

Melody Anthony, Provider Services Director, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Ms. Anthony's area has responsibility for provider recruitment, contracting, retention, claims resolution, compliance, policy education and development. She has more than 20 years' experience in health care provider services, both in the private and public sector. Melody holds a master's degree in the science of management.

Marlene Asmussen, RN, Director of Care Management, Health Management & Medical Authorization, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Marlene Asmussen began her career at the Oklahoma Health Care Authority as the Aged, Blind & Disabled nurse case manager when ABD members were transitioned into managed care. She was the first Exceptional Needs Coordinator (ENC) in the newly-formed OHCA Care Management department and is currently serving as Director of Care Management, Health Management & Medical Authorization.

She has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Central Oklahoma and is a certified case manager (CCM) through the Case Management Society of America. Her nursing career includes working with children with disabilities at the Children's Hospital at OU Medical Center and the City Health Department of Wichita Falls (special detail); newborn & NICU at INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center and Lead Nurse for the Children First program through the City County Health Department of Oklahoma City.

John Calabro, Health Information Technology Coordinator

- December 1, 2010, appointed the first Health Information Technology Coordinator for the state of Oklahoma;
- Prior to HIT Coordinator was one of the first seven trustees named by Governor Henry to serve on the Oklahoma Health Information Exchange Trust. The Trust will help deploy information exchange statewide across Oklahoma;
- From 1994 until 2010, served as the chief information officer for the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, the designated single-state Medicaid entity. As CIO, Mr. Calabro was assigned to chair the work group writing the State Medicaid HIT Plan. Oklahoma was the first state to formally submit a SMHP to CMS for review and approval. The SMHP will inject over \$290 million into the statewide initiatives for HIT and HIE in Oklahoma;
- Broad experience in a wide range of organizations: four years working on military systems, ten years of private industry experience, six years of academic experience, 16 years as the Chief Information Officer for the Medicaid program in the state of Oklahoma and the HIT Coordinator since December 2010.

Tanya Case, Executive Director, Oklahoma Temporary High Risk Pool

Ms. Case has been a healthcare professional for the past 35 years. During this time, she has held the following leadership positions: Director of the Oklahoma Office of Rural Health; the Director of First Health West, a physician/hospital network; the Director of Prime Advantage HMO which served primarily as a Medicaid HMO for four counties in southwest Oklahoma; and the Executive Director of Lawton Community Health Center. It is notable that with the exception of the Oklahoma Office of Rural Health she helped create and then managed all of these organizations. In 2010, once again, she assisted in creating a new entity, the Oklahoma Temporary High Risk Pool and became the Pool's Executive Director in October 2010. Tanya holds a B.S. from the University of New Mexico and a M.S. from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. She has served as a member of the OHCA Medical Advisory Committee since 1998, is a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma Class III, and is active in community organizations in Lawton and Duncan. Tanya and her husband, Leonard, a Strategic Technology Manager for Halliburton have resided in Duncan since 1979.

Gerard Clancy, MD, President of OU-Tulsa

Dr. Gerry Clancy was born and raised in Iowa City, Iowa. He attended the University of Iowa for the majority of his formal education. He received a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry in 1983, completed an American Heart Association Research Fellowship in 1985 and completed his medical degree in 1988 graduating with Alpha Omega Alpha honors.

He continued his residency training in Psychiatry at the University of Iowa and served as that Department's first Chief Resident in 1992. He began active duty in the United States Air Force in 1992 and was stationed in Texas and South Dakota. While serving in the Air Force, Officer Clancy was promoted to major, graduated from pilot survival school, served as a flight surgeon and flew B1s, B-52s, T 38s, KC 135s and H1 helicopters.

In 1995, Dr. Clancy returned to the University of Iowa as a faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Clancy was involved in the leadership of several major initiatives at the University of Iowa including establishing mobile clinics for the homeless mentally ill, mobile teams to provide medical, psychiatric and rehabilitative care for those with severe mental illnesses on a state-wide level and a redesign of chemical dependency services. In 1997 he graduated from the Harvard Executive Program in Health Care Policy and Management.

