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Residence: Nairobi, Kenya

Gretchen Cowman is a Public Health Advisor with CDC's Division of Global HIV/AIDS in Nairobi, Kenya. We support the Kenyan government's priorities in the fields of HIV/AIDS and TB/HIV through provision of technical assistance and administration of cooperative agreement funding to organizations involved in controlling HIV/AIDS in Kenya. I am responsible for overseeing management of CDC-Kenya's portfolio of 60 cooperative agreements totaling about \$170 million annually. Prior to moving to Kenya in October 2011, I served as the CDC Deputy Director in Zimbabwe for two years. Before moving overseas I spent 7 years working with the Indian Health Service on the Navajo Nation in the Four Corners area as an environmental engineer. I was responsible for design and construction of community water and wastewater systems for Navajo communities that lacked access to safe water. I also served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Zimbabwe in the late 1990s. I taught science in a rural secondary school in the Zambezi Valley and loved it so much that I spent 4 years there. I was a graduate student at UNC-Chapel Hill in the early 1990s and earned an MSPH from the Department of Environmental Science and Engineering. I am looking forward to being part of the UNC community again and to learning from others in the program. Outside of work I am particularly interested in traveling and hiking.

DIANA DERIGE

Program Officer

W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Residence: Battle Creek, Michigan

Diana Derige is a program officer at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Michigan. As a member of the Food, Health & Well-Being team, Diana is responsible for leadership and vision in program conceptualization, design, planning, management, coordination, communication, evaluation, policy and learning of a national portfolio. She maintains accurate and current knowledge about trends, movements, and developing policy to stimulate appropriate programming directions. She supports local investment by serving as a convener, collaborator and catalyst, responsible for nurturing opportunities for affecting positive systemic change in communities, and executing programming efforts aligned with the Foundation's mission. She focuses on funding opportunities that enable the foundation to make progress in ensuring that all children can grow and thrive by having love, good parenting, high-quality food, physical activity, interaction with nature and access to healthcare.

Prior to joining the Foundation in 2010, Diana worked for more than 12 years in public health, public policy, advocacy and community-based philanthropy. She held positions as a program officer for The Chicago Community Trust; state coordinator for the Ounce of Prevention Fund; program manager for the Illinois Public Health Institute. Diana has also been a fellow for the National Hispanic Leadership Institute; Mid-America Regional Public Health Leadership Institute; and The University Of Michigan's

HIV/AIDS Intervention, South Africa. She is a member of Hispanics in Philanthropy; the American Public Health Association; DePaul University, Chicago MPH National Advisory Board.

Diana holds a bachelor's degree in arts, sociology & women's studies and a master's in public health from the University of Michigan. She also holds a certificate in executive education from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and completed a leadership development program through the Center for Creative Leadership-Europe in Brussels, Belgium.

SUE LYNN LEDFORD

Public Health Division Director

Wake County Human Services Department

Residence: Raleigh, North Carolina

Sue Lynn Ledford's current role as Wake County Public Health Division Director encompasses 12 municipalities and includes Raleigh, the county seat and state capital where she has served since 2009. The Wake County Human Services Department is a consolidated agency that provides public health, social services, behavioral health as well as housing and transportation for a population of approximately one million residents.

Most of her professional career has been in North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia. Sue Lynn's passion for early intervention, preventive health services and innovative strategies has fueled a dynamic career at the local, state and federal levels. As a nurse her work has spanned the health care spectrum of hospital, community, school health and public health focused upon system change and integrating services across disciplines in the larger context of social and community organizations. Various efforts have included international disaster relief in Sri Lanka as well as working with Native American populations in Western NC and South Dakota.

Her BS in Nursing and Masters of Public Administration degrees are from Western Carolina University near her native Cherokee County, NC. Sue Lynn is married and has four children. Her leisure time includes biking, hiking and exploring the state of North Carolina from the Great Smoky Mountains to the Outer Banks.

JACQUELINE MCPHERSON

Deputy Regional Director, Asia Pacific Regional Office

FHI 360

Residence: Bangkok, Thailand

Jackie McPherson is the Deputy Regional Director for FHI 360's Asia Pacific Regional Office in Bangkok, Thailand. She provides management oversight for 12 country offices and three multi-country projects in Asia Pacific focused on MDR-TB, Neglected Tropical Diseases and HIV. Prior to this, she lived and worked in community health and HIV projects in Nepal for fifteen years, seven of those in remote mountain villages. Jackie also worked in Armenia for six years with the American University of Armenia's Health Sciences Department and with JHU Center for Communication Programs running a national women's health campaign. She has technical expertise in strategic communication and an interest in medical waste management.

Jackie received a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry from University of California, Davis, and an

MPH from Johns Hopkins University. She lives with her husband, Bob, and daughter, Madeline (16 yrs. old). She also has a son, Lyle (19 yrs. old), studying at the University of Oregon. She loves biking, reading and riding a motorbike through Bangkok traffic.

