



American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training

Lucille Fusaro Meinsler Program Administrator Award

The Lucille Fusaro Meinsler Psychiatric Residency Coordinator Recognition Award recognizes a psychiatry residency coordinator's outstanding communication and interpersonal skills, commitment to the education and development of residents, originality in improving an aspect of the residency program, and participation in national or regional coordinator meetings.

2026

Committee Chair: Tameka Ellis

Sueanna McKay, BA, C-TAGME

Sueanna McKay has been with Northwell Health since 2001, beginning in the Department of Neurology and transitioning to the Department of Psychiatry in April 2013. She has more than 20 years of experience in healthcare administration and is passionate about implementing effective processes and achieving program goals related to accreditation, resident well-being, and educational excellence. As a Training Program Manager (TPM), Sueanna actively contributes to Northwell Health in several capacities, including mentoring other Training Program Administrators (TPAs), training colleagues, Program Directors, Associate Program Directors and faculty on MedHub and Thalamus software. She also serves on Northwell's Advisory Board for the Office of Academic Affairs, and the Training Program Administrator Retreat Committee. She is a member of the National Society of Academic Medical Administration (NSAMA), Association for Hospital Medical Education (AHME), and the American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training (AADPRT). Sueanna's contributions have been recognized with the Northwell's Neurosciences Service Excellence Award (2008) and the Zucker Hillside Hospital Administrator of the Year Award (2023). She has a strong record of presentations at various Northwell Health events, primarily focused on training colleagues in software and processes related to residency program management. These presentations have been delivered at venues including the Center for Learning and Innovation, the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, and virtually. She has also participated in Q&A panels at GME Retreats at Lenox Hill Hospital and the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine.



Training Director: Michael Greenspan, MD

Cassandra Sacco, BA

Cassie Sacco serves as the Program Manager for the Psychiatry Office of Education at the University of Pennsylvania. She oversees and supports all levels of educational programming, working closely with her Program Directors to create a collaborative and forward-thinking learning environment for residents, fellows, and medical students. As the primary point of contact for psychiatry residents, Cassie is deeply committed to enhancing the training experience and strengthening the sense of community within the program. She especially enjoys meeting applicants during interview season and takes great pride in getting to know her residents throughout their training. Cassie joined the Penn Psychiatry family in 2010. Prior to her current role, she served as the Curriculum Coordinator, where she managed medical student education and residency didactics. She acted as Co-Chair of the ADMSEP Clerkship Administrator Task Force from 2013 to 2015, advancing initiatives in undergraduate psychiatric education. In 2018, she was honored with the inaugural ADMSEP Excellence in Clerkship Administration Award, receiving national recognition for her contributions to medical student education. Cassie has been an active member of AADPRT since 2019, and she is a current member of the Professional Development Committee. In 2023 she earned her TAGME certification, and she is an alumna of Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. She is grateful to her colleagues and mentors for their support and inspiration, and she shares this recognition with the entire educational team at Penn. She currently resides in Philadelphia with her husband Rob and their cats Theodore and Mung Bean.



Training Director: Scott Campbell, MD

2025

Committee Chair: Ola Golovinsky, MS

Sarah Carnevale, BA

Sarah Carnevale joined the Brown Psychiatry Residency Program in August of 2014 as Assistant Coordinator and became Program Coordinator/Manager in September of 2015. She received her TAGME certification in 2019. Prior to joining the residency, she worked as an Academic Program Coordinator for Brown's School of Professional Studies. She has also worked as a coordinator for the Harvard School of Public Health and has non-profit and state-level work experience. Sarah received her B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies, with a minor in Women Studies, from the University of Connecticut.



