

VIRTUAL HOMELESSNESS SUMMIT - SPEAKER BIOS

October 15-16, 2020



Keynote Speaker - Dr. Margot Kushel

Margot Kushel, MD is a Professor of Medicine at University of California San Francisco (UCSF), Director of the UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations, and the UCSF Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative. She is a practicing general internist at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital. Margot's research focuses on the causes and consequences of homelessness and housing instability, with the goal of preventing and ending homelessness and ameliorating the effects of homelessness on health. She speaks at a local, state and national level about issues of homelessness, and provides testimony to legislative bodies. She received her bachelor's degree from Harvard College, her doctorate from Yale and completed residency, chief residency and fellowship in internal medicine at UCSF.



Mike Akerlow

Mike comes to the Community Development Center of Utah (CDCU) after nearly ten years working at Salt Lake City Corporation, where he served as the Deputy Director of the Department of Community and Neighborhoods, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Development and the Economic Development Small Business Manager. In these roles, he was responsible for overseeing the city's housing, capital asset management and capital improvement programs; real estate services; and the Sorenson Unity Center with the mission to revitalize, strengthen and support Salt Lake City communities. In addition to the management of the city's federal grant programs, which include Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), HOME, and Housing Opportunities for People with Aids (HOPWA), Mike co-wrote the city's housing plan Growing SLC and oversaw the affordable housing initiative 5000 Doors, the city's consolidated plan Neighborhoods of Opportunity, the annual Project Homeless Connect event and the Impact Fees Facilities Plan. He also managed the city's Small Business Revolving Loan Fund that provided financing to new and existing small businesses. Prior to working for Salt Lake City, Mike was involved in real estate development, focusing on infill and mixed-use developments that included retail components designed specifically for local businesses. He currently represents the nonprofit sector on the State of Utah's Commission on Housing Affordability and is on the Steering Committee for the Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness and serves as the co-chair of the Housing Core Function Group. Mike is also on the Advisory Committee for the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines. He currently serves as Vice Chair for National Association of Housing Redevelopment Officials Utah and is a member of the Rocky Mountain CRC Loan Committee. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Utah, where he graduated a member of Phi Kappa Phi. He received his Master of Science in Real Estate Development from Columbia University. Mike and his wife, Karen, are the exhausted and proud parents of a daughter and two sons and enjoy watching them play soccer, golf, basketball, piano, and enjoying life.



Zach Bale

Zach Bale serves as Chief Program Officer of Housing Connect and Executive Director of Housing Connect Fund. He is committed to leaders, teams and communities to inspire purpose through vulnerability and connection. Zach is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with more than 20 years of experience in human services, fundraising, program evaluation, consultation and leadership development. He holds a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Social Work degrees from the University of Utah.

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Andi Beadles

Ms. Andi Beadles has been the Executive Director of the Weber Housing Authority since 2011. She is a housing and homeless advocate. Ms. Beadles implemented a Supportive Housing Program for chronically homeless and disabled households in 2012. This program links rental assistance with case management services to the hard to serve homeless population in Weber County. She has participated as an active member of the Local Homeless Coordinating Committee since 2009. She is the chair of the Utah National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) board. This board advocates for affordable housing throughout Utah. With the help of her staff and under the direction of the state, Ms. Beadles organizes the Point in Time Count in Weber County. She is committed to improving the social service delivery system and meeting the housing needs of Weber County.



Rocky Cordray

Rocky grew up in Sugar House, and graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in English at the University of Utah. He works for Sacred Circle Healthcare, and has worked in homeless services in Salt Lake City since 2013.



Clint Cottam

Clint Cottam is Executive Director at Community Action Partnership of Utah, the state association for Utah's nine designated Community Action Agencies, and has served since 2018. Before joining the state association, he served as Director of Community Action at Five County Associations of Governments, working with food, transportation, asset development and housing programs. Clint graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in European Studies from Brigham Young University and a MPA from Indiana University's O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, with emphasis in economic development and policy analysis. He is also an AmeriCorps alumnus and has experience in criminal justice, youth diversion and service-learning initiatives. Clint and his wife Kathryn have three children.



