**RECORDING SECRETARY**

**Nancy Reyes**

I grew up in Staten Island, raised my family in northern NJ and recently moved to Hillsborough. I’ve worked as an RN in a variety of ICU settings at St Vincent’s Hosp, Bellevue and NY Cornell in NYC. After earning my master’s degree from Seton Hall University, I practiced as an APN in the role of primary care provider for homebound elderly patients in an urban environment.  This position brought into focus the importance of relationship building with my patients and their families.

For the past 2 1/2 years I have worked at St Peters University Hospital in New Brunswick helping to build a palliative care program. While there are challenges, the most satisfying aspect of my current role is the holistic approach of PC, advocating for the patients, and helping guide them toward best care.

**Leslie J. Esmail**

Institution: The Valley Health System

                      Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner

BIO

Leslie Esmail is a Palliative Care nurse practitioner for the Valley Health System. She has been a nurse for 36 years, with critical care background, Pain Management, supervising the interventional department x 12 years, oncology with focus on Thoracic surgery with grass roots efforts in 2015 to help bring Palliative Care to the out patient arena, consulting all stage IV lung cancer patients at time of diagnosis. She has a master’s degree from Felician College and just achieved her advanced certification for Hospice and Palliative Nurse from HPNA. She is cross trained for consultations in the acute care, outpatient, and home-based setting.

Certifications

Pain Management Nursing Certification (RN-BC)

Adult Nurse Pracitioner (NP-C)

Advanced Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (ACHPN)

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**TREASURER**

**Judith A. Barberio Ph.D, APN,c, RN-BC**  is a Clinical Associate Professor at Rutgers University School of Nursing, teaching in graduate and undergraduate nursing programs on palliative care / hospice, pain management, addiction, and pharmacology. She is nationally board certified as an adult and geriatric nurse practitioner and in pain management and holds certificates in Homeopathy and Palliative Care. Additionally, she has completed an Executive Fellowship in Addiction Medicine from NJ Medical School, Department of Psychiatry.

Dr. Barberio’s clinical practice focuses on acute and chronic pain, symptom management, and addiction issues in various populations including patients in Palliative Care and Hospice, patients with addiction issues and people living with HIV and sickle cell disease in hospitalized and clinic patients and those in home-care and sub-acute facilities. She presents nationally on pain management, addiction issues, and palliative care and was appointed by the Governor to the Drug Utilization Review Board for New Jersey since 2005. She is the author of the Nurse’s Pocket Drug Guide 2005 – 2015 and is the consulting editor for the EMS Pocket Drug Guide and the Clinician’s Pocket Drug Reference in addition to book chapters and articles on advanced practice issues. Her program of research is on mediators of pain and addiction in various populations.

An active member of the New Jersey Palliative Care Advanced Practice Nurse Consortium, she has presented topics on pain management and addiction issues in palliative care at annual conferences. She has served as a Board member and co-Treasurer for this organization for the past 4 years and has served on the Education Committee. She is passionate about care for underserved and marginalized populations and continuing the work of the NJPCAPN Consortium.

**Tina Basenese**

 Tina Basenese has been in the field of palliative care since 1999 and a graduate of NYU’s Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner program in 2003. Tina developed and advanced the palliative care program at the Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, NJ for 9 years before moving into their Home Care division as Director of Hospice, Outpatient Palliative Care, On Call Nursing and Social Services (which included Bereavement and Volunteer Services in addition to Social Work). Currently Tina is the Director of Adult Palliative Care at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. NJ. She is interested in the role of Treasurer as she plans to incorporate the skills she earned during her role as an Administrator managing a 15 million dollar budget to aid her in establishing financially sound opportunities to grow the NJPC APNC’s budget

Judith Barberio

Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner

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**VICE PRESIDENT OF EDUCATION**

**Dawn Pavlu**

Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner

VA NJ HCS, East Orange Campus

Dawn Pavlu is a palliative care nurse practitioner currently working at VA New Jersey Healthcare System providing palliative care services to our nation’s Veterans. She has been a nurse for 34+ years with backgrounds in critical care, informatics, and now working in palliative care for the past 10 years. She has a master’s degree in Critical Care from Seton Hall University, and post-master’s certificates in Acute Care from the University of Pennsylvania and Palliative Care from New York University. In addition, she is an adjunct professor and clinical instructor for New York University’s Rory Meyers School of Nursing, in the graduate palliative care nursing program. She currently serves as a board member for the New Jersey Palliative Care Advance Practice Nurse Consortium as the Co-Vice President of Education.