Dr. Clancy was named University of Iowa College of Medicine Assistant Dean of Students in 1998 and Department of Psychiatry Vice Chair in 1999. In 2000, he added the responsibilities of associate medical director of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Iowa. While at Iowa, Dr. Clancy received 7 major teaching awards from resident physicians and medical students. He was named by the medical students as the graduation speaker for the University of Iowa College of Medicine Class of 1999.

Dr. Clancy was named Dean of the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Tulsa and the Morningside Health Care Foundation Endowed Chair in Leadership in August of 2001. Since that time the Tulsa programs have grown significantly. OU-Tulsa physicians are the primary providers of care to the underserved in northeast Oklahoma. Under his leadership, the medical school has received 5 Blue Cross Blue Shield Champions of Health Awards. Dr. Clancy serves on numerous community Boards in the Tulsa area. His most recent work has been in extending health care to vulnerable and underserved populations. He has assisted in the development of a state-wide network of mobile psychiatric teams (PACT teams), developed after-hours free clinics for the poor and 26 pediatric school-based clinics located in disadvantaged areas of Tulsa.

In June 2006, Dr. Clancy was appointed as President for the University of Oklahoma, Tulsa. This campus has over \$98,000,000 in new facilities being developed, over 1,500 employees, 1,500 graduate level students and an annual budget of \$100,000,000. In 2008, with a \$50,000,000 gift from the George Kaiser Family Foundation, Dr. Clancy led a successful effort to rename the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Tulsa as the University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine. The vision of the nation's first school of community medicine is to leverage the resources of the medical school to improve the health of entire communities.

Dr. Clancy has received several awards for his work with the mentally ill and the underserved. The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill awarded him the Service to the Homeless Award in 1997 and the 1998 Exemplary Psychiatrist Award. He received the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill Community Psychiatry Award at the 2002 national meeting in Cincinnati. In 2004, he received the Oklahoma State Medical

Association Award for Community Service for the development of a community partnership to improve access to care for the medically underserved. In 2005, Dr. Clancy received the University of Iowa Distinguished Alumni Award- Early Achievement. In September of 2006, he received the Zarrow Families Foundation Award for service to the mentally ill. He was named the Tulsan of the Year by *Tulsa People* magazine in 2009 for his work on providing health care to the underserved.

Dr. Clancy has published in the basic, clinical and educational sciences. He has written a modifiable electronic medical textbook on Emergency Psychiatry that has been adapted for use in Spain and on US Navy Ships across the world. He continues to work across the country on the development of outreach psychiatric programs for those with refractory severe mental illnesses. He continues to teach students and residents and sees patients regularly.

Dr. Clancy has been married to his wife Paula for 24 years. He has three children, Sam age 18, Mary age 15 and Joey age 10.

Tywanda Cox, M.S., C.P.O., Director of Health Policy and Waiver Development and Reporting, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Tywanda Cox joined the Oklahoma Health Care Authority staff in May of 1998. She holds a Master's of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling and is a Certified Procurement Officer for the State of Oklahoma. During her tenure at OHCA, Mrs. Cox has worked in the Legal Division as a Sr. Contracts Specialist, the Health Policy Division as a Sr. Policy Specialist and Coordinator and currently works in the Policy, Planning and Integrity Division as the Director of Policy and Waiver Development. Responsibilities of her current position with OHCA include issuance, amendment and revocation of agency policy, state plans and waivers. Additionally, she is responsible for initiating, processing and obtaining appropriate federal authority and approval for the operation of all programs within the agency to insure federal financial participation.

Carrie Evans, Chief Financial Officer, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Carrie Evans has been with the agency since April 1995. Ms. Evans began as a Financial Manager and later as the Director of General Accounting. She became the CFO in January 2009. She has a Bachelor's of Business Administration with a Degree in Accounting from the University of Oklahoma. Ms. Evans came to the agency from the Department of Human Services, Office of Inspector General, where she served as a Senior Auditor.

As Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Evans provides oversight for the Financial Management, Adjustments, General Accounting, Third Party Liability, Claims Resolution and Monitoring and Purchasing units. Her office prepares the annual agency budget request, develops provider reimbursement methodologies, prepares and processes federal expenditure reports, agency budget work programs and any necessary revisions, as well as maintains the Cost Allocation Plan.

Mike Fogarty, M.S.W., J.D., Chief Executive Officer, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

The OHCA administers the Oklahoma *SoonerCare* (Medicaid/SCHIP) Programs, serving nearly 900,000 Oklahomans with a budget of greater than \$4.5 billion. He joined the agency in 1995 as the State Medicaid Director and Chief Operating Officer.

His graduate education includes a Master of Social Work from the University of Oklahoma and Juris Doctorate from Oklahoma City University.

Mike's public service career began in 1971 as a social worker for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. In 1979 he joined the legislative staff of the newly elected U.S. Senator David Boren. On the

Washington, D.C. staff, he had responsibility for U.S. Senate Finance Committee matters relating to health, social services, and income assistance policy and programs. He returned to Oklahoma as the Deputy Director of DHS and in 1983 became the Medicaid Director. From 1987 to 1994 Mike maintained a private law practice and also owned and operated nursing facilities in Oklahoma.

His efforts to reform Medicaid dates back to the mid 1970's. Mike staffed the Human Services Committee of National Governors Association for Governor David Boren from 1974 to 1978. In the early 1980's he served on the National Study Group on State Medicaid Strategies, a Robert Wood Johnson funded project of The Center for the Study of Social Policy. Their report, "Restructuring Medicaid: An Agenda for Change", bears striking similarities to the observations, conclusions, and recommendations being voiced in today's debate. He continues as an active participant in the health care reform debate on the national level.

Closer to home, Medicaid reform in Oklahoma has produced expanded and improved coverage for children, pregnant women, men and women of childbearing age, senior adults and those with disabilities. The number of children covered by Oklahoma's *SoonerCare* program has grown from 161,000 in November 1997 to over 530,000 today.

Under Mike's direction, Oklahoma has been a leader in delivering Health Care. Insure Oklahoma, since November 2005, offers premium assistance programs to employers and employees as a public/private partnership endeavor. Insure Oklahoma was **named the statewide 2008 Champion of the Uninsured** and was **presented the *Honor Roll for Coverage Award*** by the Healthcare Leadership Council. In February 2007, the OHCA began incorporating the medical home concept into *SoonerCare*. OHCA's Patient Centered Medical Home model has been featured and applauded in multiple national publications including **American Medical Association newsletter and State Health Watch**. In September 2010, Online Enrollment was implemented, creating a single-point-of entry eligibility. The OHCA is the **only Medicaid agency in the nation** to create a system that gives qualifying applicants immediate eligibility determination and enrolls those members in *SoonerCare*. Finally, CMS has recognized Oklahoma as the **first state in the nation** with an approved State Medicaid HIT plan and was the **first in the nation** to provide EHR payments to an eligible professional and to a tribally sponsored Indian health facility.

Terrie Fritz, MSW, LCSW, External Relations Coordinator, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

In her position, she works to improve dialogue, input and participation of members, professional groups, advocacy groups, state agency partners and providers. She is the past Director of Child Health as well as the past Director of Behavioral Health for the OHCA. She is also an adjunct professor at the University Of Oklahoma School Of Social Work where she teaches Social Work Policy and Practice courses. Since graduating with her MSW in 1978, Terrie has held many elected and volunteer positions with the National Association of Social Workers at the state and national levels. She has recently completed a term on the national board of directors for that organization.

Nico Gomez, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Nico Gomez serves as the Deputy Chief Executive Officer and is responsible for the Communications, Outreach and Reporting Division at the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. An employee of the state Medicaid agency since 2000, Nico is responsible for legislative communication at the state and congressional level as well as managing several other integral communication areas, the Reporting & Statistics unit, the Public Information unit, the Child Health unit and the Indian Health unit.

His office is responsible for communicating with state and congressional legislators and their staff as well as their constituents. The Public Information unit develops educational and informational material related to the agency's programs and responsibilities. The Reporting and Statistics unit acts a central repository for official

data and reports from the agency. The Indian Health and Child Health units coordinate outreach and communication efforts related to these important populations in partnership with our agency's strategic plan.