Tricia Davis

Born and raised in the Beehive State, Tricia has a passion for ensuring Utah families and individuals have access to programs and services that will enhance quality of life. She is the Manager of the Homelessness Programs Office in the Housing and Community Development Division of the Department of Workforce Services. She joined Workforce Services in 2004. For nearly 20 years, her work has been focused in social services, including direct service, training, policy implementation, system level planning, state and federal funding management and contract development. She recognizes that the most valuable coordination to influence systematic change takes place in partnership with clients, providers, policy makers, stakeholders and funders.

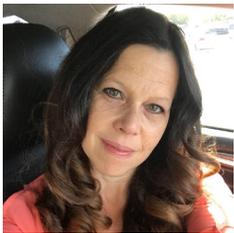
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Katherine Fife

Katherine Fife, the Director of Programs and Partnerships for Salt Lake County, is part of the Collaborative Applicant Team, which is responsible for applying for federal HUD funds on behalf of the community and also provides staff support to the Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness. With more than two decades of experience working in the philanthropic and social sectors, Katherine joined Salt Lake County as the Director of Programs and Partnerships in June 2019. Previous to this role, Katherine contracted with Salt Lake County and other public and private entities on projects through Philanthropy Matters, a company that she founded in 2016. Katherine has served as the Director of Philanthropy for the Community Foundation of Utah, where she assisted hundreds of philanthropists with strategies surrounding their charitable giving. Katherine has extensive experience working in the nonprofit sector, managing all aspects of a nonprofit organization, both on the programmatic side, as well as development and marketing. She has experience developing strategic plans, and raising funds through various methods, both on contract and through employment with organizations including Make-A-Wish Utah. In a volunteer capacity, Katherine currently serves on the board of directors of Friends of Guadalupe School and the Utah Arts Festival. She previously served on the Board of Directors for Utah Jumpstart Coalition, on the Planned Giving Advisory Council for Salt Lake Community College Foundation and the Advisory Board of the Sorenson Multicultural Center. She also served as president of the Utah Society of Fund Raisers board of directors. Katherine earned her master's degree in family ecology from the University of Utah and her bachelor's degree in sociology from Westminster College in Salt Lake. She is inspired by the opportunity to make positive change through partnerships with those who are committed to social good.



Lora Flanigan

Lora Flanigan is the victim advocate program administrator for the Utah Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health. Lora provides a trained, community-based, trauma-informed voice to provide support and assistance to crime victims that interface with the Board of Pardons and Parole. Lora has over 13 years of experience working with survivors. Lora has a master's degree in psychology with a specialization in crisis response and management. In her free time, Lora likes to spend time with her two children, work on projects around her home, hike and spend all her extra money on concerts.



Michelle Flynn

Michelle Flynn serves as the Executive Director at The Road Home in Salt Lake City, Utah, and has worked in homeless and housing service programs for more than 20 years. Prior to her tenure in Utah, Michelle worked in advocacy and public relations in Washington, DC. Michelle has a bachelor's degree in political science from Drew University, Madison, New Jersey and a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Utah. Michelle's work at The Road Home, a local nonprofit organization, includes fundraising and grant acquisition, program development and management, strategic assessment and action planning, collaboration and partnership. Her areas of knowledge include emergency shelter, rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. She is dedicated in all of her work to The Road Home's mission of helping people overcome homelessness and move back into our community. Michelle has served on a variety of homeless and fundraising boards and committees, and is always looking for ways to learn more and expand best practices.

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Melissa Freigang

Melissa Freigang is the Founding Director of the Weber Prosperity Center of Excellence, a department of Weber County Commission, in partnership with the Weber-Morgan Health Department and Weber Human Services. The Center's mission is to foster a vibrant, collaborative community environment to build resilient families and where all children can exercise the power of self-determination. Freigang leads the county's efforts to address a variety of social, public and behavioral health challenges which include intergenerational poverty, housing and homelessness, social determinants of health, prevention and economic development. Her efforts to combine interdisciplinary expertise and form cross-sector coalitions to engage the community in identifying root causes to the social challenges, allows partners to come together to remove systematic barriers and work toward a common goal of collective wellbeing for all Weber County residents. Prior to her role as Founding Director, Melissa served as Vice President for Social Innovation and Workforce Initiatives for Logistic Specialties, Inc., where she led specialized economic and workforce development programs aligning industry, education, social-sector organizations, and governmental and public-sector bodies. Using innovative and evidence-based business development, training, and job creation methodologies, Melissa's social impact team helped key stakeholders integrate and navigate complex economic development, social, and workforce systems and delivered multiple innovations and outcomes.



