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## Grant Baldwin, PhD, MPH



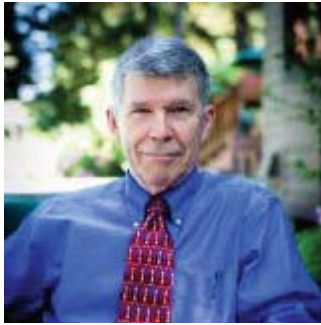
Dr. Grant Baldwin is the Director of the Division of Overdose Prevention at CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. He leads the division in monitoring the trends in the drug overdose epidemic and other emerging drug threats, identifying and scaling up prevention activities to address the evolving drug crisis, and supporting local drug-free community coalitions.

Prior to this appointment, Dr. Baldwin served as the Director of the Division of Unintentional Injury Prevention for 11 years, where he helped raise the profile of motor vehicle injury prevention, advanced work in older adult fall prevention and traumatic brain injury prevention, and established the initial CDC response to the prescription opioid overdose epidemic.

As the scope, scale, and complexity of America's drug overdose epidemic changed, the Division of Overdose Prevention was created to serve as a necessary and essential focal point to CDC's more expansive and diversified work in the area. Dr. Baldwin has been at CDC for over 20 years.

Dr. Baldwin received his PhD in Health Behavior and Health Education at the University of Michigan. He received a MPH in Behavioral Sciences and Health Education from Emory University, and is currently an affiliated professor at Emory University. Dr. Baldwin has given keynote addresses or provided remarks at over 100 state, national, and international conferences and meetings, has authored or coauthored more than 50 peer-reviewed publications, and has received awards of excellence for his leadership and teaching.

## **Anthony Biglan, PhD**



Anthony Biglan Ph.D. is a Senior Scientist at Oregon Research Institute and President of Values to Action. He has conducted numerous experimental evaluations of family and school interventions to prevent tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use, as well as antisocial behavior and academic failure. Dr., Biglan is a former President of the Society for Prevention Research. His book, *The Nurture Effect: How the science of human behavior can improve our lives and our world*, describes how behavioral science research has brought us to the point where it is possible to evolve a society in which virtually every person is living a productive life in caring relationships with others. He created Values to Action to help communities implement tested and effective preventive programs and policies.

## **Carlos Blanco, PhD**



Carlos Blanco, M.D., Ph.D., M.S. is the Director of the Division of Epidemiology, Services, and Prevention Research at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). Dr. Blanco is a national known expert in the epidemiology and treatment of addictive disorders. Prior to joining NIDA, Dr. Blanco was Professor of Psychiatry at Columbia University Medical Center. Dr. Blanco has authored over 300 peer-reviewed publications.

## **Jayne Delano**

Jayne A. Delano, Deputy Director for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program at the Office of National Drug Control Policy, has experience spanning years working in public health and public safety. She is characterized in multiple areas to include oversight of Federal grant programs; subject matter expert supporting interagency task forces and work groups; led daily operations of alternative to incarceration programs for substance use disorder population; hired and supervised management teams that worked with organizations to affect the culture and climate necessary for programmatic success; development and oversight of research activities; provided technical assistance and training to a variety of criminal justice agencies; therapist in community-based clinics; and owned a private practice treating people with varied mental health diagnoses. Ms. Delano is an adjunct professor at Ottawa University and Rio Salado Community College. She holds a Masters in Social Work from New York University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus.

## Dennis Embry, PhD



Dennis Embry is a prominent prevention scientist in the United States and Canada, trained as clinician and developmental and child psychologist. He is president/senior scientist at PAXIS Institute in Tucson and co-investigator at Johns Hopkins University and the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy. Dr. Embry serves as on the U.S. Center for Mental Health Services National Advisory Council and Chief Science Advisor to the Children’s Mental Health Network. In 2020, the Child Welfare League of America named Dr. Embry as 1 of 100 people in the last 100 years to improve the wellbeing of children.

