

Southwest Virginia Prescription Drug Abuse Summit



Mr. Timothy J. Heaphy

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On October 16, 2009, the United States Senate confirmed President Barack Obama's nomination of Timothy J. Heaphy as United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia. Prior to being appointed United States Attorney, Timothy J. Heaphy's career included 12 years of service (1994-2005) as an Assistant United States Attorney in both the Western District of Virginia and the District of Columbia. During his time as an AUSA, Mr. Heaphy prosecuted a broad spectrum of criminal matters including narcotics, weapons offenses, homicides, sexual offenses, white collar fraud cases and racketeering.

Mr. Heaphy is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the University of Virginia Law School. Upon graduation from law school in 1991, Mr. Heaphy served as a law clerk to The Honorable John A. Terry of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. He subsequently spent two years as a litigation associate at the firm of Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco, California.

In addition to practicing law, Mr. Heaphy has taught several classes as a lecturer at the University of Virginia School of Law. Tim currently serves with 11 other U.S. Attorneys on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee, providing policy advice to Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr. He chairs a subcommittee on community outreach and crime prevention.

The goal of the Southwest Virginia Prescription Drug Abuse Summit is to bring law enforcement, service providers and leaders of commerce and their communities together to engage in an open and direct discussion about the impact the abuse of prescription drugs.



Dr. Paul Benson

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Dr. Benson has a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Wheeling Jesuit College and attended medical school at The Medical College of Ohio at Toledo, where he earned his Doctor of Medicine degree. From 1999-2000, he completed an internship in Internal Medicine at the University of Maryland Medical System in Baltimore. From 2000 until 2004, Dr. Benson attended residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at the University of Vermont and University of Virginia. While a resident at the University of Virginia, he was appointed as Medical Examiner for Charlottesville City and Albemarle County. From 2006 – 2008, Dr. Benson served as Assistant Professor at the Upper East Tennessee Forensic Center at ETSU. He has been one of the four Assistant Chief Medical Examiners for the Western District of Virginia since June of 2008. Dr. Benson is appointed as Clinical Assistant Professor at the Medical College of Virginia and at The Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine. His experience includes testifying in approximately 60 criminal cases and performing over 1500 autopsies.



Mr. Todd Brewer

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In 1993, Special Agent Brewer began a career in law enforcement as a Deputy Sheriff with the Loudoun County, VA Sheriff's Office. From 1994 to 1997, SA Brewer served as a police officer with the Prince William County, VA Police Department. From October, 1997 until present, SA Brewer has been a Special Agent with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, serving as case agent overseeing a variety of cases involving cocaine, crack cocaine, black tar heroin, methamphetamine, marijuana, and prescription drugs. SA Brewer has been stationed in Sacramento and Redding, CA, Washington D.C., and is currently working out of the Bristol, VA Post of Duty.



Mr. Ron Elkins

Title: Commonwealth's Attorney
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Mr. Elkins is a life-long resident of Wise County Virginia and a graduate of J.I. Burton High School. He attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Following college, he attended Samford University School of Law, where he received his Juris Doctor degree. Mr. Elkins was in private practice before joining the Commonwealth Attorney's Office in 2001 and served as Chief Deputy Commonwealth Attorney from 2003-2007. Mr. Elkins was elected Commonwealth Attorney for Wise County and the City of Norton in November 2007.



Dr. James Harris

Title: Chief Scientific Officer
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Dr. Harris is an entrepreneurial health care problem solver with a background in clinical pharmacology, drug development and regulation. As a founding employee of VateX, with Dr. Harris serving as the Chief Scientific Officer, he is responsible for the development of a drug safety system meant to address the trafficking and misuse of prescribed Controlled Substances. Dr. Harris was also a member of the management team of a pharmaceutical development company for 14 years. He brings his experience as a Clinical Pharmacologist and Laboratory Director with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to bear in understanding the role of government regulation in the practice of medicine. Dr. Harris holds a B.S. in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University and both M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Toxicology from the University of Rochester School of Medicine.