Peggy Green

Peggy Green is the Executive Director of the Iron County Care and Share in Cedar City, which operates the only emergency shelter in Iron, Beaver, Garfield, and Kane counties, along with a food pantry that serves over 800 families each month. She is a champion of serving with dignity, and equality as an effective means to ending poverty, hunger and homelessness. Peggy holds a master's degree in education, instructional design and a bachelor's in marketing. She would rather you know she is an avid music and theater fan, and a baker of gourmet cupcakes. Peggy is from Los Angeles, but has joyfully made Cedar City her home for the last 15 years. Happily married for 18 years, the Green family includes rescued pets, lots of music, endless laughter and adventures galore. Peggy has jumped from a plane, kissed the Blarney Stone, attended mass in the audience of Pope John Paul II and will always seek adventure and just one more adopted pet.



Jean Hill

Jean Welch Hill is a co-chair of the Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness and Director of the Office of Life, Justice & Peace for the Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City. Ms. Hill uses principles of social justice to educate elected officials at the state and national level regarding the impacts of proposed legislation on the poor and vulnerable, life and human dignity, and the common good. She also represents the diocese within the community on issues such as homelessness, immigration and climate change. Jean is a member of the Shelter the Homeless Board and the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. Prior to joining the Diocese, Jean served as an attorney for the Utah State Board of Education for 12 years. She also taught history at Judge Memorial Catholic High School and was an editorial writer for the Salt Lake Tribune.



Heather Hogue

Heather Hogue has worked in homeless services for almost 13 years and currently works as the Collaborative Applicant and Project Coordinator for the Mountainland Continuum of Care. She is passionate about advocating for the mentally ill. She is also the Executive Director for Share a Smile, a non-profit that provides free dental care for the needy in Utah County. Heather graduated from Brigham Young University with a Bachelor of Arts in English. During COVID-19, in lieu of a social life, Heather is taking courses in Russian, aromatherapy and the anatomy of the great white shark.

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Carol Hollowell

Carol Hollowell has been involved in business development for more than 30 years. From building up a hair salon chain, to a mortgage and development company she has a knack for seeing the big picture and then executing. A native of Oregon, she moved to St. George 11 years ago. Her desire to make a difference and change the model of homeless shelters in Utah led her to open Switchpoint Community Resource Center. Over the last five years, Switchpoint added a food pantry, a community garden, a thrift store, doggie daycare and a rapid rehousing program. A 55-unit supportive housing project is in the pipeline now. She has received the Social Justice and Woman of Achievement in Public Service awards. In the fall of 2015, Carol and her husband, Bob, rode their tandem bicycle across the US visiting homeless shelters and meeting individuals who are chronically homeless. In 2017, Carol received the Congressional Patriotism and Service Award from Congressman Chris Stewart. Switchpoint was recognized with the Innovator of the Year award in 2018 and continues to solve social issues with innovative solutions. Development of multifamily housing is a focus on both her professional and personal side.



Ellie Ingalls

Elle Ingalls is an international speaker, coach, author and founder of Pressure-Free Living. A former member of the Forbes Coaches Council, she has created a series of online courses, and has coached thousands of people between ages 10 and 80 around the globe. She holds a Bachelor of Musical Arts, a Master of Music, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Michigan. Her latest book is *Pressure-Free Parenting: The Ten-Second Solution to Reduce Stress and Anxiety for High-Achieving Families*.



James Jetton

James Jetton is the Emergency Shelter Manager at Iron County Care and Share in Cedar City. He grew up in the East Bay region of the San Francisco Bay Area. James earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from San Francisco State University in 2005. He has worked as a case manager in homelessness and behavioral health.



Stefanie Jones

Stefanie Jones is the current chair of the Balance of State Continuum of Care. After working for 18 years with homeless programs at Bear River Association of Governments she recently took a job with CAPUTAH. She is a graduate of Utah State University and was one of the lucky ones who was able to make Cache Valley her home. She's passionate about rural Utah and serving those who are homeless across the entire state.