Graduating in 1995 from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Journalism and Public Relations, Nico began his career in public service as a spokesman for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. In 2005, Nico was appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to serve on a state Medicaid reform task force. In 2006, he was honored to be recognized as one of *OKCBusiness*'s Forty under 40 professionals. Nico is a candidate to receive his master's degree in business administration with an emphasis in health care from Southern Nazarene University in Sept. 2011.

Nico is active in several community organizations. He is an elected member of the Bethany Public Schools Board of Education and he also serves as a trustee for the Bethany Public School Foundation. He also coaches his son's baseball team through the Putnam City Optimists organization. He has served more than 10 years as a little league baseball umpire.

Kenneth Goodwin, RN, Supervisor, Medical Authorization Unit, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

After a sixteen-year career with the University of Oklahoma College of Continuing Education, Kenneth spent the next six years with Fresenius Medical Services working as an Education Coordinator and then as the Manager of the Acute Dialysis Services. In 2009, he joined the Oklahoma Health Care Authority as a Senior Medical Review Nurse. Kenneth is currently employed as a Supervisor in the Medical Authorization Unit and is also the contract monitor for the Radiology Management Program.

Rebekah Gossett, RN MSN, BSN, Care Management Supervisor, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Rebekah Gossett joined the Oklahoma Health Care Authority staff in February of 2006. She is a Registered Nurse for the State Of Oklahoma. Rebekah has served OHCA as an Exceptional Needs Coordinator, a senior level nurse and now as a Supervisor. She has been instrumental in the development of Care Management's ER Utilization Program. Responsibilities of her current position with the OHCA include the supervision of daily Care Management activities as well as oversight of OHCA's Fetal Infant Mortality Reduction (FIMR) Program.

Buffy Heater, MPH, Manager of Planning and Development, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Mrs. Heater, originally from northeastern Oklahoma, received her undergraduate degree from Northeastern State University before receiving her Master's degree in Public Health Administration and Policy from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Mrs. Heater joined the Health Care Authority in August 2002, after leading numerous community-based projects for the Community Action Resource & Development Agency in Bartlesville.

In her current capacity as Planning Director, Mrs. Heater is responsible for overseeing the planning and development of projects complementing the agency's vision and strategic plan. In particular, Mrs. Heater identifies key strategic opportunities for the OHCA and directly informs the decision-making processes relative to the pursuit and management of strategic initiatives. She directs the efforts of a team of experienced project managers and has been instrumental in the policy development, design, and implementation of multiple high priority projects for the OHCA. A few noteworthy projects include: the 2004 and 2008 Oklahoma Health Insurance Survey's conducted by the University of Minnesota's State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC) which resulted in the first Oklahoma-specific survey of the uninsured; the establishment of Oklahoma's first premium assistance program, Insure Oklahoma which currently makes affordable health insurance coverage available to thousands of Oklahoman's; the incorporation of the Patient-Centered Medical Home model into the SoonerCare program in which the OHCA moved from a partially-capitated provider payment system to that of a fee-for-service payment

arrangement; and the development of modifications necessary to comply with new federal regulations coming about from multiple sources including the Deficit Reduction Act, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and Affordable Care Act.

Mrs. Heater is responsible for the successful creation of proposals resulting in Oklahoma's receipt of millions of federal grant dollars. To date, she has overseen the establishment of 11 grant projects for resulting in over \$70,000,000 grant dollars coming into Oklahoma. A few of the funded projects include efforts to expand the outreach and enrollment of children into SoonerCare, the development of emergency room diversion initiatives, and care coordination activities for those dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.

Mrs. Heater's currently oversees over 50 high-priority projects for the OHCA. The projects span across a variety of policy and operational areas including online enrollment, feasibility of coverage expansions, compliance with recent state and federal regulations, and health information technology initiatives. Tantalizing to the planning process, Mrs. Heater strives to establish and maintain partnerships, both within and outside the OHCA, resulting in well-designed and well-thought-through programs for Oklahomans.

