

Community Opioid Overdose Response (COOR) ECHO Faculty 2018-2019



Ranjiv Advani, MD
MidCoast Hospital

Dr. Advani graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 2000 and completed residency training in Emergency Medicine at Maine Medical Center in 2003. Since 2009 he has worked clinically at Mid Coast Hospital and is a founding partner of BlueWater Emergency Partners, a private democratic Emergency Medicine partnership based in Maine.

Dr. Advani is the Medical Director of the Mid Coast Hospital Emergency Department and leads a team of 15 physicians, 11 APPs, and 2 APP Fellows. He is also currently the President of the Medical Staff at Mid Coast. Special areas of interest include Medical Error and Cognitive Bias, Tribalism in Medicine, Provider Resilience, and Substance Use Disorder.



Fred Brason, CEO
Project Lazarus

Mr. Brason is a graduate of Dean College. He has served as an innovator, founder, and leader in several organizations including: Hospice Chaplain and Hospice Program Coordinator, International Fellowship of Chaplains, Rank Lt. Colonel, President and Founder of Coastlands Ministries, Affiliate Services Coordinator of National House of Hope and Vice President/Founder and Director of Operations for WillCare, Inc. He has served on the FDA scientific workshop committees for the role of Naloxone in Opioid Overdose Fatality Prevention and Assessment of Analgesic Treatment of Chronic Pain.

Additionally, Mr. Brason Co-Chaired the Expert Committee for the formulation of the SAMHSA Overdose Toolkit, participant on the Roundtable workgroup for the publication of the National Governors Association Opioid Roadmap, also the ASTHO Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse Strategic Map, serves on the Steering Committee for the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatrists and Project Lazarus has been highlighted in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy Strategies. He has published articles in the North Carolina Medical Journal, Wiley Periodicals, the American Journal of Lifestyle Medicine, and the Journal of the North Carolina Medical Board. Mr. Brason received the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Community Health Leader Award 2012 and has been inducted into their Alumni Network.

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Clement Deveau, LCSW
Aroostook Mental
Health Center

Clement Deveau, LCSW currently serves on the Aroostook Mental Health Center (AMHC) Senior Leadership Team as Program Director for Behavioral Health Services for Washington and Hancock Counties. AMHC's mission is to provide integrated healthcare services that maximize an individual's potential to recover and improve their quality of life.

In 2018, the AMHC furthered their mission by enhancing and expanding current services and developing new services to improve the health and well-being of the communities it serves. The AMHC opened the Down East Treatment Center in Ellsworth offering medication assisted treatment and group counseling for adults with opioid addiction in partnership with MDI Hospital, Blue Hill Memorial Hospital, Maine Coast Hospital, Eastern Maine Healthcare, Healthy Acadia, and Bucksport Regional Health Center, and established medication assisted treatment services for individuals seeking to recover from opioid addiction in partnership with Northern Maine Medical Center in Fort Kent.



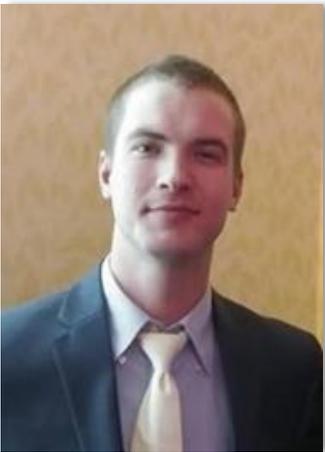
Eric Haram
ARC Director

Eric is owner of Haram Consulting, a health and behavioral healthcare consulting firm. Haram Consulting offers large- and small-scale technical assistance for all aspects of strategic planning, workforce development and clinical and business systems design for states, institutions and organizations.

In this capacity, Eric provides consultation on Medication Assisted Treatment expansion for hospital systems and agencies in Maine, Ohio, Mississippi, Texas, and West Virginia, is a Sr. Field Consultant to the Addiction Technology Transfer Center with Brown University and National Implementation Consultant with the University of Wisconsin-Madison, College of Engineering. Eric provides consultation to Maine Quality Counts, Maine Health Access Foundation and served as Co-Chair of the US Attorney's Task Force on the Treatment and Prevention of Opioid Dependence, State of Maine.

He provides countless hours of advocacy for improved access to addiction and mental health treatment in the Maine State Legislature and was President and Board Chair of the Maine Association for Substance Abuse Programs from 2007-2013.