Training Director: Tracey Guthrie, MD

2024

Committee Chair: Ola Golovinsky, MS

Roopali Bhargava

Roopali Bhargava graduated from McGill University, Montreal Canada with a degree in Psychology. Prior to her current position, Roopali held leadership positions as the Head of Global Operations for an international educational nonprofit and Regional Program Director for Earthwatch Institute, an international scientific research organization. In 2012, Roopali joined Cambridge Health Alliance as Program Administrator for the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship bringing with her many years of experience in leadership, program/project management and administration. In addition to these



skills, she is a team player always looking for ways to simplify, streamline and make more efficient any task she faces. Current and past fellows of the fellowship share: Roopali is the consummate professional, whose tireless work behind-the-scenes made everything about fellowship run smoothly in ways I probably took for granted! In addition to doing all her required tasks with professionalism, attention-to-detail, and thoroughness, she did her job with a pleasant and warm spirit, and a can-do attitude. She was undeterred by challenges or curve-balls, and handled everything that came her way with aplomb. She was a bright and welcoming face in the training office, and a steady hand in the face of various changes and transitions. Roopali also supports the Child Psychiatry Division leadership team and volunteers at a non-profit organization as the project manager for an annual event. Roopali has presented at AADPRT Annual Meetings since 2015. She is currently serving as Co-chair of the Program Planning Committee of the 2024 AADPRT Program Administrators Symposium.

Training Director: Shireen Cama, MD, BA

2023

Committee Chair: Michelle Peliel

Tameka Ellis, MBA

Tameka Ellis is the Manager of Education Programs in Psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Tameka is a self-motivated and dependable professional with 20+ years of experience in educational development, administration, and leadership. Tameka encourages and supports both the transformational and servant leadership styles. She values the organization and individual goals to make improvements, while also establishing a strategic plan inclusive of the organizational stakeholders. Tameka believes that continuous learning is essential to the development and growth of individuals. She is committed and passionate about the development of academic excellence in residency and fellowship programming, which are the building blocks to emerging ideas in healthcare. Tameka was nominated for Administrative Excellence in Public Service and Leadership in the Admin's Awards in 2021. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree and master's in business administration.



Training Director: Adam Brenner, MD

2022

Committee Chair: Nancy Lenz, BBA, C-TAGME

Traci Wooden, MS, MHA, C-TAGME

My name is Traci Wooden. I am originally from Maryland, but now consider myself a Floridian! I have been a Program Administrator at the UCF/HCA GME Consortium (Gainesville) Psychiatry Residency Program for a little over 5 years. I obtained my Bachelor's Degree(s) in Psychology and Criminology at the University of Florida and my Master's Degree in Health Administration at the University of Central Florida. I started off my career in the field of Psychiatry in 2009 as a social worker on an inpatient psychiatric crisis stabilization unit, where I had the opportunity to meet some of the current faculty in my program. I found Psychiatry especially fulfilling and jumped at the opportunity to help manage young and upcoming doctors who wished to be Psychiatrists. I have a 15-year-old daughter and I am recently engaged. I am very honored to have been considered for the Lucille Fusaro Meinsler Program Administrator Award.



Training Director: Almari Ginory, DO

2021

Committee Chair: Nancy Lenz, BBA, C-TAGME

Ola Golovinsky, MS

Ola Golovinsky, the 2021 Lucille Fusaro Meinsler Program Administrator Award recipient, is the Medical Education Team Manager for the Stanford University Psychiatry Training Programs and the Program Manager for the Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship Training. In her role as

Team Manager, she oversees a team of administrators for the Adult Psychiatry Residency, Fellowship in Neuropsychiatry, Geriatric Psychiatry, Forensic Psychiatry, Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry, Addiction Medicine, Student Mental Health, Interventional Psychiatry, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, and Child Psychology Training Programs.



Ola had several successful professional careers before she found her true passion in medical education. She began as program coordinator for Interventional Pulmonology at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX. She moved from Texas to California in 2012 and continued her career at the Stanford Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

In her 8 years of managing medical education programs, Ola has emerged as one of most outstanding administrators at Stanford Health Care. An engineer by training, she applies mathematical reasoning and structure to all properties of the program while showing an incredible level of advocacy for her fellows. Ola works very hard to ensure the training programs run smoothly and the fellows have resources they need. Her fellows describe Ola as a “heartbeat” of the program and could not imagine the fellowship without her.