Carter Kimble, MPH, Public Information Representative. Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Mr. Kimble received his undergraduate degree from Texas Tech University before attending the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center and receiving his Masters of Public Health in Health Management and Policy. After working with various non-profit organizations and local government, Mr. Kimble joined the Oklahoma Health Care Authority in August of 2010. In his current role with the agency, he works primarily with members of the media, state and federal legislatures and various external stakeholders to troubleshoot outstanding issues and educate on the agency, its programs and its mission.

Von A. Lawson, Director of Opportunities for Living Life, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

EDUCATION

Graduate – Educator's Leadership Academy, The Higher Education Academy, 2002-2003, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma.

Graduate – Leadership CareerTech, Class of 2001-2002. Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Master of Arts (M.A.) degree received May 1990, Central State University; Edmond, Oklahoma. Major: Political Science (Public Administration).

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degrees received May 1982, Langston University; Langston, Oklahoma. Major: Gerontology and Sociology.

Graduate of Northeast High School, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; May 1978.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Provides oversight for the Opportunities for Living Life Division. Develops infrastructure within OHCA in order to oversee and coordinate with other interagency functions which provide services and support to individuals who are frail, elderly and disabled. Coordinates with other state, federal and community agencies to develop, build and deliver health and social support for individuals in the community setting on a continuum. Builds collaborative working relationships among groups (e.g. CMS, Legislative Taskforce, Legislature, other state agencies, local agencies and advocacy groups) to address opportunities for living life. Develops and implements long term goals, programs and initiatives that will have statewide impact. Initiates, plans, develops, and directs the overall goals of the Division. Directs professional work and coordinates significant areas of Medicaid-funded programs. Provides administrative oversight to the Level of Care Evaluation and the Initiatives Operations Units. Acts as liaison between the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Department of Human Services, Department of

Rehabilitation Services, Department of Health, other related State agencies, programs, and organizations involved in the delivery of Medicaid services.

Adolph (Al) Maren Jr., M.A., Planning Project Manager, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Mr. Maren joined OHCA in March 2007 and is currently the Planning Project Manager in the Policy, Planning & Integrity Division of the Health Care Authority. After 24 years as an Army officer, Al came to OHCA with a wealth of knowledge and experience in: project management; resource management; complex research and data analysis; new systems development; implementation, training and evaluation.

Since arriving at OHCA, he has assisted with the strategic planning and implementation of numerous SoonerCare programs and is currently working with the staff on implementing several Health Information Exchange and Health Information Technology efforts.

Al received an undergraduate degree in science from the State University of New York at Buffalo and a graduate degree in Computer Resources and Information Management from Webster University. He has been married for 27 years to his wife Elizabeth and has two children, Lauren and Ryan.

George Miller, Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board Member

Former State Senator George Miller has nearly 50 years of dedicated public service to the State of Oklahoma and is a proud veteran of the United States Navy. He has been a member of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority board since 1998. Prior to being appointed to the board, Mr. Miller's state career included ten years as an elected State official -1964 to 1974 and over 20 years with the Department of Human Services-1974-1998. Throughout his career, he has been the recipient of various awards and distinctions for his commitment to the state. Mr. Miller holds a Bachelor's degree in Engineering from Oklahoma State University.

Howard Pallotta, J.D., General Counsel and Associate Director of Legal Services, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Mr. Pallotta directly supervises the legal staff representing the OHCA in all matters. He advises and represents the Chief Executive Officer, the Board, the Agency, and its staff on all matters involving legal (statutory, regulatory, and administrative) interpretation, compliance, and dispute resolution on major legal issues involving lawsuits, federal regulations, contracts, personnel, and other concerns affecting the Agency.

Rebecca Pasternik-Ikard, JD, MS, RN, State Medicaid Chief Operating Officer/SoonerCare Program Operations Director, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Populations served include TANF, persons categorized as ABD, women approved through the Breast & Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Program, and TEFRA-qualified children. SoonerCare also includes the SoonerPlan Family Planning waiver program.

Before joining the Health Care Authority, she served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma in the litigation and administrative law sections.