Ms. Sue Henderson

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Sue Henderson has 20 years of experience working in various industry sectors in Ohio, Kentucky and Virginia. For the last three years she has worked in health care sector. Prior to joining Mountain States, she worked in manufacturing, primarily in the automotive industry.



Ms. Rebecca Holmes

Title: Director of Outpatient Services
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Ms. Holmes has worked in substance abuse and mental health services for 15 years, providing inpatient, in home and outpatient services to individuals and families who are struggling with the impact of addiction and mental health challenges.

Licensed as a Professional Counselor in Virginia, she has graduate level educational concentration in Marriage and Family Therapy. Presently, Ms. Holmes works in outpatient services with Highlands Community Services Board, where she has been a service provider and Department Director spanning the last 10 years. She is actively involved with many aspects of the child and adolescent mental health service delivery systems, including Juvenile Competency Restoration Services as a Qualified Forensic Evaluator in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

“It is my belief that providing quality services in an empowering and welcoming environment are key elements to helping individuals and families begin their journey toward recovery and work to become productive and contributing members of their families and communities.” - Rebecca Holmes

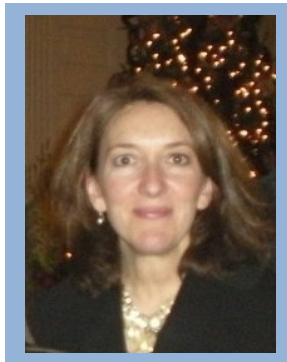


Ms. Mary Johnson-Rochee

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Mary Johnson-Rochee has worked as a Diversion Investigator with the DEA since 1985, during which time she has served as field Investigator and Supervisory Diversion Investigator for the Washington Diversion Group. Ms. Rochee has served in various positions in DEA Headquarters, including Liaison and Policy, Deputy Chief of the Registration & Program Support Section, and Acting Executive Assistant in the Office of Diversion Control. She currently serves as DPM for DEA's Washington Division with management oversight for the Diversion Program in Washington, DC, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia.

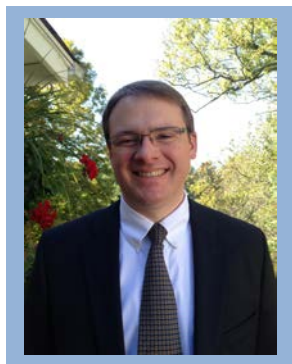
Ms. Rochee holds a BA in Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland, and a MA in Legal Studies from Antioch School of Law. She is married and has a daughter and son.



Ms. Regina LaBelle

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Ms. LaBelle is the Chief of Staff at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. In this role, she is charged with overseeing day to day operations at ONDCP. She also assists the director of National Drug Control Policy in implementing the administration's National Drug Control Strategy. In her previous role as ONDCP's policy director, Ms. LaBelle was the co- author and lead of the Administration's prescription drug abuse strategic initiative. Prior to arriving at ONDCP, Ms. LaBelle served for eight years as legal counsel to the mayor of Seattle. In this role, she advised the mayor on major issues in his administration, including public safety, criminal justice and legal policy issues. She has worked on the local, state and federal level in numerous political and policy positions and practiced law in a private Seattle law firm. Ms. LaBelle was an adjunct professor at Seattle University Institute for Policy Studies where she taught ethics and legislative policymaking. A magna cum laude graduate of Boston College, Ms. LaBelle received her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.