Ola has an exceptional flexibility, anticipates the need and takes actions to solve problems and improve education process. The program’s administrative response to COVID-19 led by Ola has been remarkable: within hours the didactic sessions were converted from in-person to virtual, the evaluations forms and resources were transferred to modern cloud collaboration tools such as Google and Box.

Additionally, Ola has served in several leadership roles for AADPRT. Ola joined the AADPRT PA Caucus in 2013 and became the Chair of the Membership Committee. She improved the “Meet & Greet” event, created the committee’s sign-in forms (it has been used ever since), maintained mentor list up to date, and welcomed new Program Administrators. As the Chair of the Information Management Committee since 2016, Ola ensured that the Program Administrator section of the AADPRT website is relevant and useful in providing informational materials for members.

Ola looks forward to continuing the collaboration with the training programs team on creative solutions to help trainees and faculty stay socially and professionally connected, while also enhancing their wellbeing, resilience, and professional development.

Training Director: Shashank Joshi, MD

2020

Committee Chair: Nancy Lenz, BBA, C-TAGME

Dulce Madrid-Gonzalez

Dulce Madrid-Gonzalez is the Administrative Director for the UCLA Psychiatry Residency and Fellowship Training Programs and the 2020 AADPRT Lucille Fusaro Meinsler Program Administrator Award recipient. In her role as Administrative Director, she oversees a team of coordinators and the administrative operations, educational activities, personnel, and financial management for the Adult Psychiatry Residency and clinical fellowships in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Geriatric Psychiatry, Forensic Psychiatry, Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry, and Addiction Psychiatry. Dulce is a native Angeleno who graduated from UCLA with a bachelor's degree in psychology.



After graduation she joined the training programs as the program assistant and was then promoted to the program coordinator. Her role evolved along with the growth of the training programs. Dulce was instrumental in the application and accreditation of the Forensic and CL psychiatry fellowships. She collaborates with Program Directors, Chief Residents, and Departmental leadership in ensuring adherence to ACGME and internal/external training and regulatory requirements. She is devoted to supporting the residents and fellows and finding ways to make their time spent in training a little bit easier and as educationally enriching as possible. Always open to new ideas, Dulce loves being able to help a trainee or coordinator when they come to her with a suggestion or proposal. A dedicated and conscientious administrator, she constantly strives to find ways to improve the training programs and enjoys problem solving and being able to provide counsel. She looks forward to furthering her education and professional development as well as making future contributions to the field of graduate medical education and healthcare management.

Training Director: Katrina DeBonis, MD

2019

Committee Chair: Nancy Lenz, BBA, C-TAGME

Michele Peliel, BA

I'm honored to be nominated for the 2019 AADPRT's Lucille Fusaro Meinsler Program Administrator Award by my Program Director for my contributions to the UVM Medical Center's Psychiatry Residency Program.



I'm grateful to have the opportunity to use my energy, my love for people and my belief in the program to help create a strong reputation for our program. When I started, there were morale issues with only matching 1 of 4 positions. I knew we had to make changes in our recruitment of applicants and was able to seek help/ideas from seasoned administrators on the listserv and at AADPRT meetings as well as learning to market the program through medical school fairs. Drawing on my past work experiences, I learned to better market our program, to deal with difficult people/sensitive issues effectively, to manage systems and busy people, and to stay organized. It takes initiative, an ability to adapt to change, and the ability to problem solve.

In my first year of recruitment, I created significant changes to the structure of the interview day and started welcoming applicants at the hotel. Recently, I introduced our google drive folder for applicants on all the information about our program and the area. I spent countless hours preparing for 3 site visits and 3 internal reviews which were successful including our last site visit where we received 5 years accreditation with commendation. I co-presented to the Executive Council of AADPRT when we requested formalizing the coordinators group into a caucus. As Chair of the Information Committee I worked to help improve the AADPRT website and enjoyed my work as Coordinator Representative on the AADPRT Information Management Committee. I was voted in by my peers as a voting member of the GMEC at my hospital to represent administrators and their interests for a 2-year term.

