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Mental Health & Addiction Services

OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL HEALTH EQUITY (OMHE)

Champions for Diversity & Health Equity



COHORT 1 DIRECTORY
2023-2024



CHAMPIONS PROGRAM LEADS



Samia Hussein

She, Her, Hers

Director



Cynthia Martin

She, Her, Hers

Trainer



Tara Hall

She, Her, Hers

Trainer

SUPPORT LEADS



Tommy Blackwell

He, Him, His

SCSU - DSW Extern



Elizabeth Flanagan

She, Her, Hers

Research Scientist

(Not Pictured)



Sharon Greaves

She, Her, Hers

Administrative Assistant

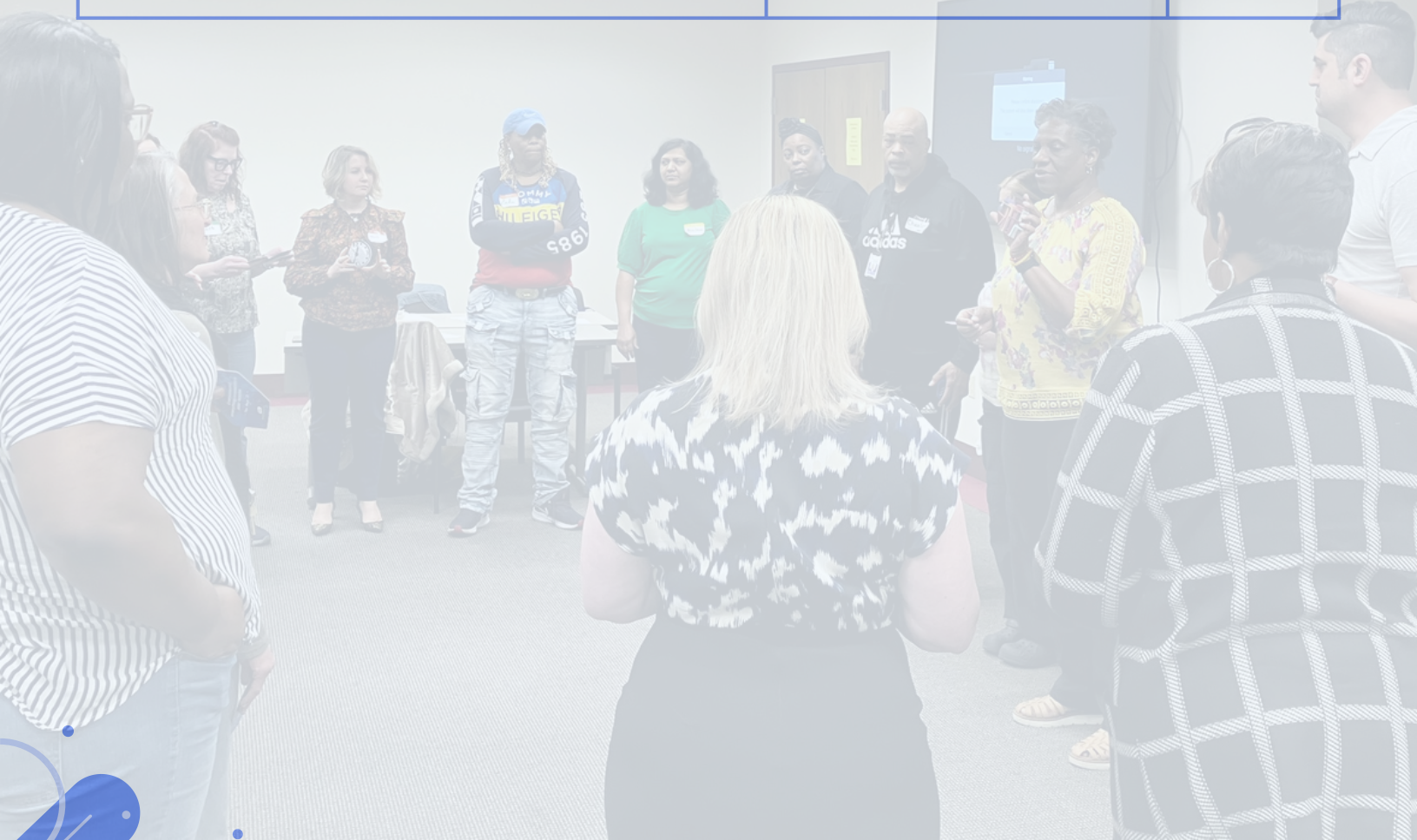


CHAMPIONS DIRECTORY

Organization/Facility	Names	Pg. #
Connecticut Mental Health Center (DMHAS)	Karen Lee	1
Capitol Region Mental Health Center (DMHAS)	Richard Casey	1
	Nesila Lame	1
	Brandy Petrone	2
	Linda Washington	2
Connecticut Valley Hospital (DMHAS)	Kathleen DeMino	2
	Catherine Evans	3
	Daniel Schlorff	3
Friendship Service Center	Valerye Quintana-Colon	3
Gilead Community Services	Tamara Brown	4
Marrakech, Inc.	Diane Millan	4
Office of the Commissioner (DMHAS)	Michelle Beeckman	4
	Haley Brown	5
Recovering Network of Programs	Jessica Jean-Baptiste	5
	Aldonna Powell	5

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River Valley Services (DMHAS)	LaTanya Manu	6
Southwestern CT Mental Health System (DMHAS)	Charles Bush, Jr.	6
	Neelam Joseph	6
The Cadence for Social Impact	Mariana Serrano	7
Western CT Mental Health Network (DMHAS)	Arlanda Brantley	7
	Yonique Hendricks	7



MEET THE CHAMPIONS



Karen Lee

She, Her, Hers

Case Manager



Richard Casey

He, Him, His

Clinical Social Work Associate



Nesila Lame

She, Her, Hers

Clinical Nurse Instructor



Brandy Petrone

She, Her, Hers
Clinical Social Worker



Linda Washington

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Professional Counselor



Kathleen DeMino

She, Her, Hers
Behavioral Health Unit Supervisor



