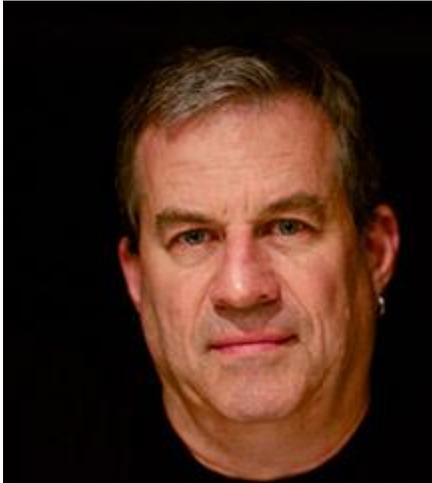


## **Keynote Speaker: Sam Quinones, Author, Dreamland**



Sam Quinones is a Los Angeles-based freelance journalist and author of three books of narrative nonfiction. His latest book is *Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic* (Bloomsbury, 2015), for which he traveled across the United States. *Dreamland* recounts twin stories of drug marketing in the 21st Century: A pharmaceutical corporation flogs its legal new opiate prescription painkiller as nonaddictive. Meanwhile, immigrants from a small town in Nayarit, Mexico devise a method for retailing black-tar heroin like pizza in the US, and take that system nationwide, riding a wave of addiction to prescription pills from coast to coast. The collision of those two forces has led to America's deadliest drug scourge in modern times.

*Dreamland* won a National Book Critics Circle award for the Best Nonfiction Book of 2015. It was also selected as one of the Best Books of 2015 by Amazon.com, Slate.com, the Daily Beast, BuzzFeed, Seattle Times, Boston Globe, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Entertainment Weekly, Audible, and in the Wall Street Journal and Bloomberg Business by Nobel economics laureate, Prof. Angus Deaton, of Princeton University. Quinones' previous two highly acclaimed books grew from his 10 years living and working as a freelance writer in Mexico (1994-2004). Sam Quinones is formerly a reporter with the L.A. Times, where he worked for 10 years (2004-2014). He is a veteran reporter on immigration, gangs, drug trafficking, the border. Contact him at [www.samquinones.com](http://www.samquinones.com).

## **Allen Brenzel, Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health**



In 2010 Dr. Brenzel was appointed the Medical Director for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (BHDID) with the Cabinet for Health and Families Services (CHFS) for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Prior to 2010 he served as the Medical and Psychiatric Consultant for the Department of Community Based Services (DCBS) and as the Director of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Kentucky. He attended the University of Louisville School of Medicine and completed a combined residency in Pediatrics, Adult Psychiatry and Child Psychiatry at the

University of Kentucky. He also completed his Master in Business Administration in 2006. He joined the UK faculty in 1993 where he is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics.

### **Laura Brinson, Northern Kentucky Health Department**



Laura Brinson, MEd., CHES, is a Substance Abuse Health Educator with the Northern Kentucky Health Department. In her role with the health department, she provides technical assistance to local drug-free community coalitions, coordinates naloxone distribution and evaluation in Northern Kentucky, and works on strategies to prevent prescription drug misuse. She also currently serves as a part-time instructor at Gateway Community and Technical College in Florence, KY, providing education on workplace drug policies. She is a two-time University of Cincinnati alum, graduating with her Bachelor's with

High Honors in International Affairs and a minor in Spanish in 2007, and her Master's of Education in Health Education and Promotion in 2008. Previous work includes coordinating health/wellness and general education programs for Su Casa Hispanic Center and managing the Wellness/Bienestar ("Wellness" in Spanish) Program at Santa Maria Community Services, both located in Cincinnati.

### **Harold Brown, Sterling Health Solutions**



Harold is the Chief Executive Officer of Sterling Health Solutions (SHS), Inc. In this role he is responsible for the direction, growth and development of the organization.

Prior to joining SHS, Mr. Brown served as the Vice President of Administrative Services at a multi-site Community Health Center in Newark, NJ. In this role he provided strategic leadership for a network of 7 community health centers (one of the largest NJ providers of comprehensive primary care services to uninsured and medically under-served patients). He also served as the

Chief Corporate Compliance Officer ensuring adherence to federal, state, and local regulations.

