

## Bio's for Panel

### **Bio for Sharon Ross-Donaldson**

Sharon Ross-Donaldson, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, (LCSW), serves as the CEO/President at the Center for Health Equity, Inc. (CHE) where she oversees all operations of the CHE. She is the Project Director and Principal Investigator of the Gadsden County Federal Healthy Start Project, oversees the activities of the Brother to Brother Project and has Clinical oversight of the CHE Behavioral Health Center. She has worked extensively in the areas of maternal and child health, behavioral health, racial disparity in health outcomes with an emphasis on community-based health networks/models that address inequities found in health, mental health, policies, systems, communities, schools and at the individual level. She has over 30 years of experience in the field of Health and Human Services including program administration, operating businesses, training and curriculum development, program planning, development & implementation, research, evaluation & data collection, community organization, understanding of multi-level systems, clinical supervision, mentoring and motivating people.

She has served as a National Peer Reviewer for the Council on Accreditation, Prevent Child Abuse America/Healthy Families America, A Hague Evaluator and a reviewer for the United States Marine Corp. She is an Adjunct Professor at the FSU College of Social Work (CSW) and teaching has focused on Child Welfare Practice and Seminar Practicum field experience. She is a Rostered Child Parent Psychotherapist (CPP), trained in Moving Beyond Depression, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Specialist (EMDR), Infant Mental Health, and is a Certified Mental Health First Aid National Trainer. She is currently an apprentice in CPP trainer, working towards becoming a state/national trainer.

### **Bio for Samantha Paris**

Samantha Paris, a LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker), has a passion for helping people reach their fullest potential. She has over 26 years of experience working with marginalized and underserved populations to promote optimal health. As an independent contractor with REACHUP Inc., she provides Stress Management groups in the community as part of the Children's Board of Hillsborough County-funded program, GROWTH (Giving Resource Opportunities with Trust and Hope) with Doulas and Dads. In addition, she is the Maternal Interviewer for the Fetal Infant Mortality Review Project of Hillsborough County where her work provides the mother's perspective of her baby's death. Likewise, Mrs. Paris works in collaboration with the research team of the Hillsborough County Black Infant and Maternal Mortality Task Force, where she provides mental health support as mothers share their prenatal and postpartum stories to help improve our system of care. Mrs. Paris received her Bachelor of Psychology degree from the University of Central Florida and her Master of Social Work degree from the University of South Florida. She is the wife of Attorney Clinton Paris and the proud mother of two college-aged children.

### **Bio for Dr. Carmel**

Dr. Munroe holds a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. She is the business owner and President of Rainford Solutions, a consulting, life/professional coaching firm that provides resources, support, and planning locally, nationally and internationally and the CEO of Life Care

Specialists, a home for the developmentally disabled. She has taught at area colleges and has been a volunteer supporter of local community efforts to improve the lives of adults seeking a "second chance." She has held several executive position of leadership in area organizations.

As a community leader, Dr. Munroe has impacted the lives of thousands of Floridians who endured traumatic experiences as victims of child abuse, neglect, and sexual assault. In addition, she has touched the lives of those who are medically underserved due to a lack of access, children with developmental delays, and children and adults who have HIV/AIDS (among others). As an extension of this deep passion for helping others, she has served the community in various progressive leadership capacities, including fifteen years at the Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families (HPC), a part of Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children in Orlando. During the last eight years of her tenure at HPC, she led the organization as its Executive Director. As a result of the success of Healthy Families Orange, she was instrumental in the creation of the state's *Healthy Families Florida* program, designed to help ensure that our youngest and most vulnerable members of society grow up in safe and loving homes.

**Bio for Valerie Dallas**

Valerie Dallas, MSW, LCSW is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who has been working with children, adolescents, and families since 2002. She received her Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Central Florida. For the past 8 years, Mrs. Dallas has been has served as the Site Coordinator and Infant Mental Health Specialist with Florida State University - Center for Prevention and Early Intervention Policy's Young Parents Project. Mrs. Dallas supports pregnant and parenting teens who are involved in the Juvenile Justice System address their own traumatic experiences and to "speak their unspeakable", wonder about how they were parented and how they will parent their own children. She provides dyadic therapeutic interventions including Child Parent Psychotherapy (CPP) to support parenting youth with strengthening their relationships with their children. Mrs. Dallas is currently a CPP Apprentice Trainer in Florida.