

# Vermont Blueprint for Health: Integrating Care Across Health and Human Services

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### Biographies

**Uma S. Ahluwalia, MSW** - Ms. Ahluwalia is currently the Director of the Montgomery County (Maryland) Department of Health and Human Services. With over 1,600 employees, the Department is one of the largest agencies in Montgomery County and includes Aging and Disability Services; Behavioral Health and Crisis Services; Children, Youth and Family Services; Public Health Services; and Special Needs Housing. Under the leadership of the department's core team, MCDHHS has been pursuing a strong integration and interoperability agenda across the HHS enterprise. Caseloads for the Department in the past four years have risen dramatically as more families and individuals struggle through the tough economy. Ms. Ahluwalia holds a Masters in Social Work from the University of Delhi in India and a Specialist Post-Masters in Health Services Administration from George Washington University. Over a 29-year career in human services, she has progressively moved from case-carrying social work to executive leadership at the state and local levels.

**Tracy Wareing Evans, JD** - Tracy Wareing Evans is the President and CEO of the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA), a bipartisan, nonprofit membership organization representing the state and local human service agencies through their top-level leadership. APHSA operates three collaborative centers focused on health and well-being for children and families and houses nine affiliate organizations whose members administer program-level and system-support operations in the states and counties. Building on the expertise and experience of the APHSA membership, Evans is leading the Association's efforts to drive modernization of the human services system and create opportunities for cross-sector efforts designed to reduce costs and achieve better outcomes. Ms. Evans currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities (a national membership association representing not-for-profit human serving organizations) and Melwood (a non-profit company providing services for persons with differing abilities).

**Geoff Huggins, LLB, MSSc** - Geoff Huggins is Director for Health and Social Care Integration for the Scottish Government. His priority is the successful implementation of health and social care integration, with a focus on improving the outcomes and quality of life for people. He also has responsibility for dementia and has advised the World Dementia Council and spoken at the Alzheimer Europe Conference and G7 Dementia Summit in Tokyo. He was previously Head of Mental Health at the Scottish Government and prior to that worked on housing and education policy in Scotland and on politics and security with the Northern Ireland Office.

**Craig A. Jones, MD** - Dr. Jones is currently working in an advisory role with the Health IT Resource Center in the Office of Care Transformation, within the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. In this role, Dr. Jones provides assistance to states and federal partners related to implementation and use of health information technology to support the expansion of value based payment models, delivery system transformation, and population health initiatives. Prior to this, he served as the Executive Director of the Vermont Blueprint for Health. Dr. Jones has served on committees and workgroups including the Institute of Medicines Committee on Core Metrics for Better Health at Lower Cost, the Learning Healthcare System in America, and the Roundtable on Value and Science Driven Healthcare. Prior to working in Vermont, he was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California.

**Martha Maksym, MPA** - Ms. Maksym was appointed by Governor Phil Scott to serve as Deputy Secretary of Vermont Agency of Human Services in January 2017. Prior to this appointment, Martha served as Executive Director of United Way of Northwest Vermont (formerly United Way of Chittenden County) since July 2011. Ms. Maksym was also the Director of Community Investments at United Way of Chittenden County for 18 years where she provided direction and management of all allocations, fund distribution processes and community investment strategies as they relate to meeting the Impact agenda of the organization.

**Marcella Wilson, PhD** - Dr. Wilson has over 30 years of extensive experience in healthcare administration, not for-profit management, behavioral health, criminal justice and public sector programming. Dr. Wilson, a University of Michigan alumnus, holds degrees in psychology, sociology, a Master's degree in Social Work and a PhD in Health and Higher Education. In her newest role, President and Founder of Transition to Success™, Dr. Wilson is leading a national social change movement with a standard of care to treat poverty as an environmentally based medical condition. "Diagnosis: Poverty", Dr. Wilson's newly published book, defines a scalable, sustainable, measurable, multi-generational response to poverty. Transition to Success™, recognized as a Clinton Global Initiative, brings uniform protocols and analytics across human services, healthcare, education, government and faith based programs.