### **Jay Butler, ASTHO/Alaska Department of Health and Social Services**



Jay C. Butler, MD was appointed by Alaska Governor Bill Walker as Chief Medical Officer for the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services and Director of the Division of Public Health in December 2014. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina Medical School, has completed clinical trainings at Vanderbilt and Emory Universities, and maintains clinical board certifications in infectious diseases, internal medical, and pediatrics. Previously, Dr. Butler was Senior Director for Community Health Services at the ANTHC, where he was also a clinical infectious diseases consultant and Medical Director for

Infection Control and Employee Health. Earlier work includes serving as Chief Medical Officer of the Alaska Department of Health Social Services from 2007 to 2009, Alaska State Epidemiologist, 2005-07, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention's (CDC) Arctic Investigations Program, 1998-2005, and medical epidemiologist in CDC's National Center for Infectious Diseases in Atlanta, 1991-98.

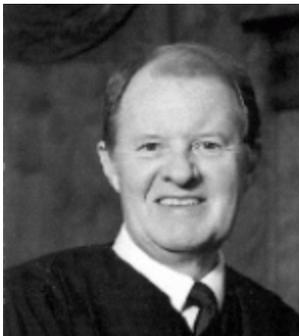
### **Roberto Cardarelli, UK Healthcare**



Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Kentucky, Dr. Cardarelli founded and directed the Primary Care Research Center and North Texas Primary Care Research Network at the UNT Health Science Center at Fort Worth. He has extensive experience in health care administration in positions as chairman and medical director in both academic and hospital medical group settings. His research expertise spans from chronic disease states and management, patient-centered medical home models, mental health, cancer prevention, and comparative effectiveness research.

Dr. Cardarelli received his BS in Microcellular Biology from the University of California, Davis, DO and MPH degrees from the UNT Health Science Center and completed residency in Family Medicine at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians and a diplomat of the American Board of Family Medicine. He is dual board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine and the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.

### **Judge Roger Crittenden**



Judge Roger Crittenden spent 25 years as a circuit and district judge for Franklin County and served as a Senior Judge from 2006 until 2010. He began his career on the bench when he was elected as a district judge in 1980 and was elected to a circuit judgeship in 1991. Prior to serving the judiciary, Judge Crittenden was an assistant to the Secretary of the Kentucky Department for Human Resources and legal counsel for the Kentucky Council on Higher Education. Judge Crittenden also taught Legal Writing at the University of Kentucky College of Law for 25 years. Judge Crittenden holds a juris doctor from the University of Kentucky College of Law and a bachelor's degree from Georgetown College in Kentucky. He also attended the Fels Institute of Government, a graduate program in public policy and public management at the University of Pennsylvania. Judge Crittenden is a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was elected to the University of Kentucky College of Law Hall of Fame in 2007. He has served as Chair of the Kentucky Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission and presently is Chair of



the Kentucky Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel. He is married, has two grown children and two grandchildren.

### **Kelly Firesheets, Interact for Health**

Dr. Kelly Firesheets coordinates Interact for Health's Regional Opioid Response work. She previously served as Interact's director of evaluation, where she designed and managed measurement strategies for Interact's portfolios and priority areas. Kelly holds a Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) in Clinical Psychology with a certificate in organizational concepts and management from Xavier University, where her primary research focused on positive psychology and gifted education. She completed her post-doctoral training at the University of Cincinnati. Before coming to Interact, Kelly provided counseling and psychological assessment services for young adults in a primary care office. Kelly has also consulted with several local nonprofit organizations and foundations in the areas of research, evaluation, program development, strategic planning and grant writing. Kelly was previously Chair of the Cincinnati Board of Health, and was recognized one of Grantmakers in Health's 2014 Terrance Keenan Fellows, and is currently on the Steering Committee of the Grantmakers in Health Behavioral Health Funders Network.

### **Jenifer Hancock, Volunteers of America**



A Louisville, Kentucky native, Jennifer Hancock is the President and CEO of Volunteers of America of Mid-States. Jennifer earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from the University of Kentucky, where she developed the foundation for her career dedicated to social justice and serving those who most need our community's support and advocacy. She has done that in multiple capacities over the past 20 years including the past ten years with Volunteers of America Mid-States.