His work and that of colleagues is cited in 2009 the Institute of Medicine Report on The Prevention of Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Disorders Among Young People. Clinically his work has focused on children and adults with serious mental illnesses. In March 2014, his work and the work of several signatories was featured in a Prime-TV special on the Canadian Broadcast Corporation on the prevention of mental illnesses among children—which have become epidemic in North America. People Magazine named him a teacher hero for reducing violence and gun violence to young people (April 5, 1999).

Dr. Embry’s prevention work is being used at population level in the United States, Canada, Europe, New Zealand and Australia. He is an emeritus National Research Advisory Council Senior Fellow in the Commonwealth.

## **Diana Fishbein, PhD**



Dr. Diana Fishbein is a senior scientist in the FPG Child Development Institute, UNC Chapel Hill, directing the Translational Neuro-Prevention Research program. Her 35 year long career includes deep expertise in the field of substance abuse, supported by NIDA, NIAAA, ONDCP, foundations and others, to determine impacts of deleterious social contextual factors (e.g., adverse childhood experiences - ACEs) on brain development and behavioral/mental health in children and adolescents. Dr. Fishbein's research aims to determine effective means of disrupting pathways to substance misuse and dependence (including OUD) in at-risk youth. In addition to basic research on the mechanisms that underlie eventual SUD, her applied work is designed to marry existing infrastructures for SUD treatment for parents with family-based preventive interventions to reinforce their recovery and reduce externalizing behaviors in their children; an inherently sustainable approach. Given the actionable nature of this research, she founded and directs the National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives, a large professional organization dedicated to the transfer of knowledge from science to practice and public health policies. As such, Dr. Fishbein has been intensively involved at the policy level in advising legislators, state and federal agencies, national organizations and others regarding strategies shown to avert trajectories away from SUD/OUD. She maintains that proactive strategies have been developed for early identification of the warning signs and preventing exposure to contributory conditions during childhood.



## **Shannon Kelly**

Shannon Kelly currently is an Assistant Director with the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and the National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Director. Ms. Kelly has been with the HIDTA Program since 2012 and, from 2015 through 2018, served as its Deputy Director. Prior to joining the National HIDTA Program, Ms. Kelly spent two years on assignment to the Office of the ONDCP Director, where she oversaw the Delivery Unit, a team charged with implementing the National Drug Control Strategy and monitoring the progress on more than 140 action items. Ms. Kelly previously worked as a policy analyst in ONDCP's Office of Research and Data Analysis, where she oversaw numerous research projects and led interagency initiatives focused on emerging drug-related threats.

Ms. Kelly has more than 21 years' counterdrug experience and worked previously for the U.S. Department of Justice, National Drug Intelligence Center as a liaison to the Drug Enforcement Administration and ONDCP. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and a Master of Arts degree from the University of South Carolina.

## Nat Kendall-Taylor, PhD



Nat Kendall-Taylor, PhD, is chief executive officer at the FrameWorks Institute, a research think tank in Washington, DC. He leads a multi-disciplinary team in conducting research on public understanding and framing of social issues and supporting nonprofit organizations to implement findings. A psychological anthropologist, Nat publishes widely on communications research in the popular and professional press and lectures frequently in the United States and abroad. He is a senior fellow at the Center on the

Developing Child at Harvard University, a visiting professor at the Child Study Center at Yale School of Medicine, and a fellow at the British-American Project.

## Regina LaBelle



Regina LaBelle is Deputy Director for the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), currently serving as Acting Director of National Drug Control Policy. As Acting Director, Ms. LaBelle leads a component of the Executive Office of the President whose mission is to reduce substance use and its consequences by leading and coordinating the nation's national drug control strategy.

