Abdul Adardour
Program Integrity Analyst
Division of Financial Integrity (DFI), OFAM
Abdul joined HRSA in 2015 as a Program Integrity Analyst with the Division of Financial Integrity (DFI). He performs special reviews of grants given to health centers, and MIECHV grants given to the states and U.S. territories. Abdul began his federal employment with the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) in 2009, and conducted contract audits of one of the nation’s largest defense contractors. He holds a BA degree in Accounting from the University of Maryland, University College.

Sherry Angwafo
Financial Advisory Branch Chief
Division of Financial Integrity (DFI), OFAM
Sherry serves as the Financial Advisory Branch Chief. In 2008, she joined HRSA and her primary duties are to assess organizations financial risk. She has over 31 years of federal service and prior to joining HRSA she worked for the Defense Contract Audit Agency, the Department of Defense, OIG and the Library of Congress, OIG. Sherry graduated with a Bachelor’s degree from Delaware State University. She also has a law degree and passed the Maryland Bar.

Nikita Baker, MBA, CPA
Grant Reviews Team Lead
Division of Financial Integrity (DFI), OFAM
Nikita is the Grant Reviews Team Lead for DFI in OFAM. Her team reviews allegations of mismanagement of HRSA grant funds. Prior to joining DFI, she worked as a Program Integrity Analyst for HRSA’s Office of Regional Operations and a Senior Auditor for the Defense Contract Audit Agency. She has an MBA from Harding University and is a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Washington.

Gardner Bennett
Program Management Analyst
Office of Data and Organizational Management (ODOM), OFAM
As a Program Management Analyst in ODOM’s Business Operations Branch, Gardner has been providing technical assistance to Electronic Handbook (EHBs) users including HRSA staff and grant recipients for three years. Prior to joining OFAM, he worked 14 years with HRSA’s Office of Information Technology, providing general desktop technical support for the agency.

Christopher M. Blackmon
Program Analyst/Review Administrator
Division of Independent Review (DIR), OFAM
Christopher is a Review Administrator (RA) in the DIR Review Operations Branch (ROB). He has been with DIR since 2014. Previously, Chris was a Grants Management Specialist (GMS) in the Division of Grants Management Operations for several years. Working in both Divisions has given Chris the experience to interact not only with grant recipients, managing the financial and administrative side of public health programs, but also reviewers and program and grants management staff while managing Objective Review Committees (ORC).

Kerry Bonhag
Management Analyst
Division of Grants Management Operations (DGMO), OFAM
Kerry is a Management Analyst on DGMO’s Data Analytics and Compliance Team. She is responsible for providing technical assistance to both grant recipients and DGMO’s Grants Management Specialists (GMS); specifically, in areas such as closeout, financial reporting, the Payment Management System (PMS), and other post-award operations. Tasks include closing out grants once they are at the end of their project periods; generating data reports for internal and external customers; maintaining various projects/assignments aimed at ensuring the compliance of our grant recipients; and leading the monitoring and tracking effort of post-
period drawdown requests from the Division of Payment Management (DPM).

Wayne Bulls
Auditor
Division of Financial Integrity (DFI), OFAM
Wayne is an Auditor in the Division of Financial Integrity (DFI) and provides fiscal technical assistance to HRSA grant award recipients. He has been with HRSA for over 10 years and has performed functions within DFI to include Audit Resolution, Financial Assessments, OIG Liaison, and Financial Ratio Analysis. Wayne has a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Business from Strayer University and is also a Veteran of the U.S. Army.

Victoria Carper, MPA
Special Assistant
Division of Grants Management Operations (DGMO), OFAM
Victoria joined HRSA in 2012 as the first Chief of DGMO’s newly created HIV/AIDS and Rural Health Branch. Prior to coming to HRSA, Victoria held numerous grants positions during her 26 year tenure at the National Institutes of Health; including Supervisory Grants Management Officer, Mental Health Institute; Assistant Grants Compliance Officer, Policy for Extramural Research Administration and was the first Chief Grants Management Officer, National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. Victoria also held a dual role as the Director of Grants and Contracts and Executive Officer for a nonprofit research organization. She attained a Master of Public Administration from The American University.