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Lorene Kamalu

Prior to being sworn into office as a Davis County Commissioner January 2019, Lorene Miner Kamalu (kuh-MAH-loo) served for more than four years as a Kaysville City Planning Commissioner. While working in her city, she discovered a passion for planning, policy and citizen engagement and decided to pursue a Master of Public Administration degree. Her prior experience is in business. Lorene excelled as an entrepreneur, earning national awards and training both regionally and corporately. She worked briefly as a management consultant before turning to public service. Lorene works full-time in her current position which includes a lot of health, human services and criminal justice work. She loves what she gets to do every day and champions the important work of human service agencies. She is married to Layne Kamalu, who is part Hawaiian. They served as an Air Force active duty family from 1993-2000, stationed first at Scott and then at Hill Air Force Base. She runs, cycles, lifts weights and practices yoga.



Dale Keller

Dale Keller has worked for the Salt Lake Valley Health Departments Environmental Health Division for nearly 30 years. He is currently the Manager of the Bureau of Sanitation and Safety. During his career with the Health Department he has worked in most capacities of environmental health including the Program Manager for the Emergency Response Program. Dale has a degree in geology from the University of Utah. He has numerous hazardous/toxic material certifications including: Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Certification (COBRA), Hazardous Materials Institute Certification, Energetic Materials Operations Certification, Emergency Responder/Incident Command to Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Emergencies Certification, Hazardous/Toxic Waste Management Certification, Lead Hazard Evaluation Certification and Lead Abatement Certification. Dale has participated in numerous published environmental health scientific studies including the bioavailability of heavy metals, volatile organic exposure in nail salons, exposure of carbon monoxide/nitrogen dioxide in ice skating rinks, carbon monoxide exposure in fire stations and radon gas exposure in homes. He is a frequent guest lecturer regarding environmental health hazards at universities and colleges. Dale has also assisted with the writing of several state rules, local ordinances, and Board of Health regulations. Dale was the initial recipient of the Vision Award, the Salt Lake County Health Department's most prestigious Employee Recognition award. He is an active member of several professional organizations and participates on several professional boards. Dale is a native Idahoan who enjoys participating in and watching sports, and is an avid, albeit poor, golfer.



Heather Lester

Heather Lester is currently serving as the Landlord Tenant Mediator with Utah Community Action. She has worked in this position over the past four years, which includes volunteer work in and outside of Salt Lake County. Heather primarily assists with landlord/tenant de-escalations and negotiations relating to deposits, extensions, payment arrangements, fee waivers, Utah Fit Premise issues, resource referrals, nuisance and Fair Housing issues. She also dedicates a portion of her time to tenant education for internal clients, community agency referrals, court services and other agencies as requested. In addition, Heather attends occupancy hearings for filed evictions within the court system to offer mediation services and recourse information as needed. Heather is very passionate about the practice and need for mediation, advocacy and facilitation in correlation with all housing related matters in Utah. Heather graduated from Creighton University School of Law, Werner Institute Negotiation and Dispute Resolution with an emphasis in Organizational Development. During her time at Creighton, she gravitated and focused her efforts in the areas of social services, access to justice and online dispute resolution. In addition, she serves as the presiding Chair of the Online Dispute Resolution Section with the Association of Conflict Resolution. Heather is passionate about the practice and need for mediation, advocacy and facilitation in correlation with all housing related matters, homelessness and aging services.

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Jess Lucero

Dr. Jess Lucero is an associate professor of social work at Utah State University where she directs the full-time Master of Social Work program and the Transforming Communities Initiative. Jess is a community-engaged scholar whose work focuses on housing justice, violence against women and children and system-navigation challenges among refugees in the U.S. She is an active member of the Bear River LHCC, Logan City Planning Commissioner, and Board President at a nonprofit she helped found, Cache Refugee & Immigrant Connection.



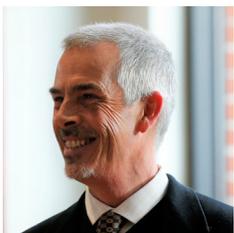
Karen McCandless

Karen McCandless is the Executive Director of Community Action Services and Food Bank in Provo. Its mission is to foster self-reliance in individuals, families and the community. Her current position, as well as being a former city council member and land use planner, fuel her passion to advocate for and work toward thriving communities. Karen loves learning, Pink Floyd, playing the flute, a good nap and long, slightly downhill bike rides.