Acting Director LaBelle was sworn in on the evening of Inauguration Day and is regarded as an expert in drug policy. Prior to joining ONDCP, Ms. LaBelle served as a Distinguished Scholar and Program Director of the Addiction and Public Policy Initiative at Georgetown University Law Center's O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law. At The O'Neill Institute, Ms. LaBelle's work focused on the addiction epidemic, public health approaches to drug policy, and using the law to promote access to treatment and support recovery. Ms. LaBelle also founded and directed the Master of Science in Addiction Policy and Practice program at Georgetown University.

During the Obama Administration, Ms. LaBelle served as ONDCP Chief of Staff, where she oversaw the Agency's efforts to address the opioid epidemic and other drug policy issues, including the implementation of the National Drug Control Strategy.

Ms. LaBelle also served as legal counsel to Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels, providing legal and policy advice to the Mayor on high-profile city initiatives. From 1998 – 2005, Ms. LaBelle was an adjunct professor of policy and ethics at Seattle University's Institute for Policy Studies.

Ms. LaBelle received her JD from Georgetown University Law Center and has an undergraduate degree from Boston College. She is an active member of the Washington State Bar.

## Rita Noonan



Rita K. Noonan, PhD., is a sociologist and Branch Chief in CDC's Division of Overdose Prevention. Dr. Noonan and her staff oversee prevention and evaluation strategies that support CDC's \$300M program, Overdose Data to Action (OD2A). OD2A is designed to reduce drug overdose deaths and related harms in the United States by providing funding to 47 states and 16 large city/county health departments to improve public health surveillance, implement evidence-based prevention strategies, and shed light on emerging innovations in the field.

Dr. Noonan also works closely with several High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTAs), managing the public health component of ONDCP's Overdose Response Strategy that links public health and public safety across 30 states. She has been the recipient of several prestigious awards, including a Fulbright Scholarship and a MacArthur Fellowship. She received her PhD from Indiana University.

## Lora Peppard, PhD



Lora Peppard, Ph.D, DNP is the Deputy Director for Treatment and Prevention for the Washington/Baltimore HIDTA and the Director of ADAPT: A Division for Advancing Prevention & Treatment in the Center for Drug Policy and Prevention at the University of Baltimore. Prior to her appointment with HIDTA, she was an Associate Professor at George Mason University and Project Director for several federally funded substance use and behavioral health prevention grants from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and Health Resources and Services Administration.

Dr. Peppard is committed to translating and integrating substance use prevention programs, practices, and strategies into communities. Dr. Peppard has 15 years of clinical experience as a psychiatric nurse practitioner in emergency, inpatient and outpatient settings. She has developed innovative, system-wide programs to address the unmet substance use and behavioral health needs of underserved, military, and serious mental illness (SMI) populations. She serves as a community, state, and national consultant on substance use and behavioral health prevention models. She has authored several peer-reviewed publications on her work.

## Zila Sloboda



Zila Sloboda, is the President of Applied Prevention Science International. She was trained in medical sociology and in mental health and epidemiology. Her research has focused on substance use epidemiology, services research, and the evaluation of substance use treatment and prevention programs. Her current focus is on establishing the field of prevention science, developing an international cadre of prevention professionals, and on studying the relationship between training in prevention science and the implementation of evidence-based prevention interventions and policies.

She has served on the faculties of three universities and worked at the National Institute on Drug Abuse for 12 years in several capacities, the last as the Director of the Division of Epidemiology and Prevention Research with a focus on HIV and substance use. While at NIDA she and her staff organized the International Epidemiology Work Group and the International HIV Prevention Network.

She was one of the founders of the U.S. and E.U. Societies for Prevention Research and is well-published in the area of substance use epidemiology and substance use prevention. Her major books include the Handbook of Drug Abuse Prevention, Epidemiology of Drug Abuse, Defining Prevention Science, and Prevention of Substance Use. In addition, she has a long standing commitment to the dissemination of evidence-based programming and the advancement of Translation I and II research through work with the U.S. Society for Prevention Research and with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. She has received several commendations for her work from the National Institutes of Health, and the U.S. and EU Societies for Prevention Research.