Judy Ceresa
Senior Program Advisor
Grants.gov Program Management Office
Judy is a Senior Program Advisor in the Grants.gov Program Management Office where she has worked for the past 8 years managing the system support teams for both applicants and grantor agencies. Additionally, she and her colleagues provide Grants.gov user training for both applicants and grantors. Judy also works closely with grants.gov systems developers in efforts to provide applicant and grantor support into future system development requirements. Prior to this position, Judy spent 17 years working in various offices throughout HRSA, including HRSA’s Office of Grants Policy. Her background is in both program management as well as information technology management.

Oksana Cobb, MS
Grants Management Specialist
Division of Grants Management Operations (DGMO), OFAM
Oksana is a Grants Management Specialist in the Health Professions Branch where she is responsible for providing fiscal and administrative support for programs designed to strengthen the health workforce and connect skilled professionals to underserved communities nationwide. She is passionate about process streamlining and business re-engineering. She serves on the HRSA Board of Early Career Professionals group where her goal is to create a HHS interagency community focused on sharing essential skills and knowledge across public health organizations and foster discussions about best practices in the grants management field. Outside of the office, Oksana teaches Finance at a local university.

Devon Cumberbatch, MS
Grants Management Specialist
Division of Grants Management Operations (DGMO), OFAM
Devon is a Grants Management Specialist with the Maternal, Child and Health Services Branch. She has 9 years of experience working with construction grants, which include grants funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and more recently the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Devon reviews and researches federal interest, real property and equipment policy topics for the construction grant programs. Other grant work includes maternal child and health grants, training grants and cooperative agreements for autism and genetic disorders. Devon’s MS degree in Health Care Administration included thesis work running a simulated business and understanding market effects on business decision-making models.
Speaker Bio Sketches

Lynn Dennie, MS
Deputy Director
Division of Financial Integrity (DFI), OFAM
Lynn serves as the Deputy Director of DFI and assists the Director with overseeing Division operations. Those operations include performing pre and post-award reviews of recipients’ financial management and internal control systems and assessing financial risk to HRSA grant funds; resolving single audits findings; and conducting grant and financial management reviews. In addition, Lynn oversees FAPIIS and Suspension and Debarment review activities. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in business management from the University of Maryland and a Master of Science degree in computer systems management from the University of Maryland, University College.

Nicole Dunning, MBA, MSM
Section Chief-Supervisory Accountant
DHHS/PSC/Payment Management Services
Nicole is a Section Chief at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Program Support Center, Payment Management Services. She is a supervisory accountant responsible for: Managing the University and Non-Profit Payment Section; leading projects for Payment Management Services initiatives; cash management functions; providing technical assistance; and training awarding agency staff and grant recipients on the Payment Management System. She is a graduate of the University of Maryland, University College where she received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Masters of Science in Management and a Master in Business Administration.

Janene Dyson
Grants Management Specialist
Division of Grants Management Operations (DGMO), OFAM
Janene serves as a Grants Management Specialist with the Maternal Child & Health Systems Branch, DGMO. Her grant portfolio includes the MIECHV Grant Program, BPHC Health Infrastructure Investment Program, and Safe Infant Sleep Systems Integration (SISSI) Program. She has previously served as a Grants Management Specialist for other grants programs, such as: Ryan White HIV/AIDS Metropolitan & Transitional Areas, and State & Territories, Healthy Start, Maternal & Child Health Research, and the BPHC Health Center Grant Program. Janene is in her 18th year with HRSA.

Brian Feldman
Grants Management Specialist
Division of Grants Management Operations (DGMO), OFAM
Brian has been a Grants Management Specialist with the Health Centers Branch, DGMO since July 2008. He participated in the 2006-2007 HRSA Scholars’ Program, rotating through 4 different offices within HRSA before being permanently placed as a Grants Management Specialist. From 2004 through 2007 Brian was a Grants Clerk at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the National Institutes of Health.

