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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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Gilda P. Ferradaz

Gilda Ferradaz started her career with the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, the predecessor to the Department of Children and Families and assumed progressively more responsible positions over the years. She served as Circuit Administrator for the Florida Department of Children and Families for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties from 2006 until 2011, as interim Regional Managing Director from 2013 to 2014 and as Deputy Regional Managing Director from 2014 until 2019. Currently, she serves as the Circuit Community Development Director for the Southern Region. Ferradaz holds a Bachelor of Science degree, with a major in sociology and a Master's Degree in Business Administration, both from Florida International University. She currently serves on a number of boards and committees including the South Florida Workforce and Investment Board/CareerSource, The Children's Trust, the Juvenile Justice Circuit Advisory Board, the Dade-Miami Criminal Justice Council, the United Way Community Impact Committee, the Together for Children Board, the Early Learning Coalition Monroe County Advisory Committee, The Upper Keys Community Resource Council, and the Community Based Care Alliance.

Conchita S. Lundblad, Ph.D., L.C.S.W.

Dr. Conchita S. Lundblad is a licensed clinical practitioner with well *over thirty-five years of experience* in the mental health and substance abuse field, presently employed by the Department of Children and Families in the SAMH Regional Program Office. Dr Lundblad has taught as an Adjunct Faculty in the FIU School of Social Work (2004-2010) and as an Adjunct Faculty at Miami Dade College Kendall Campus, Social Science/Psychology Department (2011-2019). Dr. Lundblad's professional experiences and expertise extend over a wide range of interests and issues, including but not limited to children's mental health, systems of care, trauma in child-welfare population, crisis intervention, grant writing and research, team building and group dynamics, as well as an RFP/RFA/ ITN reviewer representing DCF regional office as a SAMH subject matter expert, and a Contract Team negotiator, among others.

Lesline Anglade-Dorleans, JD

Family and Community Services Director, Family Safety

Lesline Anglade-Dorleans holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and Communications Studies from Florida State University and a Juris Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center. Lesline Anglade-Dorleans joined the Department of Children and Families in 2003 and has held numerous positions during her career with the Department. She began in the Access Program as an Economic Self-Sufficiency

Specialist I and then transferred to Family Safety in 2004 as a Child Protective Investigator. She has assumed progressively more responsible positions and, during her tenure, has been promoted to Lead Child Protective Investigator, Child Protective Investigator Supervisor, Operations Management Consultant II, Program Administrator, Operations Manager for CPI, and now to Family and Community Services Director.

Lesline is well respected in our Child Welfare community in Miami Dade and Monroe County. She has served on multiple statewide committees including but not limited to the State Child Abuse Death Review and CIRRT (Critical Incident Rapid Response Team) Advisory Committee. As the Family and Community Services Director for the Southern Region including Miami Dade and Monroe Counties, she oversees the following critical operations: Child Protective Investigations, Child Care Licensing and Regulation, Quality Assurance, Foster/Group Home Licensing, and Child Placement Agencies.

Joye M. Clayton

Joye M. Clayton is the Regional Director for Children's Legal Services in the Southern Region. She received a Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, in Criminology from Florida State University and a Juris Doctor from Mercer University School of Law. She is a member of the Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee Bars. Ms. Clayton has worked in the dependency field for over twenty years, having started as an attorney and ultimately becoming a Regional Director. She was the Regional Director of the Northwest Region from 2010 until she was asked to transfer to the Southern Region in 2018 where she currently serves.

Citrus Health Network

Leslie Veiga, MA, MBA- Communications Director & Special Projects Manager

Leslie Veiga, MA, MBA is the Communications Director and Special Projects Manager for Citrus Health Network, Inc., including Citrus Family Care Network. Ms. Veiga joined the Citrus team in 2013 and has since worked on a variety of assignments and initiatives by addressing diverse communications needs across the organization, coordinating special projects, acting as a liaison to stakeholders and payers, and providing support for operational needs including various accreditations, licenses, and quality improvement activities. Prior to joining Citrus, Ms. Veiga served as the Communications Director for a member of Congress, as well as for the Congressional campaign. The Congressional office was considered one of the most active press operations in the House of Representatives at the time. Before that, Ms. Veiga was an Executive Project Coordinator at a Miami-based governmental affairs firm that advises private and public sector clients on legislative and regulatory matters at federal, state and local levels.

Ms. Veiga is the Chair of the Florida KidCare Coalition of Miami-Dade County, a group dedicated to increasing community awareness about the importance of children's health insurance coverage. Ms. Veiga holds four degrees from the University of Florida; a Masters of Business Administration, a Masters of Arts in Political Science with a certificate in Political Campaigning, a Bachelor's of Science in Journalism, and a Bachelors of Arts in History.

