

PROGRAM STAFF

Department of Public Health and Human Services



Dr. Kristen Rogers has been the Principal Investigator on the MOMS project. She is the Bureau Chief over numerous maternal, child and adolescent health programs within the Family and Community Health Bureau at Montana's DPHHS. Dr. Rogers received her PhD from UCLA and was a US DHHS/ACYF Postdoctoral Fellow at Cornell University in biostatistics/epidemiology. Prior to Montana, she was a Branch Chief at the California Department of Public Health in Maternal and Child Health (6 years); was an Assistant Professor at University of California, Berkeley's Schools of Public Health and Social Welfare (3 years); and a Professor of Pediatrics at the University of California, Davis' School of Medicine (12 years) specializing in pediatric forensic medicine.



Ann Buss supervises the MOMS program implementation. She has 25+ years managing maternal and child health programs and is beginning her 15th year as the Montana Title V Director/Maternal Child Health Section Supervisor. Ann earned her BA in elementary education/psychology; an AA in Early Childhood Education; and a Masters of Public Health Administration.



Amanda Roccabruna Eby coordinates the multidisciplinary statewide collaboration of the MOMS Leadership Council, the Montana Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC), the Perinatal Quality Collaborative (PQC) and the Perinatal Behavioral Health Initiative or Meadowlark while overseeing program implementation. As Project Administrator for the Montana Insurance Commissioner, she staffed communications, health policy and consumer education; and she administered the statewide Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) program. As the Health Innovation Program Officer for Montana Medicaid, she managed Medicaid's value-based payment programs. Most recently, she managed business development efforts and provided communications support for several contracts at Mountain-Pacific Quality Health.

Billings Clinic



As Director of Grants and Program Development at Billings Clinic, **Dianna Linder** plays a strategic role in partnering with thought leaders to development exciting new programs by securing external resources. She writes grants and supervises the work of contract grant writers and grant management staff, provides support for others across the organization writing grants of all types, and works with physicians and employees in program planning, budgeting and implementation. Dianna assumed the full-time position as Director of Grants in 2013, following 12 years of grant writing and sponsored program planning for Billings Clinic as a consultant. Prior to joining Billings Clinic, Dianna was the Dean of Distance Learning at Rocky Mountain College in Billings. Dianna holds Bachelor of Arts degrees in Economics and Asian Studies from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Denver. Dianna is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) and serves as the current President of the MT Chapter.



Dr. Clayton H. "Tersh" McCracken III attended medical school at the University of Washington in Seattle. He joined Billings Clinic in 1992 after completing his internship and residency at the University of Cincinnati. He has served as the Medical Director of the Billings Clinic Family Birth Center and is active with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists as well as the Montana Medical Association. Dr. McCracken currently serves as the MOMS Medical Director, ACOG District VIII Chair, and Chair of the Montana Maternal Health Leadership Council. He serves in an advisory role on all MOMS activities and is the primary facilitator for MOMS Project ECHO clinics.



Stephanie Fitch attended Montana State University Billings where she received a bachelor's degree in psychiatric rehabilitation and a master's degree in clinical rehabilitation and mental health counseling. In November 2020, she will complete her master's in healthcare administration through Colorado State University Global. Stephanie has been a licensed addiction counselor in the state of Montana since 2016. She joined the MOMS team in January 2020 as the demonstration project program coordinator through Billings Clinic. Stephanie coordinates demonstration project activities including simulation trainings, Project ECHO, certification courses, telehealth services and substance abuse/mental health programming.

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Dr. Annie Glover is the Director of Research at the University of Montana Center for Children, Families, and Workforce Development. In this role, she leads research and evaluation initiatives related to reproductive and child health, including the statewide evaluation of the Montana Obstetric and Maternal Support (MOMS) program. Dr. Glover has a PhD from Tulane University in Global Health Systems Management and Policy, an MPH and MPA from University of Montana, and a graduate certificate in Native American Studies from Montana State University. Dr. Glover is an NIH Fogarty Center Global Health Fellow.



Dr. Kimber McKay is a professor in the School of Public and Community Health Sciences at the University of Montana. My research is on programs that address the social and behavioral determinants of health, and the interplay between community development projects and health outcomes. My main area of expertise is social and behavioral determinants of maternal and child health, and my research has focused on understanding and influencing health behaviors in cross-cultural settings, both rural and urban. I have 20+ years' experience working with interdisciplinary teams of health professionals, engineers and community mobilizers on program design, research, and monitoring and evaluation.



Carly Holman is Research Analyst with the Center for Children, Families, and Workforce Development. Ms. Holman's work has included research on early childhood systems, obesity prevention, and healthcare workforce development. Before joining the Center, Ms. Holman worked at the Western Montana Area Health Education Center (AHEC) on projects to enhance access to quality health care, by improving the supply and distribution of healthcare professionals via strategic partnerships with academic programs, communities, and professional organizations. She holds a master's degree in Community Health and Prevention Sciences from the University of Montana.

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Madeline Woo is an Affiliate Researcher with the University of Montana Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities under Montana's HRSA Maternal Health Innovation Grant, with the Montana Obstetric and Maternal Support (MOMS) Program. Madeline's role on MOMS is to investigate severe maternal morbidity in partnership with the Montana Hospital Association. She holds a Masters of Science in Public Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health from the International Health Department in the Health Systems concentration, along with a certificate in Evaluation of International Programs. She also has a Master of Arts in political science from the University of California, San Diego. Her maternal health work includes evaluating the impact of midwife training programs on maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity in Myanmar and Ethiopia, studying client-provider communication around adverse maternal outcomes and potential for misclassification between early neonatal death and stillbirth in Ethiopia, and researching criteria for preventability used by state maternal mortality review boards in the United States.



Nicole Smith, PhD, MPH grew up in Helena, Montana and currently resides in Missoula as a Research Scientist at the Center for Children, Families, and Workforce Development. Her part in MOMS will be to coordinate the annual Status of Maternal Health in Montana report and to conduct research on postpartum contraception with providers. She completed her undergraduate education in Psychology at Carroll College, and she obtained her master's degree in Public Health from Portland State University. Nicole has a PhD in Health Behavior from Indiana University's School of Public Health. She completed a three-year postdoctoral training program in Demography at Princeton University's Office of Population Research. Dr. Smith's work in maternal and child health began while providing direct care to the pregnant and parenting adolescent women living at the Florence Crittenton Home in Helena. Nicole also worked for two years as a Health Educator for the State of Montana's Title X Family Planning Program. Dr. Smith's research focuses on issues at the intersection of women's reproductive and sexual health. She developed a new conceptual framework on the sexual acceptability of contraception which has been cited over 100 times.



Bonnie Katalenich is a riding member with the Krewe of Cleopatra and loves to travel. Bonnie studied International Relations at Michigan State University then joined the US Peace Corps as a Community Health Mobilizer in Zambia. Bonnie spent three years in Zambia; two years she lived in a rural village and worked with community health workers and Traditional Birth Attendants in maternal health, malaria, HIV/AIDS, and water and sanitation. For Bonnie's third year she was the On-Site Coordinator for two malaria and pregnancy studies, funded by USAID. Upon her return, she completed her Master of Public Health in Epidemiology at Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. Bonnie spent eight years as a Clinical Research Coordinator for Tulane University School of Medicine. In the fall of 2016 Bonnie began her PhD program at Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in the Department of Global Community Health and Behavioral Sciences.