David Fleurquin, MS, FACHE
Financial Management Review Team Lead
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David is a Team Lead in DFI. His team assesses grantee compliance with financial management requirements and stewardship of federal funds. Prior to joining HRSA, David served as Chief Financial Officer of a Federally Qualified Health Center. Dave is a retired United States Air Force healthcare administrator, where he served in various finance roles across organizations of diverse sizes and complexities. David earned a Master of Science in Health Policy and Management from the University Of Massachusetts School Of Public Health. He is a board-certified healthcare administrator and a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Maya Fryar
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Division of Grants Management Operations (DGMO), OFAM
Maya is a Management Analyst on the Data Analytics and Compliance Team. She is responsible for providing technical assistance to both grant recipients and DGMO’s Grants Management Specialists (GMS’s) specifically, in areas such as closeout, financial reconciliation, the Payment Management System (PMS), and other post-award operations. Job assignments include closing out grants that are at the end of their project period, assisting GMS’s
with financially reconciling their assigned grants, and monitoring the post-period drawdown requests received from PMS. Additionally, Maya also generates data reports for internal and external customers and maintaining various projects aimed at ensuring recipient compliance.

**Nancy C. Gaines**
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Division of Grants Management Operations (DGMO), OFAM

Nancy has been a Grants Management Specialist with the HIV/AIDS Rural Health Branch, DGMO since its inception in 2012. In the years prior, she served as a Grants Management Specialist in the Maternal Child Health Systems Branch. She participated in the 2007-2008 HRSA Scholars’ Program, rotating through 4 different HRSA offices before being permanently placed as a Grants Management Specialist. From 2005 through 2007 Nancy was employed as an Account Specialist for a Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), as a Program Support Center (PSC) Contractor.

**Kimberlea Gibbs, MPH, RD/LD**  
Public Health Analyst  
Northeast Health Services  
Division, Bureau of Primary Health Care

Kimberlea is a Lieutenant in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and serves as a Public Health Analyst in the Bureau of Primary Health Care. She is a Registered Dietitian with a background in project management. Kimberlea began her public health career as a Project Officer for the Department of Defense and also worked at the Food and Drug Administration. She attended Howard University where she earned a Bachelor degree in Nutrition and Drexel University where she earned a Master in Public Health.

**Betty Gramley**
Grants Policy Analyst  
Division of Grants Policy (DGP), OFAM

Betty is a 20-year veteran of the Department of Health and Human Services workforce, with experience in all phases of the grants life cycle. As a Grants Policy Analyst in DGP’s Federal Assistance Planning Branch, her key responsibilities are in planning and pre-award activities that lead to developing and publishing Notices of Funding Opportunities. While with OFAM, Betty also served as a Review Administrator overseeing the objective review of applications received for competitive, discretionary grant programs. A nurse by education and training, Betty started her HRSA career as a public health advisor responsible for the post-award management of HRSA grant programs.

**Ardena N. Githara, MNM**
Grants Management Specialist  
Division of Grants Management Operations (DGMO), OFAM

Ardena a Grants Management Specialist in the HIV/AIDS and Rural Health Branch, DGMO. She has served as the lead GMS on the Integrating the National HIV Curriculum e-Learning Platform Into Health Care Provider Professional Education, Rural Network Allied Health Training Program, among others. Previously, she worked as a Program Manager in the philanthropic sector with several foundations and nonprofit organizations. Ardena is a 2013 graduate of the HRSA Mid-Level Leadership Development Program; has a Political Science BA; Bennett College; and a Master of Arts Nonprofit Management; Notre Dame of Maryland University. She is pursuing a Public Policy and Administration PhD from Walden University.
Speaker Bio Sketches

Terry Hatchett
Grants Management Specialist
Division of Grants Management Operations (DGMO), OFAM

Terry is a Grants Management Specialist in the Health Center Branch, providing grants management services to Colorado, Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee Health Center recipients. He has 10 years of HRSA grants management experience. Prior to joining HRSA, Terry was a Budget Analyst, Prince George’s County Government, Health and Human Services agencies of Family Service, Social Services and Health Department.

Valerie Holm, CPA
Senior Advisor
Division of Financial Integrity (DFI), OFAM

Valerie, a Certified Public Accountant, serves as the Senior Advisor in the Division of Financial Integrity. One of her main duties is to navigate complex issues of compliance and to serve as HRSA’s contact for CPAs regarding Single Audit inquiries. Valerie also worked at a major research university where she was the approving authority for goods and services purchased within the terms, conditions, and regulations of grant programs under her purview.

Bruce A. Holmes
Supervisory Grants Management Specialist
Division of Grants Management (DGMO), OFAM

Bruce serves as a Supervisory Grants Management Specialist within the Health Professions Branch, DGMO. His tenure of HRSA grants management and training includes service as an adjunct trainer for the HRSA Learning Institute’s grants specific training programs. He also serves as a member of HRSA’s leadership advisory and selection committee programs.

