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About the conference:

The SHA Conference is an educational and networking opportunity for housing and service providers, community planners, housing developers, public officials, families/consumers and those interested in promoting and advancing supportive housing for people with special needs. Addressing state, regional as well as national issues, the conference draws an average of up to 400 attendees.

While last year brought relentless changes to the old way of doing things it also brought unprecedented opportunities. The New Jersey Supportive Housing 23rd Annual Conference, Renewing and Rising; Investing in Homes, Investing in People will explore the innovative trends and new investments that can capitalize on this moment to make a lasting and positive impact.

The Supportive Housing Conference is an opportunity to enlighten, inspire and empower those in our industry who strive to provide homes and services for people of low income and with special needs. We are interested in the experiences of NJ providers but also want to hear how other states are constructing effective plans in response to the needs of people with disabilities in housing and services.

What is Supportive Housing:

Supportive housing is designed for people with special needs including but not limited to those with mental, physical and developmental disabilities as well as people who are homeless. Supportive Housing refers to the combination of housing with an array of services designed to assist a person to live as independently as possible. Housing must be safe, decent and affordable. Residents control their housing through a lease and voluntarily access flexible supports. In supportive housing, each person directs the individually tailored services that they choose to receive. Supportive services can vary but often include case management, care coordination, job and education coaching, assistance with daily living skills, transportation, access to public entitlements and crisis intervention. Supportive housing exists in all types of neighborhoods, residential settings, and service models.

About SHA NJ:

The Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey (SHA NJ) is a statewide, nonprofit organization founded in 1998, whose mission is to promote and maintain a strong supportive housing industry in New Jersey serving people with special needs.

We do this by:

- **Providing** resources and services to our membership of more than 100 organizations, which include nonprofit and for-profit housing developers, service providers, allied statewide advocacy organizations, corporate vendors and professional organizations, all dedicated to the supportive housing industry.

- **Strengthening** the capacity of member organizations to provide supportive housing services through information, training and collaboration.

- **Advocating** for innovation and systems change to provide more flexible funding and increased mainstream housing opportunities to allow people with disabilities to live as independently as possible.

- **Educating** policy makers, elected officials, people living with disabilities/families and the public on the use and benefits of the supportive housing model.

Find out more about SHA NJ at [www.shanj.org](http://www.shanj.org).
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Make sure to visit our exhibitors in the sessions shown below during the conference. Attendees can explore our exhibits and earn a chance to be eligible for our prize drawing each day. Details are on the conference website.

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Keynote Sessions:

Scott Chesney Keynote: The Resilient Response to COVID-19

As we venture out into a different and unique world, unlike anything we have and maybe will ever experience in our lifetimes, we have a unique opportunity to leverage this tragedy into many triumphs, both professionally and personally. Our greatest power, our power to choose, is ready for us to ignite how we decide to move forward. In this highly engaging, motivational, inspirational, and action-oriented presentation, Scott Chesney, will serve as your tour guide on this journey of self-recovery and self-discovery and help you to access this blueprint to your own courageous comeback.

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Keynote Panel – Housing as a Human Right: Including Everyone

With new funding and a new realization on what works and what doesn’t, now is the time to transform our approach to homelessness from one of managing the problem to ending it. Embracing a philosophy of housing as a fundamental human right would declare the priority, harness the potential for change and redirect the policy and resources available to provide homes for all. Join this conversation with national leaders who have used research and data to strategically inform recommendations to build a roadmap to ending homelessness in our time.

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The Old Way Just Isn’t Working:
Person-Centered, Data-Driven, Technology First Care

The need for services increases while provider agencies continue to face challenges with staff shortages, budget cuts, and unstable funding sources. These challenges demand an innovative solution and a shift from the traditional care model. Integrating technology and providing remote support is a proven solution that many stakeholders are familiar with, but too few actively take the necessary first steps. This session will be a dynamic conversation between leaders on an innovative technology-first approach and how to implement this transformative care model to address questions on barriers, cost, impact, risk, capacity, and sustainability.

Moderator:
Meghan O’Sullivan
Founder, At Home Technologies LLC

Jason Ray
President
SimplyHome, LLC

Nathan Gerhard
Associate Executive Director for Intellectual Disabilities Services, Keystone Human Services, PA

Minding the Gap - Narrowing the Financing Gap in Development

New or renewed capital funding alone will not solve all financing needs for supportive developments. This panel will explore how successful collaborations with municipal and financial partners can bridge the gap that leads to much needed homes for people with special needs.