Mr. Mark Larsen

Title: Executive Director
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Mark is a native of Abingdon, VA, obtaining his Bachelor's degree from Emory & Henry College and his Master's in Community Counseling from Appalachian State University. Since 2001, he has worked in a variety of settings in the region providing mental health and substance abuse counseling services, obtaining his licensure in Virginia as a Professional Counselor in 2006. He joined Occupational Enterprises, Inc. in 2006, and is currently its Executive Director. He has participated as an active member of the PD III Substance Abuse Coalition, writing much of the PD III Coalition's White Paper on Regional Substance Abuse; was a member of the writing team for the One Care Blueprint for Substance Abuse and Misuse Prevention, Treatment and Control; is a Co-Convenor for the Southwest Virginia Reentry Council, and is the trainer/facilitator in Virginia for the community empowerment programs developed by Duke University and the North Carolina Evidence Based Practices Center called FACE-IT!, Facing Addiction through Community Empowerment and Intervention Teams, and SAY-IT!, Substance Abuse Youth Intervention Teams. Mark is a strong advocate for services integration through Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care and for Trauma-Informed Care, particularly in relation to substance abuse and addiction treatment. He assisted in developing OEI's 3 R's Program for Recovery, Reentry and Reunification, and sponsored regional advanced training in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), an evidenced-based treatment modality for trauma.



Mr. Don Lohman

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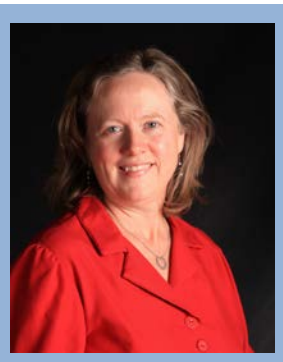
Don Lohman is an Associate General Counsel at Mallinckrodt and has been with the company since 1999. He is responsible for the Controlled Substances Compliance Group, which oversees the company's relationship with DEA and law enforcement and operates Mallinckrodt's Suspicious Order Monitoring Program. Don also advises the company on policy issues related to controlled substances, such as Mallinckrodt's support of Missouri's PDMP, and serves as a liaison between the Controlled Substances Compliance Group and the Mallinckrodt-sponsored Collaborating and Acting Responsibly to Ensure Safety (C.A.R.E.S.) Alliance. Don is a Notre Dame Law School graduate.



Dr. Stephen Loyd

Title: Chief of Staff
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Stephen D. Loyd, M.D. serves as the Associate Chief of Staff of Education at the James H. Quillen VA Medical Center and as the Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, at the James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University. Dr. Loyd is President and Chief Operating Officer of Recovery Associates and East Tennessee Counseling. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from UT and a Doctorate of Medicine from East Tennessee State University. Dr. Loyd has won numerous awards and honors for his mentoring and lecturing capabilities, and serves on several boards and commissions. Over the last decade, Dr. Loyd has delivered lectures entitled, *“Identify the Impaired Physician,” “Prescribing Narcotics,” “Physicians Prescribing Controlled Substances,” “The Rise in Stimulant Abuse,” “The Prescription Narcotics Problem,” “Addiction vs. Dependence – What’s a Judge to Do?” “The Doctor Wrote It, It Must be OK,” “The Prescription Narcotics Epidemic,”* and, *“Recognizing Addiction in Healthcare Providers.”*



Dr. Mary McMasters

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Dr. McMasters, a native Virginian, is a graduate of Michigan State University College of Human Medicine and Michigan State University’s Residency in Internal Medicine. She is Board Certified in Palliative Care and Addiction Medicine, and practices Addiction Medicine in Fishersville, Virginia. She is an Adjunct Instructor for the DEA and an Expert Witness for the United States Department of Justice. In 2010 she was named a Fellow in Addiction Medicine by the American Board of Addiction Medicine. She helped write ASAM’s TEXTBOOK OF ADDICTION MEDICINE, fourth edition, and has served as co-medical director for Project REMOTE, a SAMHSA funded treatment grant to address the high rate of opioid deaths in southwest Virginia. Dr. McMasters is a SAMHSA Physician Mentor through the Physician Clinical Support System. She continues to teach at the University of Virginia, Department of Anesthesiology.