Lynda Keita, JD
Grants Policy Analyst
Division of Grants Policy (DGP), OFAM

Lynda is a Grants Policy Analyst in DGP. She coordinates the review of Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFO), ensuring that HRSA policies are adequately reflected in funding announcements and other policy documents. She also works on special policy projects. Lynda started her public service as a contractor for the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Maryland, and continued as a Grants Management Specialist for the Administration for Children and Families, the Corporation for National and Community Service, and the National Institute of Standards and Technologies. Lynda received her law degree from the George Washington University.

The Enterprise EHB Training Team and EHB Support Center (Tier 1 and Tier 2):

- Moses Perrone
- Wendy Lord-Toussaint
- Garfield Jenkins
- Bradley Bronson


The EHB Enterprise Training Team responds to the EHB training needs of HRSA Staff. They deliver timely and innovative EHB system training while maximizing training delivery methods. The team provides training courses to HRSA headquarters staff located in Rockville, MD and remotely to all HRSA Regions. They periodically provide training assistance to Bureaus with their grantees’ high-level training needs. Tier 1 provides first line support to grantees using the EHB system. Additionally, they serve as a data collection point to evaluate the user experience and make recommendations for improvements. Tier 2
provides expert user support to internal HRSA EHB users.

Tamika R. Martin, MPH, CHES
Public Health Analyst
Division of Community HIV/AIDS Programs, HIV/AIDS Bureau
Tamika has served as a Public Health Analyst with the Division of Community HIV/AIDS Programs since 2014. Tamika is a Certified Health Education Specialist. Prior to beginning her federal career, she worked in city, county and state health departments, particularly with HIV Prevention Programs that focused on increasing HIV testing in local communities. She also led community-wide HIV commemorative day events, such as World AIDS Day, National HIV Testing Day, and National Black HIV Testing Day. She is a member of HRSA's FY 2018 Mid-level Leadership Development Program.

Cecelia Maryland-Twyman
Program Analyst
Division of Independent Review (DIR), OFAM
Cecelia is a Program Analyst with the Division of Independent Review, since 2003. She serves as point of contact for Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) portion of the Review Administrator Handbook workgroup. Cecelia has a combined 26 years of Federal service including 11 years with the National Institutes of Health as a Grants Technical Assistant, in the Grants Review branch within the National Institute on Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases. She received Associates in Business Administration from Goldey-Beacom College, Wilmington, Del.

Denice Matthews
Program Analyst/ Review Administrator
Division of Independent Review (DIR), OFAM
Denice is a Review Administrator (RA) in the DIR Review Operations Branch (ROB). She has been an RA for four years in which she plans, coordinates, and manages objective review meetings to ensure that reviews are fair, ethical and objective. Before joining DIR, Denice was a Program Analyst for the HIV/AIDS Bureau for more than 25 years. She worked closely with Project Officers preparing, monitoring and attending objective review meetings. Denice is a member of the Blacks In Government (BIG) of the Parklawn Chapter since 2000 holding several positions in the group.

Karen L. Mayo
Supervisory Grants Management Specialist
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Karen has been a Supervisory Grants Management Specialist with the HIV/AIDS Rural Health Branch, DGMO since October 2016. From 2012 to 2016, she served as a Grants Management Specialist with the HIV/AIDS Rural Heath Branch. She began her Grants Management Specialist career with the Maternal Child Health System Branch in 2007. From 2005 through 2007, Karen served as a Project Officer with the HIV/AIDS Bureau working with contracts and creating funding cycles for the program office.

Marie E. Mehaffey, MA
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Marie is a Grants Management Specialist (GMS) in the HIV/AIIDS and Rural Health Branch, DGMO where she manages grants and cooperative agreements. Marie holds a Master's degree in International Affairs with a concentration in Economic Development from the George Washington University. Prior to joining HRSA, she was an Audit Resolution Specialist and GMS for the Department of Labor (DOL) focusing on international trade and child labor. During her tenure at DOL, she assisted in meeting a Presidential deliverable for the White House National Security office. She has also worked as a Program Facilitator for the Brasilia without Borders program.
Vera M. Messina  
**Chief, Health Center Branch**  
Division of Grants Management Operations (DGMO), OFAM  
Vera is the Health Center Branch Chief whose branch awards and administers grants and cooperative agreements to over 1,400 recipients including community health centers, primary care associations and health center controlled networks. Her federal grants management career has spanned 19 years from her start at the Department of Education to serving at HRSA as a Grants Management Specialist and Team Leader. Vera was also a Branch Chief with the U.S. Army Medical Research, Assistance Agreements Group. Vera earned a bachelor degree in English and Secondary Education from Hunter College (NYC) and taught English literature and Italian at St. Edmund’s Preparatory School in Brooklyn, NY.