Moderator:
Randi Moore
CEO
Affordable Housing Alliance

Asish Patel
COO
Monarch Housing Associates

Rosy Dafonseca
Assistant Director of Multifamily / Supported Housing and Lending NJHMFA

Jacob Day
Community Investment Business Development Associate
Federal Home Loan Bank of New York

Erin Stankiewicz
Planner
CGP&H

This session is sponsored by Bergen County’s United Way

Tuesday, November 9, 2021
10:15 AM – 11:15 AM | Workshop Session 1
What’s Next for Behavioral Health Benefits in New Jersey FamilyCare?

This workshop will examine the behavioral health landscape in other state Medicaid markets across the nation as well as proposed changes to mental health and substance abuse service delivery in New Jersey. Integration of physical health and behavioral health care can produce better health outcomes via a whole person care framework. New Jersey is applying to the federal government for approval to integrate physical health and behavioral health care services within the New Jersey FamilyCare program. This panel will discuss the experiences of other states that have integrated these services.

Ann Basil, LCSW  
Director of Behavioral Health Services  
Amerigroup NJ, Inc.

Dr. Fatimah Tahl  
Medical Director  
Amerigroup NJ, Inc.

Dr. Dheeraj Raina  
Manager, Medical Director  
Anthem, Inc.

Pat Gillespie  
RVP for State Affairs  
Amerigroup

At the Intersection of Health and Housing, Partnerships to End Homelessness

The State of New Jersey is continuing to commit resources to support the scale of innovative community-based solutions to address the needs of vulnerable, at-risk populations facing homelessness. Cross sector collaborations and partnerships are at the heart of innovative trends where homelessness has become a critical challenge. Through this moderated panel discussion practitioners in the field from California, New York and New Jersey will highlight emerging models of partnerships being developed to support at-risk, homeless populations at the intersection of health and housing. The panel will discuss critical components for success including designing co-located services, and opportunities for new financing models through Medicaid reimbursements and other impact investing models.

Candace Robinson  
Director, Healthy Communities  
Capital Impact Partners

Mohini Mishra  
Vice President  
Selfhelp NYC

Brenda Goldstein  
Chief of Integrated Services  
Lifelong Medical, Berkeley CA

Nadine Azari  
Associate  
Monarch Housing

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Mission Ready: Supporting Veterans with Permanent Homes & Services

National experts discuss policy and strategy to combat issues facing homeless veterans while New Jersey leaders offer successful models of community-based projects that are quickly becoming a blueprint for opening doors for veterans across the nation.

Kathryn Monet  
CEO  
National Coalition for Homeless Veterans

Vincent Kane  
Director Wilmington VA Medical Hospital  
Delaware

Jim Scanlon  
Ad Hoc Chairman American Legion  
Department of New Jersey

Bernadette E. Blackstock  
CEO, President  
People for People Foundation

This session is sponsored by National Equity Fund

Addressing Inequities Creates Healthy Communities

At no time have factors converged that more clearly illuminate the links between the risks of climate change, decades of racial inequity and health disparities. Can the key to addressing all be creating affordable, green homes? Stakeholders from the sectors of health, investment and development discuss a future of sustainable opportunities for all.

Dr. Hanaa Hamdi  
New Jersey Community Capital

Michael De Blasio  
Community Asset Preservation Corporation (CAPC)
Medicaid and Housing Supports, A Game Changer

For people finding or maintaining a permanent home receiving housing support services is critical. For agencies who provide these services the opportunity to receive Medicaid funding to deliver them is a game changer.

Moderator:

Marcella Maguire
Health Systems Integration Director
Corporation for Supportive Housing

Jennifer Langer Jacobs
Assistant Commissioner
Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services
New Jersey Department of Human Services

Michelle Brophy
Associate Director
Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare
Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals

David Bridge
Director of Housing Programs
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

Rob Ethiers
Deputy Director Money Follows the Person Program
Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services

Being Seen and Heard, Voices of People with Lived Experience

Learning from the experts, Peri Nearon, Executive Director of the NJ Division of Disability Services (DDS) will moderate a panel of advocates who will share their challenges, hopes and dreams.

