



# Office of Lifespan Health

## *Advisory Committee Members*



**Aimee Deliramich, PhD**, is a licensed clinical psychologist and assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of South Dakota's Center for Disabilities in Sioux Falls. She evaluates children and adults as part of interdisciplinary teams in the Autism Spectrum Disorder and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder clinics. Dr. Deliramich also contributes to statewide outreach and education efforts in partnership with South Dakota agencies, focusing on disabilities, mental health, and evidence-based care. She serves as Clinical and Education Training Coordinator for the BEAM-SD Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program. She earned her degrees in psychology from the University of Wyoming, the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, and the University of South Dakota, and completed clinical training at the University of Kansas Medical Center and LifeScope in Sioux Falls.



**Amy Trautner** has served as a CDA Specialist with the Child and Family Resource Network at South Dakota State University for over 15 years. She supports childcare providers through coaching and professional development and coordinates the South Dakota Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential program. She also assists families as a certified child passenger safety technician with the state's Child Safety Seat Distribution Program. She holds a B.A. in Early Childhood Education and an M.S. in Human Development, Child and Family Studies. Her professional work is shaped by personal experience, including raising a child with complex health needs and serving as a foster parent, which strengthens her commitment to supporting families across South Dakota.



**Cassie Long, BSN, RN**, is a Nurse Consultant with DSS Medical Services. Cassie is affiliated with the Great Plains Area IHS facilities in South Dakota and assists in receiving SD Medicaid Care Coordination referrals from an assigned IHS provider for patients admitted to nursing facilities, inpatient psychiatric treatment facilities, substance use disorder treatment facilities, and NICU admissions. Other involvements within SD Medicaid include case management for IHS recipients, assisting in the implementation of the new PACT program which is part of the Rural Healthcare Transformation initiative, and consulting for the SD Medicaid Care Connect Program.



**JoAnn Paulson** is a Community Health Worker (CHW) at Sanford Clinic in Watertown, South Dakota. A Watertown native, she has 25 years of experience in health care, public health, and nonprofit organizations. JoAnn has a B.S. in Community Health and is also a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES). In her current role, she supports individuals and families by providing health education and connecting patients with community resources.



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**Kara Peery** is a Program Specialist II with DSS Economic Assistance. Kara specifically works with policy and program procedures with eligibility for SD Medicaid. Kara also works closely with SD CPS, SD DOH All Women Count program, and SD Behavioral Health and their psychiatric residential treatment facilities.



**Kathy Schneider**, BSN, RN, is a longtime Sioux Falls resident with nearly 28 years of experience in maternal-child health nursing. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Augustana College in 1997 and spent 18 years working in Labor and Delivery at Avera Hospital, where she also served as an adjunct lecturer for South Dakota State University nursing students. In 2015, she became a Bright Start Nurse Supervisor, mentoring a team of nurses supporting new mothers and infants. She now serves as the Bright Start Assistant Program Director, continuing to lead staff and enhance services for families. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time outdoors, with family, and traveling.



**Wynette Mockler**, DNP, MPH, RN, is a member of the OLH Advisory Committee. She brings 17 years of nursing experience across inpatient, clinical, and outreach roles, along with graduate degrees in nursing education, nursing practice, and public health. She currently teaches undergraduate public health at USD and works in her nursing role at Sanford Vermillion Clinic. Wynette lives on a family farm in rural southeast South Dakota, where she enjoys spending time outdoors with her dog, Charlie.



**Theresa (Teri) Weidner-Eichstadt**, BSN, RN, IBCLC, brings extensive experience in maternal health across the Huron and Mission, South Dakota areas. Most of her career has focused on labor and delivery and newborn care. She has worked with a wide range of populations, including Guatemalan, Karen, Hutterite, Hispanic, and Native American communities. Teri previously served as a Maternal Health Care Coordinator with Horizon Health Care and continues to support the organization as a PRN consultant. In her care coordination role, she partnered with providers and services across the state to help patients navigate barriers and access the care they need.