Jennifer also operates a private practice in mental health counseling services and is Adjunct Faculty at the University of Louisville Kent School of Social Work. In addition to all of this, Jennifer gives her time as a board and committee member to Kentucky Children's Justice Act Task Force, State of Kentucky Corrections Commission, The Leadership Louisville Center, Community Shield, and as an Advisory Council Member of Young Professionals Association of Louisville.

### **Jennifer Havens, University of Kentucky College of Medicine, Behavioral Science**



Dr. Havens was the Principal Investigator on a NIH-funded R01 in 2016, entitled “Epidemiologic Study of the Effectiveness of an ADF in Reducing Opioid Abuse” which was recently funded through 2021. Dr. Havens also received two R03’s as PI and MPI in 2016 under an RFA designed to address the opioid epidemic in rural Appalachia. She also served as a co-Investigator on four additional NIH-funded grants and is a project PI on a team that submitted a P50 to NIDA in September of 2016. Dr. Havens is also a co-investigator on two R01’s submitted in 2016 with research teams from the University of New Mexico and Boston

Medical Center/Boston University. Both of those grants were scored and resubmissions are in preparation. Dr. Havens contributed to seven manuscripts in 2016 (all but two as the senior author) and has four additional manuscripts in various stages of the review process. Dr. Havens taught the course “Fundamentals of Biostatistics for Clinical and Translational Research” in both the Spring and Fall semesters of 2016. Dr. Havens continues to serve as a standing member for the NIH Behavioral and Social Sciences Approaches to Preventing HIV/AIDS (BSPH) study section through 2018.

### **Joy Hoskins, Kentucky Department of Public Health**



Joy Hoskins is the Director for the Division of Women’s Health for the Kentucky Department for Public Health. In this role, she provides administrative oversight and management of the public health services provided through the Kentucky Women’s Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program, the Title X Family Planning Program and the Adolescent Health/Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs as well as other statewide initiatives which enhance the health outcomes of Kentucky’s women. Hoskins represents the Division of Women’s Health and the Department for Public Health on numerous committees and coalitions,

including the Cervical Cancer Free Kentucky Initiative. She serves as the President of the Breast Cancer Research and Education Trust Fund. In addition to her responsibilities with the Division of Women’s Health, Hoskins is the Assistant Director of Nursing for the Department for Public Health. In this role, she provides technical assistance and guidance regarding public health nursing practice to local health department nursing administration and collaborates with public health leadership to support public health nurse professional development and continuing education opportunities.

### **Ardis Hoven, Chairperson of Council, World Medical Association**



Ardis Dee Hoven, MD, an internal medicine and infectious disease specialist in Lexington, Ky., was President of the American Medical Association from June 2013 to June 2014. Dr. Hoven was a member of the AMA Board of Trustees (BOT) from 2005; serving as its secretary for 2008–2009; chair for 2010–2011, and immediate past chair from 2011-2012.

Prior to her election to the AMA-BOT, Dr. Hoven served as a member and chair of the AMA Council on Medical Service. She was a member of the Utilization Review and Accreditation Commission for six years and served on its executive committee. Additional activities have included service on the AMA Foundation board of directors, the Group Practice Advisory Council of the AMA, the AMA-convened Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement®, the COLA board of directors, the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality, as well as an appointment to the Practicing Physicians Advisory Commission. Dr. Hoven served as the AMA-BOT representative on the Board of Directors of the National Quality Forum (NQF), and the Quality Alliance Steering Committee (QASC). She currently is the Chair of the AMA Delegation to the World Medical Association (WMA) and is Chair of Council of the WMA.

### **Van Ingram, Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy**



Van Ingram is the Executive Director of the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP). Van joined ODCP in November 2004, shortly after it was created with the mission of coordinating Kentucky's substance abuse efforts in enforcement, treatment and prevention/education. Van served with the Maysville Kentucky Police Department for more than 23 years, the last six as Chief of Police. He is a former President of the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police and was named "Kentucky Chief of the Year" in 2001. He is a former recipient of the Governor's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Enforcement, as well as the Melvin Shein Award for distinguished service to Kentucky law enforcement. Van is a certified law enforcement instructor and has trained officers across the state on a variety of topics, including community-oriented policing, case management, and "Kentucky Substance Abuse Issues" for Chiefs, Sheriffs and command staff. He is a frequent speaker on a variety of substance abuse issues both in Kentucky and nationally.