Kaleema O. Muhammad  
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Kaleema is a Policy Analyst in the Division of Grants Policy. She has 21 years of grants and contracts management experience and has worked with universities and non-profits as a grant writer/trainer. As a Grants Specialist at the U.S. Department of Commerce, she received the Commerce Bronze Award. While in the CDC Emergency Response Cadre, she was awarded for Excellence in Procurement. Kaleema attend Norfolk State University Graduate School in VA and undergraduate school at Elizabeth City State University, NC. She obtained a Northwest Procurement Institute Mastery of Federal Grants; Management Concepts Federal Grants Certification and a Federal Contracts Warrant.

Bob Noethe  
**Financial Integrity Specialist**  
Division of Financial Integrity (DFI), OFAM  
Bob is a Financial Integrity Specialist in the Division of Financial Integrity. He has been with HRSA for over 10 years and has performed many functions, including financial assessments, audit resolution and financial ratio analysis. Bob is currently serving as a Quality Control Reviewer on DFI’s Audit Resolution Team. Prior to joining HRSA, he worked for the HHS Payment Management System. Bob has an accounting degree from Loyola University in Baltimore.

Golda Philip, JD, MPH  
**Deputy Director**  
HRSA Office for Civil Rights, Diversity, and Inclusion (OCRDI)  
Golda helps lead efforts to provide HRSA and its recipients with guidance designed to prevent discrimination, ensure compliance with civil rights laws, and advance diversity and inclusion. Prior to joining HRSA, Golda worked on civil rights policy and enforcement at the HHS Office for Civil Rights and at the National Institutes of Health. Golda began her career at the National Women’s Law Center, where she focused on state and federal health reform efforts. Golda earned a BA at Stanford University, an MPH at Tufts University School of Medicine, and a JD at Northeastern University School of Law.

Tya Renwick  
**Grants Management Specialist**  
Division of Grants Management Operations (DGMO), OFAM  
Tya has 23 years of Federal service, all in grants management. She oversees grant programs for the Maternal Child and Health Systems Branch, by managing a portfolio including; Early Childhood Home Visiting, Home Visiting Research and Development Platform, Health Care Delivery System Innovations for Children with Medical Complexity, Early Childhood Health Promotion System for High Need, and Health Infrastructure Investment programs. Tya began her grants management career with the Food and Drug Administration where she managed food safety, medical devices, drug research and development grant programs. Previously, she worked at the Department of Homeland Security; managing cyber security research, chemical/biological studies, and technology proof-of-concept evaluations grant programs.
Melissa Reyes
Grants Management Specialist
Office of Data and Organizational Management (ODOM), OFAM
As a Grants Management Specialist in ODOM’s Business Operations Branch, Melissa serves as a contact point for the Electronic Handbook (EHBs), HRSA’s grant management system. She provides support to HRSA staff and external grants staff. In this capacity, she fields calls on EHB system status and troubleshoots difficulties, prior to referral to the HRSA Help Desk. She has been in this position since 2010. Prior to joining HRSA she worked as a federal contractor for three years, providing EHB support with the HRSA Contact Center.

Jessica Sanders, MPP
Grants Management Specialist
Division of Grants Management Operations (DGMO), OFAM
Jessica is a Grants Management Specialist with the HIV/AIDS and Rural Health Branch, working with Ryan White HIV Capacity Development and Planning grants, the Women, Infants, Children, Youth and Affected Family Members AIDS Healthcare program as well as the Outpatient Early Intervention Services grant program. In 2016, Jessica was selected into the HRSA recent graduate program shortly after graduating with a Master degree in Public Policy from Jackson State University, Jackson, MS.