Current certifications:

Advanced Practice Nurse, New Jersey and New York (APN-C)

Adult-Geri Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP-BC)

Advanced Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (ACHPN)

Critical Care Registered Nurse (CCRN)

**Joy Hertzog, DNP, APN, AGPC-BC**

**Bio**

Joy Hertzog is a Palliative Care APN at Penn Medicine Princeton Health hospital in Plainsboro, NJ. Joy is a graduate of Rutgers University DNP Program in the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care specialty. She provides specialty Palliative Care to patients throughout the hospital. During the COVID-19 surge, she participated in the development of a customized Comfort Care order set to better serve the needs of COVID-19 positive patients at the end of life. She also participated in the development of an HER dashboard that facilitated the identification of COVID-19 positive patients who would benefit from Goals of Care discussions**.**

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**VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY, LEGISTLATION, AND HEALTH POLICY**

**Dr. Katie DeMarco**

Bio:  - is a Palliative APN and Clinical Supervisor at Hackensack Meridian Health -HackensackUMC Pain &amp; Palliative Medicine Institute.  Clinically, Katie provides specialty palliative care to patients and their chosen family. She provides this care in the acute hospital, Skilled Nursing facilities,and implements ambulatory palliative appointments in the Neuro Science ALS clinic as well as the Advanced Cardiac Palliative Care clinic.  For the past 11 years, Katie has led an interprofessional, Joint Commission Advanced Certified Palliative Care team. She conducts leadership interventions such as strategic planning for the Institute, Northern Region, and HMH Network, program development, quality and research initiatives, innovating palliative and advance care planning in the electronic health record, and creating various educational curriculum and presentations. Katie is often a preceptor to NP students,

nurses, medical students, Medical Residents, Fellows, Social Workers, and conducts formalized palliative orientations for palliative clinicians that are on-boarding at various HMH Northern sites. She teaches at the Hackensack Meridian Health School of Medicine and also enjoys presenting locally and nationally.Katie has obtained a Master’s of Health Science in End of Life Care and earned a clinical Doctorate in

Palliative Care; both from George Washington University.  She is consulting faculty for the Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC) and participates in both state and national organizations such as, prior vetted member of the NJ Governor’s Council for Palliative and End of life care, Chair of the HPNA APN Advisory Council, member of NJ Goals of Care Coalition, and is a member of NJ Palliative Care APN Consortium (past President and board member representing the role of VP of Community, Legislation &amp; Health Policy).  Katie is an active palliative author and palliative editorial reviewer; such as APRN Palliative Onboarding Toolkit, Palliative APRN Oxford Text, and Palliative Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice 6 th Edition. Katie is a board-certified Hospice and Palliative Care Advanced Practice Nurse.

Intention to Contribute: In the board role of VP, Community, Legislation &amp; Health Policy, my goal is to align with the President, the Board, and the organization’s members. My intention is to give insight to anticipatory and signed health policy/legislation that affect our clinical licenses, the specialty of palliative care, our organizations, and the greater community of NJ palliative patients. If elected, I will continue to network with Federal and NJ government constituents, along with organizational leaders; highlighting NJPC APNC as a palliative leader and an organization to collaborate with.

**Susan Guiry**

Susan is an Adult/Geriatric Nurse Practitioner who is passionate about her profession and has always has a particular focus on treating patients with sensitivity, honest communication and dignity to foster a trusting dialogue, particularly regarding advanced care planning, serious illness and end of life discussions. It was this passion that was the impetus for her transition to her current position as Palliative Care NP at University Hospital of New Jersey.

Previously she worked as an NP in a variety of practice settings over the last 7 years, including primary care, subacute care and metabolic medicine. She started her nursing career as an LPN in long term care for nearly 8 years while obtaining her RN licensure. She spent over 15 years as a registered nurse primarily in the field of cardiology, until transitioning to advanced practice nursing.

 Susan began her clinical training in the U.S. Army Reserves, Academy of Health Sciences in Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. She is a graduate of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, where she earned both her Baccalaureate and Masters degree in Advanced Practice Nursing. Susan is a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

**VICE PRESIDENT OF TECHNOLOGY**

**Ellen Davis, DNP, APN, ACHNP, ACNP-C**

Ellen is a palliative care nurse practitioner currently working at the Bayshore Medical Center campus of Hackensack Meridian Health. She has been in nursing since 1989, and is a seasoned doctorally prepared advanced practice nurse with certifications in Acute Care and Advanced Hospice and Palliative Care. She has practiced in varied APN roles over the past 18 years including the inpatient arena (cardiac surgery,

ICU intensivist NP, emergency room NP) and in the outpatient arena (primary care, health &amp; wellness). Ms. Davis has been part of the Palliative Care team at Bayshore Medical Center since 2015. Her major interests include being of service to others, supporting and rescuing dogs, oil painting, and doing her own home renovation projects. In her spare time, you can also find Ellen in the local hot yoga studio, enjoying different classes and teaching a chakra alignment meditation.

**Janine Goulet, APN**

Work: I currently work at the Hackensack University Medical Center main campus with the palliative team for 2 years, formerly at Valley Hospital with palliative team 3 years. Worked in med/surgery then critical care at Hackensack as RN- 10 years bedside. Before that worked as a licensed funeral director/ mortician 6 years.

Current Co-VP of Technology for the NJPC APNC for the past 2 years.

Education: masters from Rutgers, FNP. Returned to school for post master's certificate x2 in clinical palliative education track, grad 2022.

Interests: photography, triathlon, yoga, meditation, reading, outdoors and new experiences.

Home life: husband and 2 chihuahuas