Moderator:

Peri Nearon
Executive Director
New Jersey Division of Disability Services (DDS)

Susan Biegen
Family Advocate

Marlene Brockington
Advocate

Hannah Kalyouseff
Advocate and Community Leader

Jesse Schwartman
Advocate

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Workshop Presenter Bios:

Nadine Azari  
Associate | Monarch Housing

Nadine Azari joined Monarch in January of 2019. Nadine is a middle child which she believes helped her develop an innate sense of justice and well as a sense of deep empathy which she has channeled toward advocacy for those systematically disenfranchised. Nadine recognizes that homelessness is the result of a broken and failing system that neglects some of the most vulnerable populations. She hopes her efforts will lead to a more equitable future. Nadine is a member of the Ending Homelessness Team where she facilitates CoC planning meetings across New Jersey and provides technical assistance to community stakeholders on a variety of HUD topics and regulations. Nadine has also interned assisting with Data collection and analysis of Point in Time count prior to joining the Ending Homelessness Team. This experience has made Nadine an invaluable asset to communities preparing for their annual count. Nadine received her BS from Rutgers University in Public Health and a MPH from George Washington University.

Ann Basil, LCSW  
Director of Behavioral Health Services | Amerigroup NJ, Inc.

Director of Behavioral Health Services at Amerigroup. Her team works directly with the individuals and families covered by Amerigroup in New Jersey and also the hospitals and treatment providers seeing their members.

Susan Biegen  
Family Advocate

A mom of three, Susan returned to college after a divorce. While in school, she focused on helping people primarily in areas where she had been told ‘No’ when needing assistance. She continues to use her learned skills and life experience to help families.

Bernadette E. Blackstock  
CEO, President | People for People Foundation

Bernadette Blackstock is Founder, CEO and President of the People for People Foundation. People for People helps normally self-sufficient families who have fallen on hard times. Today People for People has helped over 19,000 individuals and families through her efforts. In 2014 Bernadette was selected by Rotary International and the White House as a “Women of Action.” She was chosen as one of only ten women nationally to receive this award at the White House for not only her work with Rotary, but for all of her other community work. In March 2015 she was again chosen to be honored as one of only eight “Outstanding Rotarian Women Internationally” for “International Women's Day” celebrated around the world by its 1.2 million members. Her many projects include Wreaths of Remembrance and the Camp Salute affordable housing development. Bernadette is a trained Veteran Service Officer working as a volunteer at the Gloucester County Veterans Affairs office specializing in women's issues. Bernadette is also a US Department of Veteran Affairs General Council “Accredited Claims Agent” allowing her to represent veterans before the VA Court of Appeals in Washington D.C.

David Bridge  
Director of Housing Programs Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

Currently the Director of Housing Programs, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AZHCCCS), has spent the past decade devoted to the intersections of healthcare and housing for Arizona citizens. David holds his J.D. from the University of Southern California, and his B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Marlene Brockington  
Advocate

Marlene is a disability advocate who works with various organizations including as a board member on the Progressive Center for Independent Living and a stakeholder in life courses in New Jersey. Marlene is currently working with the children's specialized Hospital on their Safety Living project.

Michelle Brophy  
Associate Director | Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals

Michelle Brophy is currently serving as Associate Director for the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals. She has worked on policy and programming in the area of affordable and supportive housing for over 20 years. Michelle holds a Masters of Science in Human Service Administration / Community Organizing from Springfield College and a Bachelors of Social Work from Rhode Island College.
Workshop Presenter Bios:

Scott Chesney *Motivational Speaker & Life Coach*

Scott Chesney is a world-renowned motivational speaker and life coach who has presented to over 1.5 million people in 40 countries. Known as “The Commander in Change,” by his clients, Scott is navigator of life with paralysis for nearly 35 years after awakening to paralysis at the age of 15 from a sudden spinal stroke, Scott has amassed a resume of transformational experiences, powerful insights, and inspiring stories that cut to the core of the human spirit. He has become a nationally and internationally recognized workshop and keynote presenter, and his positive and inspiring messages have changed countless lives. His insights have been coveted and applauded by The United Nations, The Pentagon, The FBI, Fortune 500 corporations, sports teams, hospitals/rehab centers, associations, and K-12 schools. In addition, Scott is an Ambassador for the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation, a member of the Seton Hall University Leadership Advisory Council, a member of the Board of Trustees for The Knowles Foundation, and a member of the National Speakers Association (NSA). In April 2020, a documentary about Scott’s life entitled “Ride the Wave” was released worldwide. Scott is married, has two children, and resides in New Jersey.

