordan of NYU Psychiatry, on a NIH Common Fund U01 award to study culturally responsive community delivered SUD interventions for Black and Latinx people, based on their development of the Imani Breakthrough: A Faith-based Response to the Opioid Crisis for Black and Latinx communities. Dr. Bellamy is also the Director of the Harambee project, a peer led intervention to enhance wellness for people with mental illness diagnoses who also live with physical health challenges. She is the co-founder and director of the Yale Lived Experience Transformational Leadership Academy (LET(s)Lead).

As a survivor of trauma, mental distress and addiction, her lived experiences are integral and along with her academic training, informs her approach to community-based participatory research with communities of color and those living with mental illness, trauma, and addictions. Dr. Bellamy is a spouse, and mom to an 11-year-old daughter, 2 labradoodles Rose and Flora, and the late Mrs. Jake, bearded dragon.

William Beecroft, MD, DLFAPA, is currently responsible for the medical administration of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan Behavioral Health and Behavioral Health Strategy and Planning.

He has been instrumental in development of innovative programming in behavioral health including Collaborative care, Crisis programming, Provider delivered care management and first episode psychosis programming.

Dr. Beecroft received his M.D. from Michigan State University. He is board certified in general psychiatry with added qualifications in geriatrics and Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry. He was named a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association in 2018.