

New Board Members

Melissa A Clark, PhD

Melissa is Professor of Health Services, Policy and Practice and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs in the Brown University School of Public Health. She is also Director of the School of Public Health Survey Research Center. She has a PhD from the University of Illinois School of Public Health and has been working in the field of public health for 25 years. She is a survey methodologist whose substantive areas of interest are in the fields of public health and vulnerable populations. She has been PI or co-investigator on more than 65 NIH or foundation-funded grants and has more than 260 peer-reviewed publications. She teaches Introduction to Public Health at the undergraduate level and Survey Research Methods at the Graduate level.

Mike Dumond, MS, MBA

Mike Dumond and his wife Kate McGovern “semi-retired” from their full-time jobs in New Hampshire July 2018 and moved to Providence after a few years of flirting with the city’s mystique (charming architecture and intriguing history). His initial career was in social work/family counseling and then in the NH Division of Public Health Services, where he worked in population health programs such as tobacco prevention and immunization, and served as Chief for the Bureau of Public Health Protection. His education included an MBA from Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire and a master’s degree in Human Services Administration from U-Mass Boston.

Carline L. Fleig, MSN, ANP-C (Nurse Practitioner) – Candidate for RIPHA Board Secretary

Carline’s career began as a critical care nurse in a small community hospital just outside Boston. Her work included International fixed wing transport of critically ill patients.

Ten years into her career she pursued her graduate degree at Boston College where she became a Nurse Practitioner and has worked in various fields including primary care, cardiology and college health.

Rooted within her has always been a deep enthusiasm for public health.

She has served as student advisor for the “Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children” both at Roger Williams University and RISD and has traveled with students to El Salvador to provide medical relief to women and children in the FIMRC clinic there.

During her career as a College Health Nurse Practitioner, she was also an active NCBI leader (National Coalition Building Institute), an organization that provides training in diversity and inclusion and whose mission is to contribute to long lasting Institutional and social change.

Currently, her role as a Research Nurse Practitioner at the Brown University School of Public Health is what she describes as her dream position in terms of making a more global impact in the lives of others.

In her free time, Carline loves to sail, hike, bike, write and create art through photography. She is a wife, daughter, sister, friend and a proud Navy mom.

Nancy Toth, MPH, RIPHA Membership Chair

Nancy Toth was born, raised, and continues to reside in Charlestown, Rhode Island. She obtained her bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences from the University of Rhode Island and master's degree in Public Health with a certification in Epidemiology from Benedictine University. She currently works for the Rhode Island Department of Health on the COVID19 community mitigation response. Nancy has a strong passion for infectious disease prevention through epidemiological, public health, and humanitarian efforts.

Linda E. Hurley, MA, CAGS

Linda Hurley has been working in substance abuse treatment and behavioral healthcare for more than 30 years and has been with CODAC, Inc. — RI's oldest and largest outpatient opioid treatment program (OTP) and provider of general outpatient addiction services, behavioral health care, and recovery resources— since 1989. In February 2016, she was named CODAC's President /CEO.

Over the years, Linda has brought numerous innovative programs to CODAC, including problem gambling services, tobacco treatment, trauma-informed care, wellness services (acupuncture, nutrition, yoga), and the development of a specialized treatment track for pregnant, post-partem, and parenting women.

Linda has been teaching graduate and post-graduate level courses in clinical counseling at Salve Regina University for more than two decades. She is a regular presenter at the national AATOD conference ; provides webinars and trainings for New England Association of Drug Court Professionals (NEADCP,) Centers for Medicaid and Medicare, New England Addiction Technology Transfer Center (NE ATTC) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA;) conducts trainings at the RI Substance Use Mental Health Leadership Council, and provides technical assistance to agencies in the New England area, including the New England Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC.)

Deborah C. Faith, MPH

Candidate for Affiliate Representative to the Governing Council of APHA (ARGC)

Deborah currently is active as a member of RIPHA's Advocacy Committee working on the opioid crisis project. She is representing RIPHA at the 2020 APHA Annual Meeting. Deborah is a Nondenominational Minister and Energy Master/ Teacher and practices as a Rhode Island Officiant. She serves on the board of the Central Falls Detention Facility Corporation which oversees the Donald W. Wyatt Detention Facility.