Barbara Ann Dacey, LCSW, MBA- Child Welfare Integration & Support Team Clinical Coordinator

Barbara Dacey, LCSW, MBA is the Clinical Coordinator of the Child Welfare Integration and Support Team (CWIST) at Citrus Health Network. The program has two components that includes CWIST Clinician's that assess clients with mental health functioning, substance use, and intimate partner violence and work directly with the DCF Child Protective Investigators (CPI) to help them determine the safety capacity of the parent. The second part of the program is the Family Navigator services that will work with the family to give them every opportunity to stay together and provide referrals to community services, monitor and support the family.

Prior to joining Citrus in 2020, Ms. Dacey has served as a clinical supervisor providing consultation to Child and Adult Protective Investigators regarding mental health, substance misuse and domestic violence, and has supervised clinicians providing therapy to abused and neglected children and adolescents.

Ms. Dacey is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and is certified as a Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) therapist and supervisor. She holds a Masters in Social Work from Fordham University, and a Masters of Business Administration in Health Care Administration and Management from the University of Miami.

Liansy Gonzalez- Child Welfare Integration & Support Team Family Navigator Supervisor

Liansy Gonzalez is the Child Welfare Integration and Support Team (CWIST) Family Navigator Supervisor at Citrus Health Network. CWIST is a multi-disciplinary team that enhances Child Protection Services in Miami-Dade County and increases family safety by consulting with Florida Department of Children and Families Child Protective Investigators (CPI) on cases that present with possible mental health, substance use, and behavioral concerns. Ms. Gonzalez's primary responsibility is to provide supervision of CWIST Care Coordinators to ensure that quality care coordination is delivered to families by providing ongoing training and supervision of the Family Navigators. Her functions also include supervising the integration of the Family Navigator to CWIST, assuring compliance with contract requirements, assisting the Program Administrator with a variety of tasks including data collection, employee evaluations, reporting on program outcomes, training and supervision of staff on Citrus' electronic health record, and overseeing the Transformation Transfer Initiative Program.

Prior to her current role, Ms. Gonzalez worked as a Care Coordinator for the Citrus Community Action Team, a program that works with children, teens, and young adults, ages 5-21 who have a mental health diagnosis or co-occurring disorder and meet other eligibility criteria and their family support system to stabilize the youth and prevent removals or placement in residential or juvenile justice settings. Ms. Gonzalez has a Bachelor's Degree in Health Services Administration. She is a Certified Behavioral Health Case Manager and Certified Wraparound Facilitator. She has worked with Citrus Health Network since 2016 when she joined the medical records department as a Health Information Management auditor. Her goal is to continue applying her knowledge, skills, and abilities as a bridge-builder, in efforts to help the staff and families in our program improve their levels of functioning.

Marsha Rosa, LCSW- Families Together Team Clinical Supervisor

Marsha Rosa, LCSW is a Clinical Supervisor for the Families Together Team at Citrus Health Network, a prevention team that focuses on providing intensive in-home services to children and families at risk of out-of-home placement due to DCF allegations of abuse and/or neglect.

Prior to joining Citrus, she worked at Gulf Coast Jewish Family Community Services (GCJFCS) as a Family Therapist, Clinical/Case Management Supervisor and Family Service Assistant program director. The Family Service program provided intensive in-home therapeutic services

for children and families at risk of child welfare with mental health, behavioral issues and trauma. The program also provided In Home Non-Judicial Case management services.

Ms. Rosa previously worked at Jackson North Community Mental Health Outpatient, providing individual therapy for severely emotional children and adolescents with mental health diagnosis and was part of the F.A.C.E.S. team providing wrap around services.

Ms. Rosa is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She received her Bachelor and Master's degree in Social Work from Florida International University. She is a certified Field Instructor for interns in both the Bachelor and Master levels of Social Work. Ms. Rosa received the Child Welfare Excellence award in 2018 from the Department of Children and Families. She also received the members spotlight in October 2015 from the Florida Coalition for Children for her commitment and dedication to Child Welfare.

Kimberly McGrath, Psy.D.- Citrus Family Care Network Director of Programs and Services

Dr. Kimberly McGrath is the Director of Programs and Services for Citrus Family Care Network where she oversees behavioral health services, medical care management, permanency, prevention, intake, adoptions, and youth services. Citrus Family Care Network, a division of Citrus Health Network, is the Community Based Care Lead Agency for child welfare in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. Prior to her role at Citrus Family Care Network, Dr. McGrath served as Clinical Coordinator of Foster Care services at Citrus Health Network, a position she held for 17 years.

Citrus Health Network takes an integrated approach to care, also providing extensive programs for children, families, the homeless and chronically ill populations in South Florida. Foster Care services at Citrus Health Network focus on children with emotional and behavioral needs, as well as victims of commercial sexual exploitation, and homeless LGBTQ youth.

Dr. McGrath is the founding clinician for the Citrus Helping Adolescents Negatively affected by Commercial Exploitation (CHANCE) Program, a Specialized Therapeutic Foster Care (STFC) and Community Response Team (CRT) for victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation. The CHANCE Program addresses the emotional, social and behavioral needs of victims of human trafficking.