DEUS MUBANGIZI

*Managing Director, Global Health Initiatives and Research, Office of Research and Development
Vice President for Africa, Maryland Global Initiatives Corporation*

Residence: Baltimore, Maryland

Deus is the Managing Director of Global Health Initiatives and Research in the Office of Research and Development and Vice President for Africa, Maryland Global Initiatives Corporation (an affiliate of the University of Maryland Baltimore). He leads the University's affiliate, MGIC in several countries and oversees the Universities' programs implemented through MGIC in Africa. He is also tasked with developing new businesses/programs and partnerships for the University working collaboratively with different faculty and staff to grow and expand the University's global health portfolio covering education, service and research. He provides targeted technical assistance to Ministries of Health to augment capacity for health policy development, strategic planning and re-engineering of health financing mechanisms.

Deus' career spans more than 15 years of experience in health systems work focusing on health economics, supply chain management and health management. He has in-field experience in health program implementation in a number of countries, designing performance based funding initiatives, social marketing, health sector strategic planning, health sector reforms, pharmaceutical regulation and policy development and private sector innovations for health. He served as a Senior Lecturer in health economics and ran a Health Leadership and Management Fellowship Program at the University of Cape Town South Africa prior to taking up employment in the USA. Prior to joining the University of Maryland, Deus worked at Catholic Relief Services where he led the setup of a new portfolio for health supply chain management to support CRS's global health and HIV/AIDS work. He has consulted widely in the health sector in several countries including South Africa, India, China, Nigeria, Kenya, Zambia, Botswana, Uganda and Malawi for governments, development organizations, NGOs and private firms focusing on a variety of health systems issues spanning policy, regulation, governance, service delivery, health technology and supplies management, health markets innovations analytics and healthcare financing.

Deus is a graduate of health economics & public health, project management, business administration and pharmacy from University of Cape Town South Africa, Maastricht School of Management in the Netherlands and Makerere University in Uganda respectively. Deus is married with two sons – Dylan (8) and Carsten (2).

KOYEJO OYERINDE

Assistant Clinical Professor

Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

Residence: New York, New York

Koye Oyerinde, MD MPH FAAP is an assistant clinical professor at the Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University. He implements the Averting Maternal Death and Disability (AMDD) Program's strategies on maternal and newborn health worldwide. He provides technical assistance on maternal and child health programming to ministries of health and partners in developing countries in

Africa, Asia and Latin America. Dr Oyerinde received basic medical training in Nigeria and underwent graduate studies in general public health and epidemiology in Nigeria and South Africa. He also trained as a pediatrician in the US. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a member of their section on International Health. Dr Oyerinde's current research interest focuses on the application of dissemination and implementation science to the delivery of maternal and newborn healthcare services in the developing world.

LISA OZAETA

Senior Manager

ECG Management Consultants

Residence: San Francisco, California

Ms. Ozaeta, a Senior Manager in ECG's Healthcare practice, is a seasoned healthcare executive with over 15 years of diversified senior management experience. She has extensive expertise in financial and strategic planning, merger and acquisition support, physician network development and alignment, and organizational development. With this experience, Ms. Ozaeta helps leaders adapt their organizations to meet the challenges of health reform and a complex market. She also has extensive training in population health management and works with systems to help implement community health initiatives. Prior to joining ECG, she served as the President and Co-Managing Director of an integrated health system and Chief Operating Officer of an academic medical foundation.

Ms. Ozaeta received a master of business administration degree from Yale School of Management and a juris doctor degree from the Oklahoma City University School of Law. She lives in San Francisco with her wife and their four children.

BENJAMIN PUERTAS

Dean of the School of Public Health

Universidad San Francisco de Quito

Residence: Quito, Ecuador

E. Benjamín Puertas is the founder of the Public Health program and current Dean of the School of Public Health at Universidad San Francisco de Quito. His research interests are policy and health systems management, health promotion, and primary care. He holds an M.D. from Universidad Central del Ecuador, and an M.P.H. from University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Puertas has had field experience in deploying health care systems in Malawi and Mozambique while working for the American Refugee Committee and Medicins sans Frontieres. Additionally, he has served as a consultant for the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) and as an advisor to the Ecuadorian Secretary of Health (MOH). He has published several books and articles related to public health issues and has also published two novels and two short-story books. He plays the piano and Andean native instruments (quena, charango).

I am married. My wife, Tamy Rivera, is also an MD, MPH who works for a local HMO. We both live in Quito, the capital city of Ecuador.

EDUARDO VALVERDE

Epidemiologist

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Residence: Atlanta, Georgia

Eduardo is an epidemiologist in the Behavioral and Clinical Surveillance Branch, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia. He has been involved in HIV/AIDS prevention, surveillance, and research activities at the local, state, national, and international levels since 1991. His expertise is in planning, implementing, and evaluating complex epidemiological studies, national HIV supplemental surveillance systems, and national HIV prevention programs. His professional interests center on issues surrounding access to and retention in HIV medical care among minority populations, and investigating health conditions affecting immigrant populations.