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Jesse Harvey
Journey House Recovery

Jesse Harvey is a person in recovery and a Maine harm reduction activist. He is the Founder of Journey House Recovery, an organization that provides recovery-oriented housing at five locations in Maine. He is a Certified Intentional Peer Support Specialist and the Peer Support Coordinator at Greater Portland Health, working with patients enrolled in their OHH. While Jesse loves and supports more traditional forms of "recovery," including his own, he is alarmed by the myriad, simultaneous, and inexcusable failures of our system in caring for people who use drugs (PWUD). To counteract the public health industrial complex's lethargy on drug policy, Jesse has founded several harm reduction organizations, including Portland OPS, The Church of Safe Injection, and the Survivors Union of Portland. Jesse strongly urges all healthcare and public health professionals to reject the lethal status quo and to embrace the full spectrum of evidence-based solutions, including safe injection, syringe exchange, decriminalization of drugs, and other policies that not only save lives but also afford them love and dignity.



Kenney Miller
Executive Director
Health Equity Alliance

Kenney serves as the Executive Director of the Health Equity Alliance Kenney and presided over the organization's evolution from a local grassroots HIV/AIDS service organization into a statewide public health and social justice organization dedicated to advancing health equity and eliminating marginalization. He has pushed the organization to advance health justice for many of Maine's most marginalized communities, including the LGBTQ+ community, people who use drugs and people living with HIV. HEAL maintains Maine's largest network of syringe exchange and naloxone distribution programs. With programs in Machias, Ellsworth and Bangor HEAL serves over 1,500 people actively using drugs every year. The organization is also home to the Bangor Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program and is actively building a union of people who use drugs. Kenney sits on the Maine HIV Advisory Committee, participated in the Opioid Collaborative and convenes the Maine Harm Reduction Alliance as well as the Drug Policy Work Group. Through his work with HEAL Kenney is active in the State House around the opioid crisis and substance use issues.

Throughout his academic and public health career's Kenney has maintained a strong focus on understanding and addressing equity and marginalization.

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Michael Sauschuck
Portland Assistant City
Manager
Former Portland
Police Chief

Michael Sauschuck, currently serves as the Assistant City Manager in Maine's largest city, Portland. He formerly served for more than two decades in the Portland Police Department, his final four years as chief. He recently was nominated by Governor Janet Mills to serve in the position of Maine's Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety. After graduating from high school, Sauschuck joined the Marines where he was sent to Camp Pendleton, San Mateo, California. During his five-year tenure, he served as a Corporal, then Sergeant with the Marine Security Guards in San Salvador, El Salvador and Moscow, Russia. After four years as a reserve police officer with the Old Orchard Beach Police Department, Sauschuck joined the Portland Police Department, where he worked in a variety of specialties including the crisis intervention team, special reaction team and as a field training officer. He was also a special agent and supervisor assigned to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, investigating and suppressing illegal narcotic activity in Cumberland County. In March 2011, Lieutenant Sauschuck was selected as the department's Assistant Chief, where he served as Chief James Craig's second in command, and directly oversaw criminal investigations, uniformed operations and emergency communications. Upon Chief Craig's departure in August 2011, Sauschuck led the Police Department as Acting Police Chief, overseeing a department of more than two hundred employees and an annual budget of \$13.4 million. He was selected as the department's permanent Chief in January of 2012. Over the past decade, Sauschuck has received several awards for his commitment to the department including the Sergeant Michael J. Wallace Award, the Enrique Camarena Memorial Award from the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, and the Heroes with a Heart Award.

He earned a bachelor's degree in Criminology from the University of Maine in 1998 and is a graduate of the FBI's 251st National Academy for Law Enforcement Leaders class.



Alison Webb, MPH, PS-C
Independent Public
Health Consultant

Alison Webb, MPH, PS-C, is an independent public health consultant with over 20 years' experience in community outreach and organizing, substance use and overdose prevention, community-based substance use recovery supports, and linking community members with healthcare services. She has experience implementing and evaluating evidence-based programs and practices in substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery, and developing communication strategies based on social marketing principles. She has worked with and trained community groups to develop advocacy strategies for legislation to increase access to medication-assisted treatment and to prevent drug overdose deaths. Alison works actively in her own community. She is currently a member of the Portland Overdose Task Force, the Maine chapter of Young People in Recovery and the Maine Public Health Association. She serves on the Board of the Portland Recovery Community Center.