Dr. McGrath has presented about the CHANCE program at several local, state, and national conferences on topics including human trafficking, child welfare, mental health and substance abuse. She serves as a member of the Statewide Human Trafficking Services Workgroup, and the Workgroup's Residential Providers Subgroup, as well as of the Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office Human Trafficking Task Force. Additionally, she has been a Panel Participant at the Human Trafficking in Miami and Our Local Response Conference, and the Philanthropic Collaborative, Human Trafficking Summit.

In addition to founding and developing the CHANCE Program, Dr. McGrath is also the founding psychologist for the Treating Adolescents Coping with Trauma (TACT) program, an outpatient program for sexual offenders, victims of sexual abuse, and their families.

Dr. McGrath is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist. She received her Bachelors in Psychology from Northeastern University, and her Masters and Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the Florida Institute of Technology. She has been with Citrus Health Network since 1999 when she joined the organization as a Pre-Doctoral Intern.

THRIVING MIND SOUTH FLORIDA

Maria Guajardo is the Children's System of Care Manager at Thriving Mind South Florida. Maria is a Miami native and an alumna of St. Thomas University, where she received her Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. Maria has always been passionate about helping children, families and her community. For over 22 years she taught preschool kids, including young children with emotional and developmental disabilities. In 2013 she began working for Thriving Mind South Florida in the children's department. For the last 8 years her work has been focused on improving the system of care for children with mental health and substance use disorders, and supporting their families in the process.

Ashley Wiggins is the current Child Welfare Integration Coordinator at Thriving Mind, the Managing Entity for the Southern Region of Florida. Ms. Wiggins has a Masters in Applied Behavioral Analysis and a bachelor's degree in Family, Youth, and Community Sciences. Ms. Wiggins educational background combined with her experiences in managing a problem-solving court, working as a prevention provider, a child welfare professional, and an educator have all contributed to her adeptness at coordinating and facilitating behavioral health services for the community. Ms. Wiggins professional experiences have given her considerable knowledge in the areas of adolescent substance abuse, child welfare, and family crisis intervention.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Sally J. Alayon

Ms. Sally J. Alayon currently serves as the Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Mental Health Services/School Operations for Miami-Dade County Public Schools, recently established in July 2018. Previously Ms. Alayon served as Region Administrative Director within the North Region where she facilitated Budget, Personnel and daily operations of the 103 schools. Additionally, she was the founding principal of Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High which opened its doors in August 2009. She also served as the principal of Highland Oaks Middle School as well as an assistant principal at Southwood Middle School, Highland Oaks Middle School and Thomas Jefferson Middle School. Ms. Alayon began her career with MDCPS as a teacher and athletic coach serving both Horace Mann Middle School and American Senior High. Ms. Alayon is committed as ever to ensuring all students have the opportunity to receive a world class education. Ms. Alayon received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mass Communications from the University of South Florida and her Master of Science Degree in Educational Leadership from Barry University. She resides in Pembroke Pines, Florida with her husband Manny of 28 years and has two young adult children – Brett (24) and Cristine (22).

Robin J. Morrison

Ms. Robin Morrison is the District Director for the Department of Mental Health Services for Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Ms. Morrison assists in the development of procedures for mental health services in the District. She previously worked for the Department of Exceptional Student Education as an Executive Director where she was responsible for the development of academic, behavioral, and clinical services for Programs for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities and the School Social Work Program. She was in-charge of the coordination of Functional Behavior of Assessment, Physical Restraint, Dropout Prevention for Students with Disabilities, Multi-tiered Systems of Support for Behavior and School-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) for the district. In 2010, Ms. Morrison was awarded the

National Dropout Prevention Network Crystal Star Award for Individual Achievement in Dropout Recovery, Intervention, and Prevention.

Banyan/MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM

Jessica P. Murgueytio, LMHC

Clinical Director of the Central Receiving Facility, Mobile Response Team and Acute Care Services for Banyan Health Systems

I have been in this field for the better part of 25 years. I began as a Behavioral Health Technician and worked my way up to Clinical Director. I have worked with several outstanding facilities, that delt in Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, Crisis, and Detox. My clients have been children, adolescents, Adults, and the geriatric population. I have always enjoyed working alongside Law Enforcement, DCF and several other spectrums. I am currently blessed to be working with this amazing facility, Banyan and especially proud of the countless lives we have helped through our Mobile Response Team.

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Rebeca Garcia-Sotelo

Waitlist & Intake/Eligibility Unit Supervisor

Rebeca Garcia-Sotelo is Eligibility and Waitlist Supervisor for the Agency for Persons w/ Disabilities. She began working with State of Florida, Department of Children and Families, Contract Administration Office from 1997 to 2006. She held several positions during her time with DCF from secretary to administrative assistant II to the director of contracts. Due to the Miami office closing in 2006, she joined the APD team on January 2007. Being assigned to the Intake unit supervisor as the administrative assistant and together she developed and organized the Intake Unit. In 2016 she was promoted to Supervisor of the Intake/Eligibility and QSI Units, and in 2018 she became the supervisor of the Waitlist Unit as well.