### **Charlotte Ipsan, Norton Women and Children's Hospital**



Charlotte Ipsan has over 30 years' experience in maternal-child and pediatric health care. Ipsan worked in several roles at Norton Children's Hospital, Norton Audubon Hospital and Norton Suburban Hospital, including staff nurse; nurse manager, neonatal intensive care unit; and director, women's services. In November of 2009, she was named Vice President of Norton's Children's Medical Center, the first pediatric outpatient surgical center in the state of Kentucky. In January of 2011, she was promoted to System Vice President of Pediatric Services for Norton Health Care/Norton Children's Hospital. She was named

Chief Administrative Officer of Norton Women's & Children's Hospital in May of 2012 and has led the creation of the first women's and children's facility within the Louisville area. Charlotte has served as the American Hospital Association (AHA) representative to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Committee on Hospital Care for the 2012 – 2014 term and currently serves on the National Committee for Maternal Child Health, which she will chair in 2018. Ipsan holds a Doctorate of Nursing Practice from Rush University in Chicago, a Master's Degree in Nursing/Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Track from the University of Louisville and is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

### **Jason Merrick, The Northern Kentucky Heroin Impact Response Team**



Jason Merrick has been an influential player in Northern Kentucky's regional opioid crisis. He is Director of Inmate addiction services in Kenton County. He is responsible for helping 100 Kenton County inmates at a time end their battle with heroin addiction and has personal experience with this struggle as well. Merrick grew up on the West Coast and completed a bachelors degree from Northern Kentucky University. Since July 1, Merrick has been Director of Inmate Addiction Services. On Sept. 1 he launched a program capable of housing 70 men and 30 women at the Kenton County

Detention Center. Officials across Northern Kentucky have hope the program can be effective in cutting into the number of heroin addicts, which they say may be greater than 5,000 across NKY. The program is mostly voluntary, although judges have ordered some into it and has seen hundreds of inmates rid of their addiction to opioids.

### **Harvey Milkman, Metropolitan State College of Denver**



Harvey B. Milkman, PhD received his baccalaureate degree from City College of New York and his doctorate from Michigan State University. He is currently professor of psychology at Metropolitan State College of Denver. His doctoral research was conducted with William Frosch, MD, at Bellevue Psychiatric Hospital in New York City, on the User's Drug of Choice. From 1980–1981, he completed a sabbatical exploration of addictive behavior in Africa, India, and Southeast Asia; in 1985 he was recipient of a Fulbright-Hays Lectureship award at the National University of Malaysia. He has represented the United States Information Agency as a consultant and featured speaker in Australia, Brazil, Iceland, The Netherlands, Peru, Turkey, and Yugoslavia. He is principle author with Stanley Sunderwirth of "The Chemistry of Craving," and author of "Better than Dope,"

featured articles in *Psychology Today*, October, 1983 and April, 2001 respectively. From September 1992–June 2002, he was author, principal investigator, and director of Project Self-Discovery: Artistic Alternatives for High-Risk Youth, a national demonstration model funded by The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and the Edward Byrne Foundation.

#### **Mark O'Brien, City of Baltimore**



Mark O'Brien is the Baltimore City Director of Opioid Overdose Prevention and Treatment where he works to implement a multi-agency response to the opioid crisis and resulting overdose deaths. Prior to starting at BCHD and BSHB, Mark was a Senior Criminal Justice Policy Associate and Acting Director of Communications in Legal Action Center's Washington, D.C. office. He is an advocate for sound drug policies that focus on health and harm reduction rather than incarceration. Mark has provided reentry and employment services to people coming home to Baltimore from prison. He is a graduate of Towson

University and Georgetown University Law Center.

