

## **Presenter Bios**

### **Jonathan Barr, CADC-I, CPS-AD, MATS**

#### ***Program Manager, PROUD Program – Advantage Behavioral Health Systems***

Jonathan Barr is a person in long term recovery, a returned citizen, and a Certified Addiction Recovery Empowerment Specialist (CARES). He graduated Hall County Drug Court in June of 2016. Jonathan then moved to Athens Georgia to help start Acceptance Recovery Center before ultimately making another move to help start a program to serve peers with OUD. He currently works at Advantage Behavioral Health Systems as the Program Manager for the PROUD (Peers in Recovery from Opioid Use and Dependency) Program. He works daily with those seeking recovery to help them find freedom from substance misuse, improved quality of life, and meaningful connection with others. Jonathan has been working in the field for over 8 years, is a certified MRT instructor, is additionally certified as a CADC (Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor), and is a Medication Assisted Treatment Specialist (MATS) through the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Certification Board of Georgia. He considers his work not just a job, but a calling. Jonathan is currently attending Georgia State University and is studying social work. His long-term goal is to become a fully licensed clinician and to someday start and/or run his own agency.

### **Emily Brunner, MD, FASAM**

#### ***Physician TTA Consultant, Consulting and Training Solutions - Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation***

Dr. Brunner is board-certified in both family medicine and a distinguished fellow in the field of addiction medicine. She has experience treating addiction in both inpatient and outpatient settings. She is an experienced speaker and specializes in trauma-informed clinical treatment of substance use disorders with a comprehensive and compassionate approach.

Dr. Brunner has been involved in leadership of the Minnesota Society of Addiction Medicine and is now on the national board of the American Society of Addiction. She is a passionate advocate for improving the care of patients with substance use disorder across the healthcare system, and specifically in advocating for increased utilization of medications for opioid use disorder across all levels of care. She has also been recognized as a Top Doctor for addiction medicine by Minnesota Magazine in 2020, 2021 and 2022.

### **Steve Delisi, MD**

#### ***Chief Medical Officer, YourPath, Inc., President, YourPath Care, PLLC***

#### ***Adjunct Professor, Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate School of Addiction Studies Medical Trainer On-call, Hazelden Betty Ford***

Dr. Delisi is board certified by both the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and the American Board of Addiction Medicine. Before joining the YourPath team as CMO and President, Dr. Delisi had served as a psychiatrist for the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation from 2005-2023. During his time with Hazelden, Dr. Delisi most recently served as Medical Director, Enterprise Solutions. Dr. Delisi continues as an Adjunct Professor at the Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate School and as an On-call Medical Trainer. Dr. Delisi is a nationally recognized leader, speaker, and

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consultant on the use of evidence-based, integrated treatments for co-occurring and substance use disorders, as well as the risk conferred by the epigenetic effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences and trauma.

### **Andy Gish, RN, BSN, CEN**

#### ***Director – Georgia Overdose Prevention***

Andy is a Board-Certified Emergency Room Nurse who helped pass Georgia's Medical Amnesty Law better known as "Don't Run, Call 911". This law allows certain legal protections for the victim and caller when 911 is used in cases of medical emergencies related to drug and alcohol overdoses. The law also allowed statewide access to Naloxone/Narcan, the antidote for opioid overdoses, for almost 10 years before it became over-the-counter.

Andy is the Director of Georgia Overdose Prevention where she oversees state-wide community outreach and distribution of Naloxone to people at high risk and their loved ones. She also works closely with Georgia Harm Reduction Coalition who is now establishing Syringe Service Programs all over the State of Georgia. The work of these organizations has resulted in over 9,200 known community overdose reversals in Georgia. Andy is a guest lecturer at Emory University, The University of West Georgia and PCOM teaching future health care providers about opioid addiction and Georgia's Medical Amnesty Law. She has also taught at the CDC, The Department of Public Health and Georgia Poison Control and has organized several opioid education programs including a summit for law enforcement at The Carter Center. Her focus is on compassionate open-minded care and de-stigmatizing this marginalized population. She is a graduate of Emory University's Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing where she served as Class President.

In 2018, Andy won the AJC's Nursing Excellence award and was named one of the Top 10 Nurses in Georgia for her work in Overdose Prevention. That year she was also given a Commander's Challenge Coin from RAMD Edward M. Dieser, the Chief Engineer of the U.S. Public Health Service under the Office of the Surgeon General for her work in Public Health. In 2020, she was presented with Emory's Excellence in Nursing Award from the Alumni Association.

Andy was a long-term resident of Atlanta's Little Five Points where much of her community outreach started and where she continues to serve. She equips and trains restaurants, bars and other businesses in her community with Naloxone and detailed education on how to treat and prevent overdoses. This effort has resulted in many community reversals of overdoses where Good Samaritans saved victims of overdoses. Andy is a former anthropologist and primate researcher and is also a musician and published singer songwriter for the group The Yum Yum Tree.