I helped to be a sounding board for residents and faculty when a resident graduate died suddenly. In honor of that resident, I helped to create the Trevor Melamed MD Resident Support and Appreciation Fund that is funded by Trevor's family, faculty and resident alumni that helps to fund resident wellness/morale boosting initiatives brought forward by the residents.

Many people have told me that my strength is my intuition with people who I work closely with. That gift has helped me to keep an eye on the residents, foreseeing issues that could come up so we can tackle them before they grow. This also helps the program as a whole by modeling for the residents the integrity, professionalism, compassion, and understanding with patients and colleagues that we want them to develop.

Although this profession certainly deals with a lot of stress, constant change, an overload of tracking/administrative deadlines, and sometimes heartbreak, our career as Program Administrators continues to change and evolve into a special field of work. I am excited to see where it continues to lead and am happy to be a part of its evolution. After many years in this position, one thing is for sure: this is the single best career move I've ever made. I continue to look forward to managing this program and giving back to others who are starting on that journey by teaching them what I have learned along the way. To be recognized with this national award by my Program Director is the greatest honor.

Training Director: Judith Lewis, MD

2017

Juliet Arthur, BS, MHA

Juliet Arthur is currently the Adult Psychiatry Residency Administrator at SUNY Downstate Medical Center at Brooklyn, NY. Juliet was born in Trinidad, raised in Brooklyn, and attended Clara Barton High School for Nursing in Brooklyn where she made up her mind to be involved in health care. She received both her Bachelors and Master degrees in Health Care Administration from the University of Phoenix. Juliet has been involved in Graduate Medical Education since 2002, when she started working at Beth Israel Medical Center. Since then, Juliet has worked at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and Lutheran Medical Center, finally ending up at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in 2011. Within



a couple of months, Juliet was instrumental in getting Downstate through a successful ACGME site visit that was well received with commendation. She has worked with two different Program Directors during her tenure at SUNY, who both value her very highly, and consider her one of the strongest pillars of the program. Juliet's residents adore her. They all reach out to her for any help and she always supports and promotes their simple or higher aspirations without distinctions. Juliet is admittedly an asset to her department and is well liked by the entire Faculty. She has elevated the standards of her position and set a lofty bar for her successors if she ever retires.

Juliet lives in Elmont, NY and is a proud mom of a 9- year-old daughter, Rhiyanna and 11-year-old son, Julaan.

Training Director: Romain Branch, MD, MBBS

2016

Alexandra Perez, BS

Alexandra Perez, the winner of the 2016 AADPRT Lucille Fusaro Meinsler Program Administrator Recognition Award, is the Program Manager for the Adult Psychiatry Residency Training Program at the New York Presbyterian Hospital-Columbia Campus/New York State Psychiatric Institute. Alex was born in New York, educated in the NYC public school system, and graduated from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. She began working at New York Presbyterian Hospital in the Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, where she was quickly promoted from secretary to administrative assistant, and then from Residency Coordinator to Program Manager, ultimately seeing the program through two successful ACGME site visits, the shift from a single to a dual campus program with addition of many more residents, and the coming of a new department Chair. She was eagerly recruited to psychiatry in 2009 where she has brought many new initiatives online including the milestones, the APE, and CLER.



A perennial favorite among the residents, she is a natural educator who has co- led a workshop at AADPRT and leads workshops at the NYP GMEC for fellow program administrators. Her training directors describe her as a “treasure” and could not imagine the residency without her. She is also the proud mother of twin boys, Humberto and Alejandro. Alex and her husband are raising their twin boys in Queens.

Training Director: Maria Oquendo, MD

2015

Nancy Lenz, BBS, C-TAGME

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Training Director: Robert D. Strung, MD