#### **Daniel Raymond, National Harm Reduction Coalition**

Daniel Raymond has worked in the field of harm reduction for nearly two decades. His extensive experience spans direct service in syringe access to advocacy for drug user

health and hepatitis C treatment access. Currently, Mr. Raymond works in collaboration with a broad range of local, state, and national coalitions and advocacy groups to ensure syringe access expansion, the advancement of viral hepatitis treatments, and the effectiveness of HIV prevention and care programming through sound public health policy. He serves on the steering committee of the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable and has authored articles and numerous report and resources for a national community of providers. Mr. Raymond is a frequent speaker on issues involving drug user health, policy, harm reduction, and innovations in hepatitis C and HIV prevention and treatment.

### **Trish Rippetoe-Freeman, Center for the Advancement of Pharmacy Practice**



Dr. Freeman holds several positions in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Kentucky, including Director of the Center for the Advancement of Pharmacy Practice (CAPP); Clinical Associate Professor in the Pharmacy Practice and Science Department, and affiliated faculty member in the Institute for Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy (IPOP). She received a bachelor of pharmacy degree and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Kentucky, and completed postdoctoral fellowships at the University of Vermont College of Medicine and the UK College of Medicine.

Dr. Freeman is also a part-time clinical pharmacist at the Frankfort Regional Medical Center, Frankfort, KY.

### **Gillian Sealy, The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy**



Gillian Sealy is the Chief Program Officer for the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. In her role, Gillian develops, implements and oversees a systems change approach to address and prevent teen and unplanned pregnancy. Prior to joining the National Campaign, Gillian served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Clinton Health Matters Initiative (CHMI) at the Clinton Foundation. Gillian oversaw the initiative's overarching goals of decreasing the prevalence of preventable disease and closing health inequity and health disparity gaps. Gillian previously served as the National

Community Health Transformation Director at CHMI working with communities across the country to improve health while also guiding them to create frameworks for better health and fostering systemic change.

Gillian has also worked as the National Sustainability Advisor and a Regional Director at the Alliance for a Healthier Generation (founded by the American Heart Association and the Clinton Foundation) where she spent six years working on childhood obesity prevention.

## **Amul Thapar, United States Sixth Circuit Court**



Amul R. Thapar is a United States Sixth Circuit Judge, who has the privilege of being the first South Asian Article III judge. President George W. Bush nominated him to the district court on May 24, 2007, and President Donald J. Trump nominated him to the Sixth Circuit on March 21, 2017.

Before becoming a judge, Judge Thapar served as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky. While United States Attorney, Judge Thapar was appointed to the Attorney General's Advisory Committee ("AGAC") and chaired the AGAC's Controlled Substances and Asset Forfeiture subcommittee. He also served on the Terrorism and National Security subcommittee, the Violent Crime subcommittee, and Child Exploitation working group.

Judge Thapar has also worked for the law firms of Williams & Connolly in Washington, D.C., and Squire, Sanders & Dempsey in Cincinnati, Ohio, and served as an Assistant United States Attorney in both the Southern District of Ohio and the District of Columbia. Between 1994 and 1997, Judge Thapar served as a law clerk to the Honorable S. Arthur Spiegel, who sat on the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, and the Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones, who sat on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

## **John Tilley, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet**



John Tilley was appointed Secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet by Governor Matthew G. Bevin. A native of Hopkinsville, Tilley is a former prosecutor who is nationally recognized for his work in the arenas of criminal justice reform and drug control policy. Secretary Tilley served five terms in the Kentucky House of Representatives and chaired the House Judiciary Committee from 2009 until his appointment.

During his legislative tenure, he co-chaired several joint bipartisan House/Senate task forces on criminal justice. He sponsored key pieces of legislation including the landmark criminal justice reform bill House Bill 463, which triggered a national model for change. The legislation is heralded for protecting public safety while holding offenders accountable, controlling corrections costs and increasing drug treatment.

## **Julia Zur, Kaiser Family Foundation**



Julia Zur is a Senior Policy Analyst with the Kaiser Family Foundation's Program on Medicaid and the Uninsured, where she focuses primarily on behavioral health issues among low-income populations and the role of Medicaid in increasing access to care. Previously, she worked at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, where she worked on a range of projects related to the opioid epidemic and behavioral health care financing. Earlier in her career, she worked in the Department of Health Policy and Management at The George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health and the Treatment Research Institute. Julia received her B.S. in Neuroscience and Psychology from Muhlenberg College and has a Ph.D. in Mental Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.