Mr. Donnie Meadows

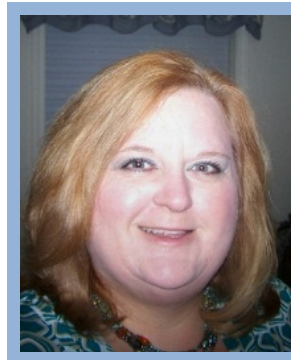
Title: Director of Human Resources

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Donnie grew up in Southwest Virginia, and spent the majority of his life in Bluefield prior to moving to Abingdon. He began his career of 40 years in the food industry in 1972 with a regional supermarket company, where he worked in various positions from entry level to Vice President. He was previously a sales representative with M&M Mars, Inc., and employed in the corporate labor division with Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., prior to joining Food City. Since 2001 he has served as Vice President of Human Resources for K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc., where he oversees Training, Healthy Initiatives, Benefits, Recruiting, and Human Resource functions.

Donnie earned his Master of Science in Industrial Relations from the University of West Virginia College Of Graduate Studies. During his career he has served with a number of civic organizations, including the United Way Agency in Bluefield, United Way of Russell and Washington Counties, a variety of boards with the United Methodist Church; an advisory board for Eastman Credit Union, the Human Resources Committee with Food Market Institute and is a member of Highlands Fellowship Church in Abingdon.



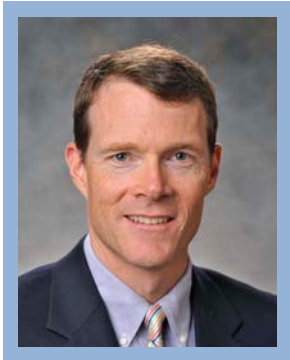
Ms. Rhonda Meadows

Title: Human Resources Manager

Organization: Steel Fab

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Rhonda Meadows is a native of Wythe County and attended Roanoke College in Salem, VA. She received a BA in Psychology with a concentration in Industrial and Organizational Psychology. Rhonda began her career in the community college system working with industries to develop customized training programs for the workforce. Rhonda has been in Human Resources for 15 years and currently works as the Human Resource Manager for Steel Fab. Steel Fab, part of the Samuel Pressure Vessel Group, is one of the largest manufacturers of ASME air receivers in North America. Steel Fab is located in Abingdon, VA.



Dr. Hughes Melton

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S. Hughes Melton, M.D., FAAFP, is the VP, Chief Medical Officer for the Virginia Operations of Mountain States Health Alliance, a not for profit health system serving SW VA and NE TN. In this position he serves as the physician leader for MSHA's Southwest Virginia region, bringing together the excellent medical staff, administration and governing board at each hospital to provide world-class health care for our patients and communities. He is also founder and president of HighPower, P.C. a patient centered medical clinic in Russell County, VA.

Prior to working with MSHA, Dr. Melton worked for twelve years at C-Health, P.C. in Lebanon, Va., where he provided full-spectrum family medicine services including, pediatric, geriatric, inpatient and outpatient care to people in rural southwest Virginia. The Appalachian region in which he works is marked by severe poverty, high levels of substance abuse, poor educational attainment and limited health care. Melton earned his medical degree and completed his family medicine residency at the University of Virginia School Of Medicine.



Dr. Sarah Melton, Pharmacist

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Sarah T. Melton is Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the Gatton College of Pharmacy at East Tennessee State University. She is the Clinical Pharmacist at Highpower, PC in Lebanon, Virginia and the Clinical Geriatric Pharmacist at All Care for Seniors, a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly in Cedar Bluff, VA.

Dr. Melton received her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (1991) and Doctor of Pharmacy (1994) degrees from Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia School of Pharmacy (VCU).

Dr. Melton was awarded the prestigious Health Care Hero Cup of Kindness Award by The Business Journal and King Pharmaceuticals. She is Chair of the Board of Directors of OneCare of Southwest Virginia and serves on the clinical committee of CareSpark. Dr. Melton was appointed by Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell to serve on the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth in 2010 for a four-year term.