Tarra McFadden

Tarra has administered the Continuum of Care (CoC) program since 2010 with previous experience in nonprofit management and advocacy work. In addition to the CoC program, she manages the Emergency Food and Shelter Program and is part of a dedicated team supporting the Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness. She previously served as the chair of the Salt Lake County Social Services Advisory Council for a year, and has been involved with funding allocation processes at the federal, state, and local levels. Tarra graduated from the University of Utah with an undergraduate in political science and sociology and earned a Master of Public Administration from California State University, Fullerton.



Shawn McMillan

Shawn began working within the field of substance abuse treatment services in 1987 at the University Neuropsychiatric Institute (UNI). While at UNI, he moved from serving as a counselor on the graveyard shift to the position of Primary Counselor on the Recovery Unit, and Program Manager for the Experiential Therapy ropes course. In 1998, Shawn served as the Statewide Intake Coordinator for a substance abuse treatment provider tasked to develop a centralized assessment unit. After joining First Step House in 2003, Shawn earned his Master's in Public Administration from the University of Utah, and in 2005, Shawn became the Executive Director of First Step House. First Step House has since grown to include residential and outpatient treatment, long-term recovery management, robust case management services, recovery housing, permanent supportive housing and integrated primary health care into its extensive continuum of services. Shawn is a strong believer in the idea that treatment is essential, but not sufficient to help individuals achieve stability in the community. Shawn is presently the chair of the Salt Lake Alcohol & Drug Abuse Coordinating Council, Past-President of the Association of Utah Substance Abuse Professionals, co-chair of the Health and Wellness Core Function Group of the Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness, a member of the Behavioral Health Workforce Workgroup of the Utah Substance Abuse and Anti-violence Coalition and a member of the Mountain/Plains Addiction Technology Transfer Center Advisory Council. He has also served as an adjunct faculty member in the Master of Public Administration and College of Social Work at the University of Utah.

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Kristen Mitchell

Kristen Mitchell is the founder and executive director of Youth Futures. She is an entrepreneur and self-starter who has independently owned and operated businesses for more than 25 years, including a small manufacturing company, an art gallery and a nonprofit crisis hotline prior to founding Youth Futures. She has a passion for youth service and has been involved with human service-oriented agencies for more than 30 years. Her experience includes working in group homes, respite services and volunteer service projects, some of which specifically served people experiencing homelessness and LGBTQ youth. As a non-traditional student, Kristen graduated with honors from Weber State University with a bachelor's degree in social work and was asked to speak at her graduation ceremony after winning multiple awards for her work to open Youth Futures. Kristen also earned a master's degree in nonprofit administration from Louisiana State University. She brings experience to the social services arena as a parent who personally understands the fear and anxiety that arises when teenagers run away.



Lauren Navidomskis

Lantern House Executive Director, Lauren Navidomskis is a native of northern Utah and graduate of Roy High School. She received a full ride track and field scholarship in high jump to Weber State University, where she completed her bachelor's degree in social work and embarked on a career dedicated to serving the most vulnerable in her community. After receiving a master's degree in social work from the University of Southern California, and with full support of the Board of Directors, Lauren assumed the role of Executive Director in July of 2019. Prior to becoming Executive Director, she served in several roles at St. Anne's Center/Lantern House including a case manager position and development director. Her experience working both directly with the homeless population and overseeing the development department gives her a unique perspective and deep understanding of the needs of homeless clients, her staff and the broader community. Since assuming the role, Lauren increased community involvement at the shelter, enhanced donor relations, diversified the board of directors, implemented policies that ensure fiscal responsibility and transparency, and refocused the shelter's mission on providing the direct support and tools homeless clients need to transition to permanent housing and stability. Her endless compassion for the homeless population and specialized training have allowed her to lead her team with strength and agility throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. As many local services reduced hours and offerings, she remained committed to supporting the most vulnerable in northern Utah with the 24/7 shelter, food, and case management support they need to thrive. Her passion and awareness for the needs of the diverse populations in the community make her a thoughtful, kind, and effective leader, adored by clients and colleagues alike.



Elizabeth Oliver

Elizabeth Oliver currently serves as Director of Innovation at The Road Home, where she works to amplify best practices within the agency, promote equity, anti-racism, diversity and strategically facilitate collaboration for continuous improvement in housing and homeless services. She has had the opportunity to work at The Road Home for more than six years in various capacities, always focusing her efforts on ending homelessness through housing. Elizabeth is an AmeriCorps VISTA alum, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English and journalism from Chapman University and is currently pursuing her Master of Arts in Instructional Technology and learning sciences at Utah State University. She is a Housing First purist and strongly believes anyone can be housed.