Michael De Blasio *Director of Multifamily and Commercial Development Community Asset Preservation Corporation (CAPC)*

Michael De Blasio served as Director of Multifamily and Commercial Development for Community Asset Preservation Corporation (CAPC). Mr. De Blasio currently oversees all of CAPC’s real estate acquisitions ensuring compliance with all funding sources. Mr. De Blasio is responsible for creating budgets and determining the fiscal viability of CAPC’s projects from pre-development through construction. Michael joined Community Asset Preservation Corporation in April of 2015 as its Director of Property Acquisitions and Operations. Prior to joining CAPC, he was Vice President of Real Estate at New Jersey Community Development Corporation where he was responsible for $20 million in community facilities development focusing on affordable and supportive housing, charter school facilities, open space preservation, and neighborhood revitalization. Michael holds a Bachelor's degree in Music from Rutgers University and Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from The College of New Jersey. As a former educator, Michael is passionate about education in the context of school-centered urban revitalization and is currently a board member of the Community Charter School of Paterson.

Rosy Dafonseca *Assistant Director of Multifamily / Supported Housing and Lending, NJHMFA*

Rosy Dafonseca, the Assistant Director in the Multifamily/Supportive Housing and Lending Division at the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA), has twenty years of experience in the Real Estate and Lending field. She has been with NJHMFA for fourteen years. In her role at NJHMFA, she supervises the processing of multifamily as well as special needs only rental housing loans. She has extensive experience in performing financial analyses of multifamily housing development mortgage applications and developing financial feasibility strategies in order to maximize the number of alternative solutions available for a project's financing. She is knowledgeable in the requirements, regulations and underwriting criteria for funding sources such LIHTC (Low Income Housing Tax Credits), Special Needs only funding sources, Home Funds, CDBG-DR, and other Federal, State and private funding sources.

Jacob Day *Community Investment Business Development Associate Federal Home Loan Bank of New York*

Jacob Day is a Community Investment Business Development Associate at the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York where he works in the Community Investment Strategy Group. His role involves program development, policy research, and community outreach. He works specifically on the Bank’s Affordable Housing Program, the Home Buyer Dream Program, and its other Community Lending Programs, including small business and disaster relief funding. His background is in municipal government, having worked previously for the NYC Housing Authority and the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

Rob Ethiers *Deputy Director Money Follows the Person Program Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services*

Nathan Gerhard *Associate Executive Director for Intellectual Disabilities Services Keystone Human Services, PA*

Nathan Gerhard is the Associate Executive Director for Intellectual Disabilities Services for Keystone Human Services in Pennsylvania. He has worked in human services leadership in Maryland and Pennsylvania for the past 20 years. In 2018, Nathan began implementing independent living technology into community residential homes in partnership with
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SimplyHome. As the use of technology was a new inclusion to the services traditionally offered, Nathan facilitated conversations with the Office of Developmental Programs, Licensing entities, local oversight bodies, families and most importantly people in services to begin this movement. He also oversaw the creation of systems, processes and outcomes for implementing technology into services. Over the past three years, Keystone and SimplyHome have partnered to bring technology and independence to people with intellectual disabilities who live in Community Homes, Lifesharing, and Supported Living settings across Pennsylvania.

Pat Gillespie Regional Vice-President for State Affairs Amerigroup

As a Regional Vice President for State Affairs for Anthem, Patrick Gillespie serves a twelve-state region, including New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Rhode Island, Vermont and the District of Columbia. In addition to supervising government relations Directors in eight states, Mr. Gillespie supports Amerigroup operations in New Jersey as well as the implementation of Anhtem’s public affairs agenda within the Northeast region. Prior to joining Anthem, Mr. Gillespie served as a Director of State Governor Affairs for Cigna and held leadership positions in several insurance industry trade organizations including the New Jersey Association of Health Plans. Mr. Gillespie has previously served in several public positions including as Mayor of Old Bridge Township, New Jersey, Executive Director for the New Jersey Senate Majority office, New Jersey’s second Smart Growth Ombudsman, District Director for U.S. Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr (6th-NJ), and a variety of local community offices and positions. Mr. Gillespie received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Siena College.