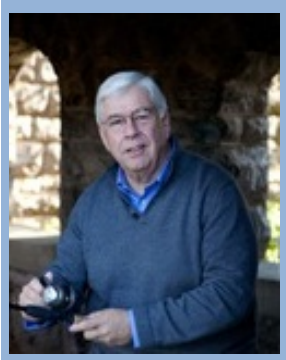
Ms. Janine Myatt, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney

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Janine Myatt has worked for the Virginia Office of the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit since April 2010, prosecuting Medicaid Fraud and Elder Abuse cases in Southwest Virginia. She is also a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the Western District of Virginia. Prior to joining OAG/MFCU, Janine worked as a state prosecutor in the City of Bristol and Washington County, Virginia, and in Sullivan County, Tennessee. Ms. Myatt received her BA in History from Bates College, in Lewiston, Maine, and her JD from the College of William & Mary's Marshall Wythe School of Law. She has one son and three dogs.



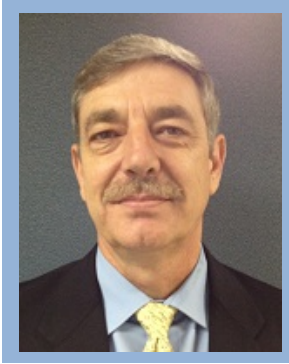
Mr. David Nutter, Economic Development Specialist

Title: Economic Development Specialist

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David Nutter is with the Office of Economic Development at Virginia Tech, bringing his thorough experience in marketing and public policy for the betterment of economic opportunities of all Virginians. Mr. Nutter has a strong background in all levels of government from the local, state and federal levels. He worked in policy positions at the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 2002 – 2012. He is working on his master's degree in public health. Mr. Nutter serves on the boards of the Center for Rural Virginia and One Care of Southwest Virginia.



Mr. Ralph Orr

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Ralph Orr is the Program Director for Virginia’s Prescription Monitoring Program for the Virginia Department of Health Professions. He previously served as Deputy Executive Director of the Virginia Board of Pharmacy where responsibilities included the inspection program, licensure program, innovative and robotic program management and public information services. Prior to joining the Department of Health Professions in 2002, Mr. Orr served 22 years in the United States Army. He is Vice President of the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities and a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit.



Mr. Randy Ramseyer, Assistant United States Attorney

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Randy Ramseyer has been an Assistant United States Attorney in Abingdon, Virginia since 1992. His efforts to slow misuse and diversion of pharmaceutical drugs have included criminal prosecutions of pharmaceutical companies, physicians, pharmacy employees, and “patients”. These cases have led to over \$2 billion dollars in payments by pharmaceutical companies and multiple year prison sentences for physicians, pharmacy employees and “patients.”



Mr. Peer Segelke

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Since 2009, Peer Segelke has been the General Counsel of DLB, Inc. a heavy civil construction company located in Hillsville, Virginia, that specializes in the building, reconstruction and repair of transportation and water infrastructure. As General Counsel, Peer's responsibilities include writing, reviewing, and researching a wide variety of construction related agreements and advising the company on substantive legal topics and compliance requirements. In addition, Peer has worked closely with local economic developers and public officials on industrial development projects.

Prior to his current role, Peer was an attorney at LeClair Ryan in Blacksburg, Virginia where his practice focused on assisting emerging growth technology companies in general contracting, M&A, capital raising, and intellectual property related issues.



Ms. Marcia Lee Taylor

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Marcia Lee Taylor is Senior Vice President for Government Affairs at the Partnership at Drugfree.org. Previously, she served as the Senior Advisor for Drug Policy and Research for the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs and the Democratic Staff Director of the Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, working for then-Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. In that capacity she worked on a wide variety of drug policy bills aimed at curbing the proliferation of methamphetamine, Ecstasy and GHB as well as drug treatment, prevention and enforcement initiatives.

She has also previously worked for former Secretary of Health Education and Welfare Joseph Califano at The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, for Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York, and was a community organizer in inner-city Baltimore.