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Lance Olsen

Lance Olsen is the Assistant Communication Director for the Department of Workforce Services. In his current role he has responsibility for department wide learning and development and internal communication. Lance is a facilitator, trainer, coach and leader dedicated to helping individuals, teams and organizations achieve success through ongoing growth, development, and change. With more than 15 years of experience in leadership, communication and employee development, Lance has a deep and first-hand understanding of what drives human behavior and how to address the core challenges that individuals face each day. Lance's most meaningful work is to inspire and motivate individuals to become more alive to the enormously positive impact they can have on others and the world around them. Lance earned a bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Utah. He is a certified Master Facilitator for the Arbinger Institute. When not spending as much time as he can with his wife and three active children, Lance enjoys mountain biking, hiking, landscaping and squeezing in a little time to dig into a good book.



Jon Pike

Jon Pike was raised in Salt Lake City and received a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Utah and an MBA from Westminster College. Jon has worked in several positions with Intermountain Healthcare since 1990. One of the highlights of Jon's career has been working as project manager for the planning and construction of Dixie Regional Medical Center at River Road, which opened in 2003. He currently works as the regional operations director for SelectHealth – the health insurance division of Intermountain Healthcare. In 2007 Jon was elected to the St. George City Council and in 2013 he was elected as Mayor of St. George. He serves on the boards of Dixie State University, Dixie Applied Technology College, Washington County Water Conservancy District, St. George Area Economic Development, Utah League of Cities and Towns and several other city and county-related boards. Jon loves singing, playing the piano, organ and guitar, as well as water and snow skiing, motorcycling and walking or biking on St. George's many trails. Jon and his wife Kristy have five children and one grandchild.



Shirlayne Quayle

Be it professionally or personally, Shirlayne is a champion for inclusive prosperity. Her experience in education, healthcare, innovation and entrepreneurship propel creative strategies to expand opportunities for southern Utah residents. Shirlayne co-chairs the Washington LHCC and Housing Action Coalition, is a member of the Switchpoint board of directors and the Utah Homeless Network steering committee and is co-founder of the Women's Influence Network and a Utah Women in Leadership Project ambassador.



Kelly Roemer

Kelly Roemer is the Client Liaison for Salt Lake County Aging & Adult Services. In her role, she provides case management services to older adults experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. She has her Master of Social Work from Simmons University in Boston. She has been working with the division in different roles for more than 16 years. In recent years, Kelly and other Aging & Adult Services staff observed that housing and homelessness among seniors is a growing need. In early 2017, Aging & Adult Services created a new position, Client Liaison, to help address the unique housing needs of older adults. Kelly works with seniors who are chronically homeless, newly homeless or whose housing is in jeopardy and helps them navigate the complex housing system. She found early on that this role frequently requires collaboration with multiple partners in order to meet clients' goals.

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Summer Rohwer

Summer Rohwer received her bachelor's degree in social work in 2006 from Weber State University. In 2007 Summer began her 14-year career at Lantern House (formally St. Anne's Center) where she is currently the deputy director. Throughout her career, she has developed knowledge and skills in implementing policy, running programs, and coordinating funding and support from state, local and private entities. Summer continues to be a strong advocate for the homeless population throughout Utah. When she is not working, Summer loves spending time outdoors with her husband of 10 years and her four children.



Lynn Sharpe

Lynn began working in homeless services in 2011. Lynn started as an intake specialist entering data into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). She then moved into a case management role, and eventually into a housing eligibility role. In 2019, Lynn moved away from a client-facing role to join the UHMIS System Administration team with the Department of Workforce Services Housing and Community Development Division. Lynn keeps her years of client service in mind as she focuses on improving data quality in UHMIS and training users of all levels on how to best use UHMIS to serve better the people that come to them. When she isn't busy at work, Lynn spends most of her time raising her four-year-old son and dreaming of the days when she can attend a comic convention safely again.