Brenda Goldstein Chief of Integrated Services Lifelong Medical, CA

Brenda Goldstein, MPH is the Chief of Integrated Services at LifeLong Medical Care, a community health center serving the East Bay. Ms. Goldstein has fostered numerous partnerships between public and community agencies to create integrated medical, mental health and social services systems of care for those experiencing homelessness, behavioral health challenges and complex health care needs. She is a passionate advocate for health equity and integrated health care systems. Ms. Goldstein received her Master's in Public Health from University of California Berkeley.

Dr. Hanaa Hamdi Director of Health Impact Investment Strategies & Partnerships New Jersey Community Capital

Hanaa A. Hamdi, Ph.D., is currently the Director of Health Impact Investment Strategies & Partnerships at NJ Community Capital. In this role, she directs the development and implementation of NJCC’s emerging community health investment and development strategies with regional and national health-focused partners, supporting the organization’s holistic approach to neighborhood revitalization. Most recently she served as the inaugural national Public Health Director at The Trust for Public Land, where she developed health and racial equity strategies to inform and guide park planning and design, programming, and cultivated health partnership investments for park development in 35 cities across the US. Dr. Hamdi is former health director for City of Newark, where she simultaneously oversaw the Departments of Public Health and Human Services, Social & Environmental Services, and served as the CEO of the Mary Eliza Mahoney Health Centers, the City’s co-affiliate community-based medical centers. Prior to her work with the City of Newark, Dr. Hamdi was assistant professor of Family Medicine at Rutgers, New Jersey Medical School, and Senior Research Fellow at the Rutgers School of Nursing. With more than two decades of public health research and practice, Dr. Hamdi has dedicated her career to advancing health equity among Black, Indigenous and other people of color. She holds a joint PhD in Public Health and Environmental Design from Rutgers University and New Jersey Institute of Technology. Her research and practice examine the impact of social and structural inequities on health. More specifically, her work focuses on the interaction of community planning and design, and impact investment on people and community health. Hanaa is a native Eritrean. She grew up in southern California and currently lives in NY/NJ.

Jennifer Langer Jacobs Assistant Commissioner Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services New Jersey Department of Human Services

As Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in New Jersey’s Department of Human Services, Jennifer Langer Jacobs leads New Jersey’s Medicaid program and the Children’s Health Insurance Program, which together are known as NJ FamilyCare. Jenn is passionate about making government programs work the best way possible for the people they serve. Before leading the
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largest long-term care plan in Florida, she spent eleven years in leadership at Amerigroup New Jersey, most recently as Chief Operating Officer. Earlier in her career, Jenn worked in the New Jersey Senate Majority Office on a range of legislative initiatives and taught fifth grade in Jersey City. She graduated summa cum laude from the honors college at Penn State and holds a master’s degree in urban policy and planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Hanneh Kalyouseff Advocate and Community Leader

Hanneh is a visually impaired person with a master’s degree who is a communications connoisseur. She seeks to enhance the lives of other disabled people through education and understanding.

Vincent Kane Director, Wilmington VA Medical Hospital, Delaware

Vince Kane brings over 20 years of experience with the VA and currently serves as Director of The Wilmington Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Elsmere. Prior to his role in Wilmington, Kane was the associate director and the chief operating officer of the Lebanon VA Medical Center. Before serving on Lebanon VA’s leadership team, he served as the director of the Veterans Health Administration’s National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans, where he oversaw various initiatives that promoted research-driven solutions for veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Kane is a graduate of Bryn Mawr School of Social Work and Social Research. Before his VA career, Kane held a variety of clinical positions in the private sector. He has published numerous articles and received both a Samuel J. Heyman Award and the John D. Chase Award for Executive Excellence.