Catherine Evans

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Human Services Advocate



Daniel Schlorff

He, Him, His

Chaplain



Valerye Quintana-Colon

She, Her, Hers

Marketing Associate





Tamara Brown

She, Her, Hers

Quality Assurance Manager



Diane Millan

She, Her, Hers

Vice President of Compliance & Safety



Michelle Beeckman

She, Her, Hers

Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist





Haley Brown

She, Her, Hers

Prevention Coordinator



Jessica Jean-Baptiste

She, Her, Hers

Director of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion



Aldonna Powell

She, Her, Hers

Administrative





LaTanya Manu

She, Her, Hers

Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist

Not Pictured

Charles Bush, Jr.

He, Him, His

Community Clinician



Neelam Joseph

She, Her, Hers

Health Program Supervisor





Mariana Serrano

She, Her, Hers

Founder & Chief Visionary Officer



Arlanda Brantley

She, Her, Hers

Mental Health Assistant 2



Yonique Hendricks

She, Her, Hers

Housing Coordinator





COHORT 1

CONGRATULATIONS!

We asked, what is one thing you learned from [a specific] training or about yourself through this program? Here are some quotes from the Champions:

"I learned more self-acceptance and gained an increased desire to learn and share information regarding the aforementioned topics."

"My cultural background has shaped my worldview which is not very accurate and am glad I got this opportunity to change my views."

"Being more attentive to my own bias and how I can impact a decision with my thoughts and actions. Saying sorry is not a sign of weakness."

"To have grace with myself and encourage someone else."

Please Note: The organization, job or position listed for each cohort member in this directory was provided at the time of graduation and may not reflect their current status or location of employment.