Mark Shepherd

Mark Shepherd was born in Salt Lake City but grew up in Albuquerque, NM. He has lived in Clearfield for the past 23 years. Mark's 'non-political' life includes being the principal broker for the Shepherd Real Estate Group, a local, independent real estate brokerage he founded in 2018. His business focuses primarily on military relocation, both to and from Utah. Mark served nearly nine years on the Clearfield Planning Commission before being elected to the City Council in 2007. After six years on the Council, Mark was elected as Clearfield City's Mayor in 2013 and is now in his second term in that position. Mark has served as an Honorary Commander for the 388th MXG for three years and is presently serving as the Honorary Commander for the 466th FS. He was appointed by Utah's Governor to serve on the Military Installation Development Authority (MIDA), which has responsibility for development of Enhanced Use Lease (EUL) properties throughout Utah. He serves on the Utah Defense Alliance and on the Board of Directors for the local Air Force Association chapter. He served for two years as the chairman of the Military Communities Council for the National League of Cities, and now serves as the Vice-Chair for the Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Affairs (FAIR) committee. Mark has been married to his wife Tammie for the past 31 years. They are the parents of seven children and three grandchildren. In his "spare" time, Mark will likely be found at a Real Salt Lake soccer game, searching for his ball at one of the local golf courses or at the gun range practicing his aim. Whichever activity that day might bring, you will almost always find one of his children by his side.



Ed Snoddy

Ed has been with the Homeless Outreach Program for Volunteers of America since 1995. He has been associated with many different aspects of homeless service including, Humanitarian Service Committee for the 2002 Olympics, the Pathways to Housing state test pilot project in 2005, and Medical Outreach for the 4th Street Clinic. Ed continues to work with a variety of homeless service providers as well as all local hospitals to ensure proper care and transition of service. Ed holds an advanced substance use disorder counselor license, and is a mental health officer.

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Danielle Stevens

Danielle is native to Utah and returned home in 2019 after living abroad for several years. She has a Bachelor of Science in anthropology from the University of Utah, and a Master of Science in political science and applied community and economic development from Illinois State University. Danielle is a dedicated service learner and has been engaged with volunteerism since her adolescence. She served as an AmeriCorps VISTA with a statewide nonprofit in Boise, ID and as a United States Peace Corps Volunteer in Ukraine from 2017-2019. She is a budding scholar and in her free time is co-authoring a chapter with her Ukrainian colleagues that will be included in a community development publication in 2021. Danielle brings to Weber County her dynamic academic and professional experience with organizational capacity development, community mobilization, program design and management and systems thinking. She believes strongly in collaborative, grassroots efforts that challenge the status quo and encourage systemic change. Danielle is a certified scuba diver and speaks fluent Ukrainian. She loves riding her bicycle, reading, traveling, trying new foods and experiencing other cultures.



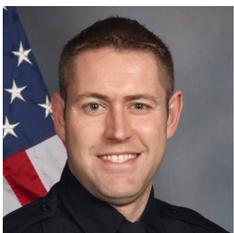
Sandra Stokes

Sandra Stokes has worked within the nonprofit sector for more than 20 years. Her passion for equity, social justice and inclusion is present in all that she does. As a seasoned facilitator, she is at her best when working with groups and organizations to increase their understanding of intersectionality and implicit bias. Sandra applies her skills to conduct team building activities and guided conversations to help people discuss and understand issues that are often avoided in the workplace. She helps teams connect better to each other by fostering dialogue and enhancing their communication with one another. Her work is rooted in helping people understand how implicit bias and microaggressions impact people's daily lives, leak into their individual work practices and manifest within the workplace culture. Sandra's facilitation style includes the use of interactive and engaging activities that increase people's awareness on how they function within in a system/structure that is either perpetuating or disrupting discrimination. As a lifelong learner, she has participated in various trainings and courses in an effort to stay up to date on best practices for facilitators which include: Mind Sciences on Difference and Implicit Bias, Bystander Intervention Training and Transformative Leadership University of Utah Social Work Department and Creative Leadership and Development American Express. Sandra earned her bachelor's in social work from the University of Utah and is in the process of acquiring a master's in public administration with an emphasis on executive leadership from the University of Utah as well.



Sarah Strang

Sarah has worked in the field of social work and with people experiencing a housing crisis for the past 15 years. Her focus began working with children in foster care and juvenile justice custody, families in crisis in the community and youth experiencing homelessness. She now oversees The Road Home's Emergency Shelter programs serving those experiencing homelessness, including single individuals and families, in Salt Lake County. Sarah earned a Master of Social Work degree and enjoys teaching as an adjunct at the University of Utah College of Social Work.