Henry Love, MA, MPhil Senior Analyst, Abt Associates

Henry Love (MA, MPhil), is a Senior Analyst at Abt. Associates, and PhD candidate in Developmental Psychology at the CUNY Graduate Center. His experience spans a wide range of anti-poverty programs and policies including homelessness prevention, self-regulation development, youth trauma, and implicit racial bias. Mr. Love is committed to developing and testing new programs to improve the lives of BIPOC families, children, and youth living in poverty. His lived experiences growing up as an African American youth, navigating the extreme levels of racial systemic inequity in his hometown of Detroit, MI ignited his passion for education equity and reducing child poverty. Before joining Abt, Mr. Love oversaw Gateway Housing’s Attendance Matters 2-year pilot program (Funded by The Robinhood Foundation and JP Morgan Chase), which identified, addressed, and managed multiple systemic, intergenerational, and logistical barriers to improve school attendance amongst children experiencing homelessness in NYC shelters. Furthermore, Mr. Love advised the NYC Department of Homeless Services, non-profit shelter providers, and The NYC Department of Education on developmentally appropriate practices and policies to address chronic absenteeism and overall family functioning of homeless families. In his role with HOMEworks, Henry oversaw and advised the initiatives’ two demonstration projects, on the implementation of participatory action research methods and addressing racial equity, in conjunction with the project’s primary investigators. Zero-Babies Homeless aims to prevent pregnant and new moms from entering shelter.

Marcella Maguire Health Systems Integration Director, CSH

Marcella Maguire, Ph.D. is Director of Health Systems Integration for CSH. Her work nationally focuses on the intersection of the housing and healthcare sectors in the financing, policy and implementation arenas. Current projects focus on Medicaid policy analysis to develop and implement strategies that allow the health care sector to address the Social Determinants of Health. Prior to joining CSH, Marcella worked for 17 years for the City of Philadelphia leading efforts to integrate behavioral health, managed care and affordable and supportive housing systems to strategically address community needs. Currently she is working with state and communities across the country to align policy, financing and best practices to develop systems that work to dismantle systemic and institutional racism and build thriving communities.

Mohini Mishra Vice President, Selfhelp NYC

Mohini Mishra is a licensed master social worker with proven expertise in planning and project/case management. Ms. Mishra has been with Selfhelp Community Services, Inc. since 2004, and currently is the Vice President, where she has oversight of Selfhelp Active Services for Aging Model (SHASAM) in independent living facilities, Naturally Occurring
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Retirement Communities (NORCs), Senior Centers, Community Guardianship, Adult Protective Services and Case Management programs. Ms. Mishra has successfully led several social determinants of health projects. Ms. Mishra has successfully introduced and implemented evidence-based assessments tools to better understand the needs of the clients and designing successful interventions. She was part of a research study to study the health impact of social services in senior affordable housing led by an independent researcher from Rutgers University. She served as the project manager for 1 of the 3 Balanced Incentive Program funding received by Selfhelp, piloting enhanced wellness programming into existing Housing with Services model, Selfhelp Active Services for Aging Model (SHASAM). She successfully developed and implemented “Life Style Management” program to address mental health in affordable housing through cultural lens for maximum impact. She was part of a 24-month Health Outcome Demonstration Project using success measure tools to dig deeper into the SHASAM model to explore different components of social determinants of health. She recently is provided leadership in a 12-month health and housing project involving education around indoor air quality in low-income older adults in Affordable Senior Housing. Ms. Mishra is a board member at the State Board at Regents of the University of the State of New York- Office of Professions (Social Work) since 2019. Ms. Mishra is actively involved in the Diversity Equity and Inclusion work within her organization and she also serves on the Diversity Committee at the New York Chapter of National Association of Social Work.

Kathryn Monet  CEO, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans

Kathryn Monet is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans. In this role, she focuses on the execution of NCHV’s strategic policy and technical assistance agenda, and on expanding NCHV’s strategic partnerships to more effectively end veteran homelessness. Kathryn has spent over a decade in the public and nonprofit sector working to address housing instability and homelessness among veterans. Prior to joining NCHV, she was with the National Alliance to End Homelessness focusing on the promotion of data-driven, evidence-based interventions to end homelessness, particularly among veterans. Kathryn also was involved in veteran homelessness in a legislative capacity during her time at the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. She earned a Masters of Public Administration from Villanova University and a Bachelor of Science in Diplomacy and International Relations from Seton Hall University. Kathryn currently serves on the VA Advisory Committee for Homeless Veterans, the US Vets DC Advisory Council, and the Board of Directors for the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

Randi Moore  CEO | Affordable Housing Alliance

Randi Moore has dedicated the last 15 years of her career to working in the affordable housing and homeless field in New Jersey. In November 2020, she joined the Affordable Housing Alliance, a Community Housing Development Organization in Monmouth County, as Chief Operating Officer and took the helm as CEO in 2021. Prior to that she led the Division of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the County of Hudson. In this role she is responsible for administering federal grants from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for community development, affordable housing and homeless programs. In her time with the County, Randi has spearheaded new initiatives and implemented innovative programs to improve the way housing and services are provided to homeless individuals and families. Randi is a Drew University alumna, and she currently serves on the board of the Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey.