Sandy Seaton, MBA
Director
Division of Financial Integrity (DFI), OFAM
Sandy is the Director of DFI. She manages 48 staff and oversees all of the Divisions operations. DFI is responsible for performing pre-award and post-award reviews of recipients’ financial management and internal control systems and assessing financial risk to HRSA grant funds; resolving single audits findings; conducting special reviews and reviews for recipients that are under the threshold for single audit coverage. Sandy graduated from Frostburg State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and Business Administration and a Master in Business Administration.

LaShawna Smith
Supervisory Grants Management Specialist
Division of Grants Management Operations (DGMO), OFAM
LaShawna provides Supervisory Grants Management services to a team of five Grants Management Specialists on the Maternal, Child and Health Services Branch in DGMO. Since 2003, LaShawna has worked on numerous construction grant programs including the Capital Improvement Program, the Facility Investment Program funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Program, as well as the Health Infrastructure and Investment Program funded under the Affordable Care Act. Serving as the lead contact on many construction programs, she has gained a wealth of knowledge on all things Federal Interest. LaShawna is a proud Alumni of Virginia Polytechnic and State University.

Stephanie Sowalsky, MS, CPA
Special Assistant to the Director
Division of Financial Integrity (DFI), OFAM
Stephanie is the Special Assistant to the Director of DFI and focuses on OFAM’s Fiscal Technical Assistance Initiative coordinating and conducting site-visits to provide fiscal technical assistance to HRSA grant recipients. Prior to her current role, Stephanie was responsible for performing grant reviews with the Special Reviews Branch in DFI. Stephanie joined HRSA in 2013. She is a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Pennsylvania and brings her forensic accounting background and auditing expertise to assist HRSA grant recipients with preventing and eliminating audit findings.

Dan Spears, CPA
Compliance Branch Chief
Division of Financial Integrity (DFI), OFAM
Dan Spears serves as the Compliance Branch Chief. He has 27 years of federal service. Prior to joining HRSA, Dan worked at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for 13 years where he was also responsible for the resolution of Single Audit and OIG Audit findings. As Branch Chief, he is responsible for the resolution of Single Audit, OIG Audit, and Grant Review
findings. Dan has a Bachelor’s degree in accounting and is a Certified Public Accountant.

**Mona D. Thompson**  
Grants Management Specialist  
Division of Grants Management Operations (DGMO), OFAM

Mona is a Grants Management Specialist (GMS) in DGMO and has a 30-year tenure with the Department of Health and Human Services. As a GMS in DGMO’s Health Centers Branch, a large part of her daily work uses the Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) and focuses on providing EHB support to her Southern California Health Center grantees. She began her federal career as a Grants Technical Assistant with the National Institutes of Health.

**Melissa Washington**  
Financial Management Specialist  
Division of Financial Integrity (DFI), OFAM

Melissa has been with HRSA for ten years and serves as a Senior Financial Management Analyst on the Audit Resolution Team. Her primary role is to resolve monetary audits. Prior to her service with HRSA, Melissa served for 33 years in public finance in the banking industry, of which 20 years was served in the position of branch manager. Melissa has an associate degree in business management.

**Sarah P. Williams, JD**  
Civil Rights Analyst  
HRSA Office for Civil Rights, Diversity, and Inclusion (OCRDI)

In her position as Civil Rights Analyst, Sarah provides HRSA and recipients of HRSA funding with guidance designed to prevent discrimination and help ensure compliance with civil rights laws. Before coming to HRSA, Sarah held positions focused on Equal Employment Opportunity and Civil Rights at the National Institutes of Health and the HHS Office for Civil Rights. Sarah obtained her BA at Missouri State University, her JD at St. Louis University School of Law, and is a member of the Missouri Bar.

**James Willie, MPA**  
Policy and Special Initiatives Branch Chief  
Division of Grants Policy (DGP), OFAM

James is DGP’s Policy and Special Initiatives Branch Chief. Previously, he was a Grants Policy Specialist in DGP. Prior to coming to HRSA, James worked in the Office of Grants Policy and Operations at the Corporation for National and Community Service, an independent federal agency. James has also been the Managing Director of a nonprofit organization that was a recipient of federal grant funds.

