

Nursing Summit 2016

“Cultivating Healthy Communities: The Role of the Nurse in Population Health”

Presenter Biographies



Patrick Coonan, EdD, MEd, MPA

Dr. Patrick Coonan is the inaugural Dean of the College of Nursing and Public Health at Adelphi University in Garden City, New York. Over his almost 40 year career he has held senior administrative positions at educational institutions and major medical centers in the New York metropolitan area. He has been the Chief Nursing Officer of an academic medical center, a multi facility health system and a teaching community hospital where he became a trustee. He is the owner of his own firm and has consulted with many hospitals, health systems and academic institutions around the country.

Dr. Coonan is the only nurse member of the New York State Department of Health Delivery Service Reform Incentive Project (DSRIP), project approval and oversight panel and serves as the co-chair of the NY State DOH DSRIP-SHIP (State Health Improvement Plan) workforce workgroup where the group is reviewing workforce development, job needs, curriculum and standard skill sets.

Dr. Coonan received his Ed.D and M.Ed from Teachers College at Columbia University, a Masters in Health Administration from Long Island University and a BS in nursing from Adelphi University. He is credentialed as a Nurse Executive Advanced by the American Nurses Association and is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. He has written and presented extensively on leadership and talent development, program planning, administration and evaluation as well as process and performance improvement and health care clinical operations.



Carol Wanyo, RN, BSN, MA

Carol Wanyo is the Director of Public Health Nursing at the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health. She has over 20 years of experience in the area of Public Health Nursing and population based health care. Ms. Wanyo has served in many administrative and clinical roles in the Public Health Nursing division (PHN) including Maternal Child Health (MCH), Home Care Services, Chronic Disease, Lead Poisoning Prevention, Children with Special Needs Program, Injury Prevention, Forensic Nursing and Public Health Emergency Preparedness Programs. Her role includes providing oversight to the Early Intervention and Preschool program.

Carol Wanyo, RN, BSN, MA (continued)

Ms. Wanyo has developed and delivered population based quality services for numerous projects throughout the county. She has enhanced breastfeeding services in Dutchess County by opening the first walk –in breastfeeding education and support center, was appointed as the lead in our county’s public health response during H1N1 and most recently, provided system change to enhance our county’s forensic nursing services. As the project lead, Carol successfully implemented the county homecare agency’s Electronic Medical Record system (EMR). Implementation of the system included the development of public health focused nursing guidelines and the design of reporting systems to assist in planning population based nursing interventions. In partnership with the county’s largest health care systems organization, Carol chairs the county’s Chronic Disease Coalition. The Coalition strives to improve integrated health prevention services by enhancing linkages between health care providers, public health and community organizations. Appointed as a core partner to the ASTHO Million Hearts NYS Learning Collaborative, Carol developed, designed and implemented population and system change interventions for patient populations identified as hypertensive. Carol was invited to serve as one of 5 NYS county local health department representatives on the New York State Health Care Systems Learning Collaborative. The mission of the Collaborative is to expand system change interventions in the area of pre diabetes, diabetes and hypertension.

Ms. Wanyo is on the nursing faculty of Mount Saint Mary’s College and provides clinical instruction for nursing students enrolled in the Community Health Nursing Program.

Ms. Wanyo is a graduate of SUNY New Paltz with a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Nursing and Teacher’s College, Columbia University with a Masters of Arts Degree in Nursing Administration.



Kenya Beard, EdD, GNP-BC, NP-C, ACNP-BC, CNE

Kenya V. Beard is the Associate Vice President for Curriculum and Instruction at Jersey College, and a 2012 Josiah Macy Faculty Scholar. She is the Founding Director of the Center for Multicultural Education and Health Disparities, an educational initiative that disseminates research and best practice in pedagogy that promotes an environment of inclusion and academic excellence. She is nationally known for her expertise on leadership and change.

Dr. Beard’s research focuses on health disparities and multicultural education. As a Josiah Macy Faculty Scholar, she co-developed an evidence-based intervention for educators in the health professions to strengthen the multicultural capacity of future health providers. Her workshop titled, “Multicultural Education Training (METs) has helped educators across the nation create learning environments that foster educational equity and inclusion. Dr. Beard was invited by the first lady of New York and the City University of New York to assist in strengthening diversity among minority mental health providers. She contributed to the development of the National League for Nursing (NLN) Diversity Vision Statement while serving as a member of the NLN’s diversity strategic action group.

Kenya Beard, EdD, GNP-BC, NP-C, ACNP-BC, CNE (continued)

Dr. Beard continues to facilitate discussions on educational equity and implicit bias in the health professions as a faculty scholar of the Harvard Macy Institute. She co-produces the HealthCetera program on WBAI, 99.5 FM radio to broaden conversations around health equity. Her national webinar titled, “Creating Culturally Inclusive Environments: A Strengths-Based Approach” was hosted by the Future of Nursing Campaign for Action for the nursing community. Her work has earned her the National Black Nurses Association’s Nurse Educator of the Year award in 2013 and the Witten Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2014. She was recently inducted into the Academy of Nursing Education.