Marcia Lee Taylor is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross and received a Masters in Public Policy from Georgetown University, where she has served as an Adjunct Professor. She lives in Boston with her husband, Jeff, and two their two young daughters.



Mr. Richard Stallard

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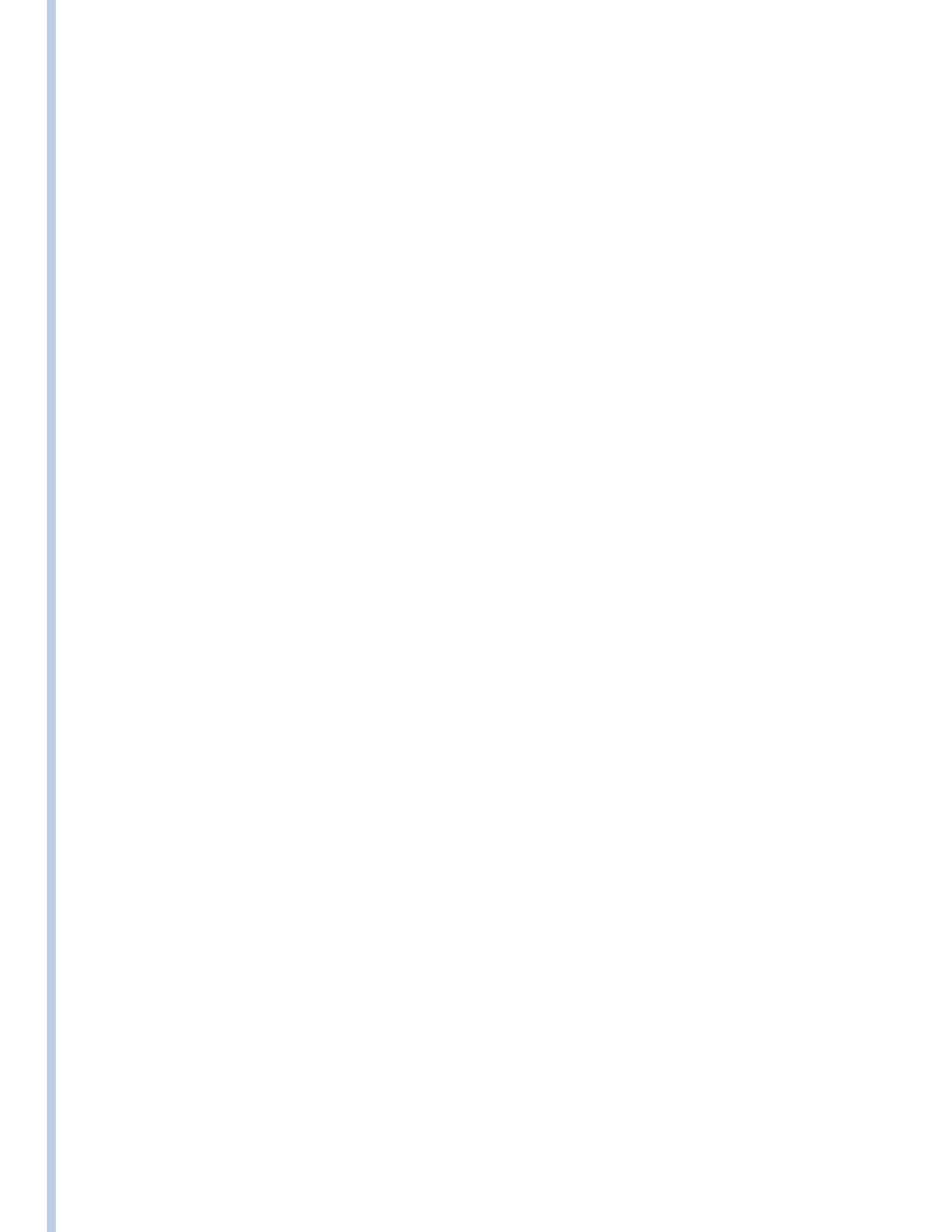
Richard Stallard is a Lieutenant with the Big Stone Gap, Virginia Police Department. He is currently assigned to the Southwest Virginia Regional Drug Task Force as Major Case Agent. Lt. Stallard has served in law enforcement for 25 years, 20 of which have been with the Southwest Virginia Drug Task Force. He has worked been involved in over 2000 investigations involving cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, LSD, marijuana, and prescription medications, and has been involved in several successful interstate investigations in Tennessee and Kentucky. He is recognized as an expert in prescription drug trafficking and speaks regularly to school and civic groups as to the dangers of drugs with a large focus of these talks being centered around prescription drugs. Lt. Stallard also offers in-service training in current drug trends for services school systems, Social Services, Probation and Parole and Mental Health Agencies.