**Molly A. Wirick, ACSW**  
Public Health Analyst  
Division of Grants Policy (DGP), OFAM

Molly is a public health analyst in the Division of Grants Policy. She engages in activities that lead to the publication of Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). She is DGP’s liaison with the HIV/AIDS Bureau. She participates in policy development, interpretation, and dissemination. Formerly, Molly was on the team that developed HRSA programs under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and was in the Compliance Branch of the National Practitioner Data Bank. Her degrees are in social work, and she spent 30 years in non-profit direct service and leadership roles.

**Travis J. Wright**  
Grants Management Specialist  
Division of Grants Management Operations (DGMO), OFAM

Travis serves as a Grants Management Specialist in the Health Center Branch, Division of Grants Management Operations. Since joining HRSA in 2011, he has managed a Bureau of Primary Health Care portfolio consisting of Health Center grants. In 2005, Travis began his grants career working as a Grants Technical Assistant for the Center for Scientific Review (CSR) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).
Speaker Bio Sketches

BACKUP SPEAKERS

In the event that a primary presenter is unavailable, the alternate presenters listed below will present in their absence.

Nandini Assar, PhD
Grants Management Specialist
Division of Grants Management Operations (DGMO), OFAM

Nandini, a Grants Management Specialist with the DGMO Health Professions Branch, has been with HRSA for seven years. In 2017, she completed a detail as a Project Officer in the Bureau of Health Workforce to learn about the program side of grants at HRSA. Prior to her federal service, Nandini worked in the non-profit sector and local government, overseeing international and community grant programs. Nandini is a trained Sociologist and qualitative researcher, a published scholar of Sociology, and has several years’ experience teaching Sociology, Women’s Studies, and Academic Leadership courses at three universities.

Rocky LaMonaca, CPA
Special Reviews Branch Chief
Division of Financial Integrity (DFI), OFAM

Rocky serves as the Special Reviews Branch Chief in OFAM's Division of Financial Integrity. The Special Reviews Branch is responsible for conducting Grant Reviews and Financial Management Reviews of HRSA recipients. Prior to joining HRSA, he worked at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Rocky holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Saint Francis University and is a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Maryland.

Kelly Long
Deputy Director
Division of Grants Management Operations (DGMO), OFAM

As the DGMO Deputy Director, Kelly assists in managing and overseeing all phases of grant and cooperative agreement award and post-award processes for the Division. DGMO is comprised of 5 Branches, with over 100 personnel and executed over 17,000 awards in FY2017. Prior to becoming the Deputy Director in 2014, she served as the Team Leader for the DGMO Post Award and Contract Support Team. She is a recognized expert in financial reconciliation, grant closeout, and the Payment Management System. Kelly worked as a Contract Specialist in the Department’s Program Support Center prior to joining HRSA in 2000.

Benoit Mirindi, MPH, MPA
Grants Management Specialist, Senior Public Health Analyst
Division of Grants Management Operations (DGMO), OFAM

Ben serves dual roles as a Grants Management Specialist within the HIV/AIDS and Rural Health Branch, DGMO and a Senior Public Health Analyst. He manages Rural Health Services Outreach and Development grant programs. As an active duty Public Health Service Officer, he participated in the HHS/CDC Ebola deployment to the nation of Guinea, located in West Africa. He has received numerous awards, including the Presidential Citation and Administrator’s Outstanding Award, and is pursuing a PhD in Public Health with a concentration in Epidemiology. Ben is multi-lingual and is proficient in English, French, English, Swahili, and Lingala.

T. J. Thomas
Chief, Governmental & Tribal Payment Section
DHHS/PSC/Payment Management Services

T.J. currently serves as the Section Chief of the Governmental and Tribal Payment Section for the Payment Management System (PMS). She has been with the HHS since 1998. She started with the Indian Health Service and transferred to PSC’s Division of Payment Management in 1993. T.J. earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1993 in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting, and minor in Computer Science, from Bowie State University in Bowie, Maryland. She also received a Master’s of Science degree in Information Systems with a concentration in Management and Business Administration, also from Bowie State.
Christie Walker
Grants Management Specialist
Division of Grants Management Operations (DGMO),
OFAM

Christie began her federal career in 2010 and is a Grants Management Specialist (GMS) within DGMO’s Health Centers Branch. Prior to joining HRSA, Christie was a Loan Officer at a local credit union. Christie’s analytical and customer service skills transcend into her current role as a GMS and involves providing technical assistance and support to grantees using the Electronic Handbooks, in addition to assisting with other grant-related questions regarding their federal award.