Dr. Beard is a fellow in the New York Academy of Medicine. She also serves on the editorial board for the American Journal of Nursing and the New York State Board of Nursing. She is a member of the Future of Nursing New York State Action Coalition steering committee and chairs the subcommittee on diversity. Under her leadership, the committee developed a Diversity Toolkit to help institutions cultivate more inclusive environments. She earned her undergraduate degrees in nursing from Phillips Beth Israel School of Nursing and Excelsior College in New York. She received her Master of Science degree in adult health from Stony Brook University and her Doctoral degree in educational administration from Dowling College.



Anita Daniels, RN-BC, MS

Anita Daniels has 30 years of experience in inpatient psychiatric mental health, working the last 25 years for the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH). She is currently serving as the Executive Director for Bronx Psychiatric Center. Most of her career in OMH has been spent on the Rockland campus where she has held the positions of Executive Director at Rockland Children’s Psychiatric Center in addition to serving as the Deputy Director of Operations, Director of Nursing and Assistant Director of Nursing at Rockland Psychiatric Center.

In January 2008, Dr. Michael Hogan, Commissioner for OMH, appointed Ms. Daniels as the statewide Director of Nursing where she served in that role for almost two years working collaboratively with all Directors of Nursing, leadership and line staff to improve the quality for the delivery of professional nursing services throughout the OMH care system.

Ms. Daniels is a diploma graduate of the Albany Medical Center School of Nursing, received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and psychology from the State University of New York in New Paltz, and received a Master of Science degree from Mercy College. She is certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center as a Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse and is a member of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society. For three years, she served as an adjunct lecturer at Mercy College and in May 2006, received the Undergraduate Faculty of the Year Award.



Ann Marie Guntlow, RN, BSN, CEN

Ann Marie Guntlow has been the Chief Nursing Officer at Ellenville Regional Hospital since January 2012.

Ms. Guntlow began her career at Ellenville Regional Hospital as a Nursing Assistant in 1997. Upon graduation from SUNY Ulster in 1998, she began her career as an RN, Supervisor and Nurse Manager at ERH and other local hospitals.

Ms. Guntlow is board certified in emergency nursing through the Emergency Nurses' Association (ENA) and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from the State University of New York Institute of Technology since 2013. She maintains her Telemetry, Basic Life, Advance Cardiac Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support certifications through the American Heart Association, as well as her TNCC and ENPC certifications through the ENA.

Ms. Guntlow's accomplishments and awards include:

- Nominated as the Ellenville Regional Hospital Emergency Department Nurse of the Year by the Ulster County EMS Association in both 2002 and 2008.
- While a member of the Leadership Team, ERH received: Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association Awards for ED Turnaround Time in 2010 and for Medication Safety 2011.
- HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) Awards for Quality & Patient Safety, Health Outcome Management and Collaborative Performance 2011.
- Physician's Reciprocal Insurers Award NY Statewide Award 2012 for Medication Safety
- Amerinet Award Medication Safety and ED Turnaround Time 2012 and Leap to Excellence in Patient Safety: Implementing a Hospital-Wide Electronic Health Record 2013.
- IPRO Quality Award 2013.
- Poster Presentations at Annual Health Forum/ AHA Leadership Summit 2016.
- Presented on Swing Outcome and ED Efficiency at NYS CAH Quality Conference 2016.
- New York State Critical Access Hospital
- Selected by NYS DOH to be a member of NYS CAH PI Network Advisory Council

Ms. Guntlow also serves in various community and professional organizations that include:

- Emergency Nurses Association Mid-Hudson Valley Chapter, New York League for Nursing (NLN)
- Nursing Workforce Development Work Group of the Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
- SUNY Sullivan Nursing Program Advisory Board
- Ulster County EMS Advisory Board.
- Ellenville Noonday Club, American Legion, Post #111 & the Elks Lodge #1971.
- Veteran of the US Navy.



Maria Gonzalez, RN, BSN, CEN

Maria Gonzalez is the Manager of Emergency Services at Ellenville Regional Hospital. She currently serves as delegate for state council in the Emergency Nursing Association General Assembly. In July 2016, she was invited to the 4th Annual Health Forum/ AHA Leadership Summit to provide a poster presentation on Ellenville Regional Hospital's (ERH) Max Series Project, an opioid treatment program that was developed as part of a Delivery Service Reform Incentive Project (DSRIP) project for ERH's Emergency Department.

Maria Gonzalez graduated from Ulster County Community College in May 1995 with an Associate degree in Science. She began her career as registered nurse in 1996 as a full time oncology nurse. In 1997, she became an Oncology Certified RN. In 2011, she became interested in another challenging specialty and became a member of the Emergency Department team at Ellenville Regional Hospital. In order to equip herself with the necessary tools for her new role, she became credentialed in Neonatal Advance Life support, Advance Cardiac Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support. In addition, she completed the Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC), Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course (ENPC) offered by the Emergency Nurses Association. She has also maintained her credentials as a certified Emergency Nurse for the past twelve years.

In 2011, Ms. Gonzalez was promoted to Manager of Emergency Services. In 2013, she completed a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing at SUNY IT in Utica, New York.

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