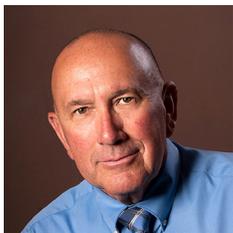


Joseph Taylor

Detective Joseph Taylor is currently the lead investigator in the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) unit for Salt Lake City Police Department. He specializes in outreach calls with the department's social workers with a focus on mental health and homelessness issues. He is also a member of the hostage/crisis negotiation team. He has been working for Salt Lake City for the past 10 years. Most work days consist of responding to crisis calls, conducting front line outreach to homeless individuals with a focus on services and diversion, and coordinating mental health and CIT training for the department.

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Kendall Thomas

Kendall Thomas loves service and changing lives, just like you do! He is currently a Tooele County Commissioner. He served on the Tooele County School Board for 15 years and Stockton Town Council for six years. He is chairman of the Local Homeless Committee and has been involved with the Domestic Violence Committee and Rotary Club for several years. Some of his greatest joy comes from reading with children in school and volunteering in the community, riding four wheelers, and going with the family to their next exciting destination.



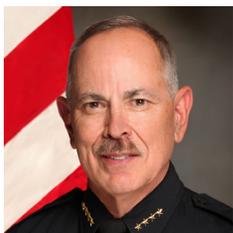
Andi Tremonte

Andi Tremonte has an educational background in psychology and women and gender studies, and is currently pursuing a Master of Criminal Justice. Andi has been a transgender support group facilitator and SafeZone trainer for OUTreach Resource Centers in northern Utah. They have facilitated LGBTQ+ cultural competency training throughout Utah for Starbucks Coffee Company, local organizations, universities, Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Rape Recovery Center and various community members. Furthermore, Andi is the education and outreach coordinator for the Utah Domestic Violence Coalition. Andi supports domestic violence service providers, sexual assault programs and government organizations in Utah, offering support services for underserved clients as well as training and technical assistance. Andi is an avid sasquatch enthusiast whose hobbies include Dungeons and Dragons, Xena Warrior Princess, board games, hanging out with their cats, Jorge and Toriko, and the outdoors (except water, everything but water).



Mary Beth Vogel-Ferguson

For the past 21 years, Dr. Mary Beth Vogel-Ferguson, PhD, CSW, has directed research studies and program evaluations with state and regional level government agencies. She is currently the principal investigator of several studies sponsored by Utah's Department of Workforce Services. These studies include evaluations of the work focused cash assistance program, refugee programs, employment for formerly chronically homeless individuals and implementation of trauma-informed approaches across the state. She has assisted all levels of agency management, from senior leadership to front line workers, in using data for program and policy development. She also provides workshops for local and national agency administrators, research bodies and social work groups addressing issues related to welfare policy, trauma-informed approaches, employment issues, poverty and serving diverse low-income populations.



Randy Watt

Randy is the Chief of Police of the Ogden City Police Department. He has served for 36 years in various assignments within the department, including 12 years with the Ogden/Metro SWAT Team. He received numerous awards and medals for his police service, including being twice awarded the department's Medal of Valor. He is an internationally recognized trainer and speaker in Leadership, Special Operations, and Terrorism, and has authored numerous articles in those subject areas. He has a bachelor's degree from Weber State College, a master's degree in business from the University of Phoenix, and a master's degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College. Randy is a retired Colonel, Utah Army National Guard and is the former Commander of the 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne). He retired with 34 years active duty and reserve service, including multiple combat tours of Afghanistan and Iraq in the War on Terrorism. He commanded at all levels of Special Forces and received numerous medals and awards for his service, including the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star for Valor in combat, and 3 Bronze Stars for Meritorious Service in combat. He is a Master Parachutist and is Military Freefall qualified.

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Rob Wesemann

Rob Wesemann, CMHC, is the Executive Director of NAMI Utah. Rob is currently a licensed clinical mental health counselor, and has worked with individuals with serious mental illness for nearly 20 years. Rob is co-chair of the Utah Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Commission (UBHPAC) Committee, is a member of Utah Substance Abuse Advisory Council mental health and substance abuse advisory committee, and is a member of the National Alliance on Mental Illness National Executive Director Advisory committee. Rob also is co-chair of the Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness. In his spare time, Rob works as a Master Scuba Diver Trainer, certified by the Professional Association of Diving Instructors, and helps his wife run their scuba diving business. He has three children and lives in Salt Lake.