Ms. Pasternik-Ikard earned her Juris Doctorate from Oklahoma City University School of Law; her Master of Science from the University of Oklahoma; and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Central Oklahoma. She has a background in burn nursing, as well as injury epidemiology. In addition, she serves as a member of the APHSA Managed Care TAG.

Lynn Puckett, Director of Contractor Services, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Lynn Puckett has over 20 years of healthcare IT experience implementing large systems. She is a member of the Oklahoma Governmental Technology Applications Review Board, a member of the Oklahoma Health Information Security and Privacy Council (OKHISPC), and a member of the Oklahoma Health Information Exchange Trust Advisory Board.

Traylor Rains, J.D. Policy Development Coordinator, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Originally from south Texas, Mr. Rains joined OHCA in 2005 after moving to Oklahoma from Dallas where he practiced criminal, family & personal injury trial law. Mr. Rains received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University before earning his Juris Doctorate from Baylor University School of Law. In his current position, Mr. Rains oversees the research, development and implementation of the Agency's administrative rules. Mr. Rains and his team are responsible for ensuring that the Agency's rules are properly promulgated pursuant to the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act and are in compliance with state and federal laws.

Carolyn Reconnu, RN, BSN, CCM, Manager, SoonerCare Health Management Program, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Ms. Reconnu has served as the Manager of the SoonerCare Health Management Program since February 2009. Prior to that, she was a Care Management Supervisor in the OHCA Care Management unit for 5 years. Ms. Reconnu has 21 years of experience in case management in the workers' compensation, health insurance and Medicaid arenas. She has been a certified case manager (CCM) since 1996. She earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Nursing from Thiel College, Greenville PA. She gained her clinical nursing experience at Prince George's Medical Center in Cheverly, MD and Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, TX.

Cindy Roberts, C.P.A, CGFM, Deputy Chief Executive Officer; Policy, Planning and Integrity, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Cindy Roberts joined the Oklahoma Health Care Authority staff in September of 1994. She is a Certified Public Accountant and also a Certified Government Financial Manager. Roberts' twenty-seven year career with the state of Oklahoma has included work with the State Auditor and Inspector's Office and the Department of Human Services' Office of Inspector General. Responsibilities of her current position with the OHCA include the oversight of the state Medicaid agency's policy, planning initiatives, strategic planning development, and service efforts and accomplishments reporting, as well as management of the program integrity activities for the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. The agency's human resources management function also reports through Ms. Roberts.

Lyle Roggow, President, Duncan Area Economic Development Foundation

Lyle Roggow grew up on a farm near Garber, Oklahoma. He was an active FFA member who believed that much of his leadership abilities came from that organization. Following his graduation from Oklahoma State University in which he received a degree in Agriculture Economics in 1984, he had the opportunity to travel to West Germany to work on farming operation. After returning from his six month work/study program, he began his working career in Shawnee, Oklahoma at Gordon Cooper Technology Center in 1985 as the Farm Business Management Program Coordinator. He spent 13 years assisting farmers and small businesses in achieving their goals and educating them on best businesses practices. While in Shawnee he served on the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce, Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Commission, and Regent to Seminole State College, Tecumseh Chamber of Commerce and many more activities. In 1998, he left Gordon Cooper Technology Center to work into the family farming operation. Since 1998, Lyle has served as a member of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and is the current chairman of this state entity. In 2000, he became a Regional Director for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce serving the Northwest region for his first year and then the North Central region until 2003. In January of 2005 he began working for Meridian

Technology Center in Stillwater as the Community and Economic Development Specialist and Assistant Incubator Manager. In October 2006, Lyle became President of the Duncan Area Economic Development Foundation. He is the past chairman of the Governors Economic Development Marketing Team, Vice Chairman of Oklahoma Professional Economic Development Council, member of Industrial Asset Management Council and International Economic Development Council. Lyle is married and he and his wife, Kim, have four children. Kim is a small business owner in Duncan, Oklahoma.

Kevin Rupe, CPA, Director of Member Services, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

The Member Services unit is responsible for direct interaction with all SoonerCare members regarding their health care benefits as well as with the oversight of the SoonerCare Helpline, Patient Advice Line, and the non-emergency transportation program. He has been with the OHCA since 1996 and received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Oklahoma.