Eduardo is married and has two children. He spends his free time collecting Latin American art, cooking, coaching soccer, and hiking.

AMY WEISSMAN

Associate Director for Prevention and Mitigation

FHI 360

Residence: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Amy Weissman has more than 20 years of proven technical leadership in the design, management, and evaluation of sexual and reproductive health, HIV/AIDS prevention and mitigation, and maternal, neonatal and child health programs. Her expertise spans behavior change programming, service improvement and uptake, monitoring and evaluation, qualitative research methods, and community mobilization. Ms. Weissman has extensive experience developing and/or adapting evidence-informed, result-oriented programming and supporting scale up, leading strategic planning and review, supporting national policy development, and grant making and management. Ms. Weissman is currently FHI 360/Cambodia's Associate Director for Prevention and Mitigation, where she is responsible for ensuring the technical quality and effectiveness of HIV prevention, and sexual and reproductive health programming for Most-at-Risk Populations. Before joining FHI 360/Cambodia, she was the Regional HIV/AIDS Specialist for UNICEF's Latin America and Caribbean Regional Office where she provided technical assistance to country offices in HIV prevention and care and support policy making and programming. Ms. Weissman was previously FHI 360's Technical Advisor in Botswana for one of the agency's largest youth HIV prevention project, and Senior Technical Advisor/Program Coordinator, HIV Prevention, Pact/Vietnam, where she developed, managed, and ensured the quality and effectiveness of the HIV prevention component of Pact's HIV/AIDS grants management program. Prior to that, Ms. Weissman worked for Save the Children, first as Youth Reproductive Health Advisor, overseeing the agency's global adolescent sexual and reproductive health and HIV prevention program, and then as the Vietnam country office's Senior Technical Director for Health and HIV/AIDS. Before joining Save the Children, Ms. Weissman was the Reproductive Health and Gender Specialist for the World Wildlife Fund where she managed the agency's women and conservation initiative. She has authored and/or adapted a number of curricula, behavior change communication tools, M&E tools, qualitative assessments, and journal articles. Ms. Weissman earned a master's of public health and a master's of science in natural resources policy and behavior from the University of Michigan as well as a bachelor's of arts in cultural anthropology and gender from Macalester College.

CRAIG WESTLING

Managing Director

Dartmouth Institute Office of Professional Education and Outreach

Residence: Norwich, Vermont

Craig Westling, MS, MPH, is the managing director of The Dartmouth Institute's Office of Professional Education and Outreach, where he is responsible for translating TDI research and ideas into practical, front line tools and educational offerings. This includes leading customized implementation engagements with organizations that are pursuing value-based care and/or clinical transformation initiatives, as well as creating and managing TDI's distance learning courses and online certificate programs.

Previously, Craig was the managing director of Accountable Care at TDI. His responsibilities included co-managing the Brookings-Dartmouth ACO Learning Network, and facilitating ACO pilot site implementations around the country. Craig is a frequently requested speaker at conferences and universities on the topic of accountable care.

Before joining Dartmouth, Craig was the COO of a boutique consultancy that set up joint and spine service lines within hospitals. He also worked at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center leading a broad range of operational improvement initiatives in orthopedics, central sterile, air rescue, environmental services, and other areas. Early in his career, Craig improved work processes as the Director of Quality Assurance at PeopleSoft, and as a Client Relations Manager at Oracle. Craig holds a BA from Middlebury College, an MS in Health Administration from New England College, and an MPH from Dartmouth.

On the personal front, Craig and his wife Holloway live in Vermont with three wonderful teenage children, two dogs, six chickens, and a large garden that needs weeding.

ANNE WOJTAK

Senior Director for Performance Management and Accountability

Toronto Central Community Care Access Centre

Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Anne Wojtak is the Senior Director, Performance Management and Accountability for the Toronto Central Community Care Access Centre (CCAC). The Toronto Central CCAC is one of 14 CCACs in Ontario, funded by the provincial government to deliver and coordinate a full range of home and community care services. I'm passionate about the home and community care sector and have a specific interest in improving our clients' experience with the health care system, quality and performance.

My portfolio includes corporate performance, procurement and contract management, strategic planning, privacy and risk management, ethics, research, and communications. After starting out my career in the rehab and complex continuing care hospital sector, I've held progressively more senior leadership positions in the home and community care sector over the last 15 years. I am an adjunct faculty member of the University of Toronto in the Health Policy, Management, and Evaluation (HPME) Program where I am a guest lecturer on Strategic Planning and a tutor for Canada's Health System and Health Policy course.

I'm an avid hiker and world traveler along with my husband Denis. I love living in the city and exploring new restaurants and theatre.