### **Kallio Hunnicutt-Ferguson, PhD**

#### ***Addiction Psychologist – Emory Healthcare***

Kallio Hunnicutt-Ferguson, PhD completed her PhD in clinical psychology at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, internship at the New Jersey VA Healthcare System, and a Postdoctoral Fellowship at Weill Cornell Medicine. Prior to joining the Emory University School of Medicine Faculty in 2017, Dr. Hunnicutt worked as the PTSD/Substance Use Disorder psychologist at the James J. Peters VA in Bronx, NY. Dr. Hunnicutt specializes in providing

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Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and other evidence based treatments to adults with substance use disorders and co-occurring mood, anxiety, trauma and related disorders. Dr. Hunnicutt is actively involved in research and prevention efforts focused on substance use disorders and their impact on women's health. She is passionate about teaching, and is the director of psychology practicum training at Emory clinic and is involved in residency education.

### **Diana Kelly, LCSW**

#### ***Master Clinical Consultant, Consulting and Training Solutions – Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation***

Diana Kelly is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, (LCSW) Clinician, educator and Master Clinical Consultant at the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation and serves as an adjunct faculty member at the IU School of Social Work in Indianapolis Indiana. Diana's primary focus areas include inclusive group work, trauma informed and anti-oppressive clinical practices, and clinical work with Military Veterans and their families. Diana's direct practice experience involves work with Military Veterans, and those involved with the Justice System. Diana has a strong passion for trauma informed work with Women Veterans and advocating for the inclusive treatment of minority Veterans. Diana has a strong passion for teaching, mentoring, group facilitation and has a strong belief in the magic of group work! She is a graduate of the IU School of Social Work in Indianapolis Indiana.

### **Joseph Mathias, MD**

#### ***Addiction Psychiatrist and Director of Outpatient Addiction Services - Emory Healthcare***

Joseph Mathias, MD is an Addiction Psychiatrist and Director of Outpatient Addiction Services at Emory Healthcare. He also serves as Associate Medical Education Director for the Addiction Alliance of Georgia. Dr. Mathias completed his training in General Psychiatry at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He started to develop an interest in addiction treatment during residency as his local community in Western Massachusetts suffered greatly due to the opioid epidemic. He served as Chief Resident his final year of residency and helped treat patients with opioid use disorder at Berkshire County's community mental health buprenorphine clinic. Following residency, Dr. Mathias completed his Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship at Emory University. Dr. Mathias has particular interest in the treatment and prevention of substance use disorders in adolescents/young adults. He is also actively involved in nursing student, medical student, residency and fellowship education.

### **Elizabeth McCord, MD**

#### ***Addiction Psychiatrist – Emory Healthcare***

Elizabeth McCord, MD was awarded her Doctorate in Medicine at LSU School of Medicine New Orleans in 2015. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine and Psychiatry at Emory School of Medicine in 2020 and later a fellowship in Addiction Psychiatry at Emory University School of Medicine. Prior to starting her fellowship in Addiction Psychiatry, Dr. McCord was the Ambulatory Chief Resident for the Emory Internal Medicine Residency Program. Her primary clinical/scholarly focus is the treatment of addiction through an integrative approach developed from her background in both Internal Medicine and Psychiatry. Her articles have been published

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in a number of leading journals including the Journal of ECT, Journal of the American College of Surgeons, and Journal of Surgery. She has presented her work at numerous conferences, both national and international, throughout her career. Both she and her husband were born in New Orleans, LA but have made Atlanta their permanent home.

### **Catherine (Cat) Mills, CAC-I, CPS-AD, CPRP**

#### ***Director, Addictive Disease – Advantage Behavioral Health Systems***

Cat joined Advantage Behavioral Health Systems in 2009 and has provided direct-service capacities, both in substance abuse and mental health programs. In 2017, with funding from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, she began building Advantage's Opioid Treatment Program, PROUD (Peers in Recovery from Opioid Use & Dependence), in response to the national opioid epidemic. Cat identifies as a person in long-term recovery. She has been recognized by the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse as a Certified Addiction Recovery Empowerment Specialist (CARES/CPS-AD) since 2011 and by the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association as a Certified Psychiatric Rehabilitation Professional (CPRP) since 2014. Cat currently serves as the Director of Addictive Disease for Advantage BHS in Region 2.

### **Samantha Patton, PhD**

#### ***Addiction Psychologist and Clinical Director, Intensive Outpatient Program – Emory Healthcare***

Samantha Patton, PhD completed her PhD in clinical psychology at the University of Louisville in Louisville, KY where her graduate research focused on emotional and physiological factors that influence symptom trajectory following trauma exposure, particularly in women. She completed her clinical internship at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Healthcare System in New Orleans, LA, and her postdoctoral fellowship at Emory with the Emory Healthcare Veterans Program where she gained further training in the evidence-based treatment of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and comorbid disorders. Dr. Patton is passionate about providing evidence-based treatment and specializes in treatment of PTSD, substance use disorders, and related problems. Her research interests focus on factors impacting symptom development, treatment outcomes and maintenance of treatment gains.