Mr. Joe Williams

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Joe Williams is currently the Executive Director of the Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), a federal program that facilitates the investigation of drug trafficking organizations by drug task forces consisting of federal, state and local law enforcement officials. He retired from the Kentucky State Police on December 31, 2011, as director of the Operations Division, holding the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Mr. Williams has 34 years of sworn law enforcement experience. His assignments included 16 years in drug enforcement positions with the Kentucky State Police. He acquired a Bachelor of Science degree in Police Administration from Eastern Kentucky University. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy program. Joe Williams is currently a member of the Advisory Board for the Office of National Drug Control Policy's National Methamphetamine and Pharmaceutical Initiative. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Narcotics Officers Associations Coalition and the Kentucky Narcotics Officers Association.



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David Cattell-Gordon, Co-Director, UVA Health System

Title: Co-Director
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Over the past decade, David Cattell-Gordon helped design, develop and implement the cancer education, support and outreach programs for the University of Virginia Cancer Center. This included a leading role in the developing the UVA palliative care program, the Breast Care Center and the Every Women's Life Health Passport which won the national *Profiles in Progress Award*. He also served as the Director of Community Relations for the Health System. David currently serves as the Director of the UVA Office of Telemedicine, co-Director of the Healthy Appalachia Institute at UVA's College at Wise, and as an instructor in public health sciences and nursing. He is a founder of the Virginia Institute of Autism and has published in the field of autism as well as Appalachian culture. David is a member of the American Telemedicine Association, the National Association of Social Workers and a board member of the Virginia Rural Health Resource Center. This past year, David testified on telehealth before the US House of Representative's Veteran's Affairs Committee.



Dr. Elizabeth McGarvey

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Dr. McGarvey has worked in the mental health and substance abuse field for over 15 years both as faculty in psychiatric medicine and public health sciences. She held a federal research grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) on Inhalant abuse. She has participated as a Co-Investigator or Evaluator on grants from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, among others. Currently, she is working on a HRSA-funded grant in Southwest Virginia to expand health care services in a nurse-managed free clinic in Southwest Virginia and on a mental health law reform study related to involuntary commitments in VA. She is also an Associate Professor in the Healthy Appalachia Institute located at the University of Virginia's College at Wise, VA.



Dr. Issac Van Patten

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Isaac Van Patten is currently a Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Radford University. For the last nineteen years he has also been the behavioral science advisor for the Behavioral Science Section of the Virginia State Police's Violent Crimes Unit. He is a regular consultant to several local law enforcement agencies on effective strategies for dealing with emotionally disturbed persons, providing both training and tactical consultations. Dr. Van Patten is a graduate of the FBI's National Crisis (Hostage) Negotiations Course at Quantico, and serves as behavioral science support for hostage negotiations in southwest Virginia. He is a member of the Virginia Crime Analysts Network and the International Association of Crime Analysts. He is currently involved in an on-going research projects on behavioral linkage analysis in serial crimes, deception detection, eye-witness identification and cognitive interviewing.