Kelly Shropshire, CPA, Director of Program Integrity and Accountability, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Kelly Shropshire is a CPA with 20 plus years of program integrity experience, the past 13 being with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. He is currently the Director of the Program Integrity & Accountability Unit. His primary responsibility is ensuring agency risks are appropriately mitigated through Program Integrity activities. He directly oversees the following OHCA functions; provider audits, internal audits, State Payment Accuracy Program, PERM, MEDI-MEDI, Medicaid Integrity Contractor efforts, and the Recovery Audit Contractor efforts. He currently chairs the PERM Technical Advisory Group.

Chad Sickler, HIT Program Coordinator, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Chad graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with a bachelor's degree in Management Information Systems. He joined the Health Care Authority in March 2005 with extensive knowledge of SoonerCare policy. Prior to joining OHCA, Chad assisted SoonerCare providers with claims adjudication, internet troubleshooting, and member eligibility at Electronic Data Systems.

When Chad first joined OHCA, he worked in the Pharmacy division where he played a key role in the implementation of Computer-Telephony-Integration (CTI) at the OU College of Pharmacy. The implementation of CTI allowed OU College of Pharmacy to become part of OHCA's call tree which enhanced services to SoonerCare providers. Chad later moved on to become a Sr. Research Analyst where he developed ad hoc reports and maps, produced the annual report, and developed methods to streamline reports/processes.

In Chad's current role as the HIT Program Coordinator, he is responsible for supervising and synchronizing the daily operations of current and future HIT programs including the EHR Incentive Program. Since becoming the HIT Program Coordinator, Chad has continued Oklahoma's trend of "national firsts" by coordinating an EHR Incentive payment to the first Tribal provider in the nation.

Debbie A. Spaeth, LMFT, LPC, LADC, Behavioral Health Services Director, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Ms. Spaeth has been a clinician in the behavioral health field in Oklahoma for 25 years. Her training and experience is in Marriage & Family Therapy, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and Alcohol & Drug Counseling. She has worked in both inpatient and outpatient settings, and in the public and private sectors.

Ms. Spaeth spent 10 years working in private practice focusing on couples and families and 10 years at an Alcohol & Drug agency. She also worked in inpatient psych with children and adults until she moved over to the Policy and Utilization Management side of the field.

She spent five years at the Oklahoma Foundation for Medical Quality managing both the outpatient and children's inpatient prior-authorization programs for OHCA/SoonerCare. Since 2001, Ms. Spaeth has been with Oklahoma HealthCare Authority overseeing Behavioral Health services for the members of Oklahoma's SoonerCare/Medicaid and Insure Oklahoma insurance programs.

Garth L. Splinter, M.D., MBA, Oklahoma State Medicaid Director, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Dr. Splinter majored in industrial engineering, receiving his Bachelor's degree in 1974 from the University of Oklahoma. Subsequently he earned his MBA in 1976 from the Harvard Business School. He graduated from the Oklahoma University College of Medicine in 1984, with a Doctor of Medicine degree and completed his residency in Family Medicine in 1987. He joined the faculty at the Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center serving as an assistant professor and part-time Medical Director for the Employees Group Insurance Board. He served as Special Assistant on Health Care to Governor Walters from 1991–1994 and was also the Chair of the Commission on Oklahoma Health Care and served as Principal Investigator for the Robert Wood Johnson Grant of State Initiatives on Health Care granted to the Governor's office.

In 1994, Dr. Splinter became the Chief Executive Officer of the newly created Oklahoma Health Care Authority, the agency that oversees Medicaid. During his five years as CEO, the Oklahoma Medicaid program was successfully converted to statewide managed care. In 1999, he re-joined the Department of Family Medicine as an Associate Professor. From 1999 to 2003, he also served as the Chief Medical Officer of the University Hospitals Trust. From 2003 to 2010 he was the Director of the Primary Care Policy Division in the Department of Family Medicine, overseeing health policy studies.

Since July 2010, Dr. Splinter has served as the Oklahoma State Medicaid Director at the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.