Peri Nearon  Executive Director, New Jersey Division of Disability Services (DDS)

Peri L. Nearon was appointed Executive Director of the Division of Disability Services (DDS) in February, 2019, where she manages the daily operations of the lead state agency for individuals with physical disabilities and serves on the executive management team for the NJ Department of Human Services. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Nearon was the Director of External Affairs and Strategic Initiatives for Community Health & Wellness at the NJ Department of Health, building collaborative relationships to improve health outcomes for individuals and communities at highest risk. Under her leadership, the Department coordinated ShapingNJ, a public-private partnership of more than 230 organizations working together to promote healthy eating and active living in early care and education centers, schools, worksites, faith-based organizations and communities through policy, systems and environmental change. Ms. Nearon’s state service began in the Department of Human Services in 1986, and has included policy, planning and program implementation.
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for children, adolescents, older adults and individuals with disabilities. In 1996 she joined the Department of Health as an administrator in Aging Services, and then in 2003 was appointed as the first Director of the Office on Women's Health, where she served for five years leading and coordinating women's health services for the State of New Jersey. In 2008 she was appointed as the first Director of the Office of Nutrition & Fitness, building a new area to address the growing obesity epidemic. Ms. Nearon has an undergraduate degree in psychology with a minor in women's studies, a graduate degree in public administration and 35 years of experience in state government.

Meghan O’Sullivan Founder, At Home Technologies LLC

Meghan O’Sullivan is the founder of At Home Technologies LLC. She is a registered nurse (RN) and received a Masters in Nursing in 2001. After working in major hospitals and clinics around New York City she saw the pressing need for assistive technologies to maintain and increase independence in the home. The company’s mission is to assist in the identification and use of assistive technologies that will support greater independence. Meghan has been working with families and organizations in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey since 2009 helping them integrate technology as a natural support. At Home Technologies LLC is focused on technologies that address common barriers to independence in the home: medication management, individualized telehealth and remote supports including cooking safety, audible prompts for daily routines, general safety. The company partners with leading technology providers like SimplyHome to provide customized solutions that can support greater independence.

Asish Patel COO, Monarch Housing Associates

Asish Patel, Monarch’s Chief Operating Officer, oversees the housing production team and manages Monarch’s daily and long-term operations. Over the past 27 years at Monarch, Asish has worked on numerous acquisitions, rehabilitation, and new construction projects; consisting of condo units, single family homes, multi-family apartment buildings, scattered site projects, as well as commercial spaces. His work has led to the development of over 3,000 units of housing for special needs persons, and persons in need of affordable housing. Asish has worked on projects in all 21 Counties in New Jersey, including urban, rural and suburban areas. Asish graduated from the New Jersey Institute of Technology with a Bachelor’s Degree in Architecture, with a History Minor, and a Masters’ Degree in Management. Asish attended Pratt Institute’s Community and Economic Development Internship Program. Additionally, Asish was part of the inaugural class of Enterprise's Leadership Institute. Asish serves on the Board of Trustees of the Supportive Housing Association (SHA) and on the Facilities Committee of Integrity House.

Dr. Dheeraj Raina Manager, Medical Director SME for SUD, Anthem, Inc.

As a Manager Medical Director – BH, Dr. Raina serves Anthem's managed Medicaid plans in five states, including Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin. As Medical Director Subject Matter Expert (SME) for SUD, he helps shape and implement Anthem's SUD (Substance Use Disorder) strategy through local market-based initiatives, enterprise projects, and contributions to Anthem's public and advocacy positions on SUD. He also serves as BH Medical Director for Anthem's Wisconsin Medicaid plan. Dr. Raina came to Anthem from the VA where he ran a residential addiction treatment program. He is a past Medical Director of a state psychiatric hospital in Illinois, and a former staff psychiatrist in rural Wisconsin. He did his psychiatry training at University of Illinois at Chicago after completing his medical school in India.

Jason Ray President, SimplyHome, LLC

Jason Ray is the President of SimplyHome, LLC. Since 2004, SimplyHome has designed, engineered, and used enabling technology to increase independence and lower costs. As the President of SimplyHome, Jason has been a national speaker on enabling technology to associations, state and national agencies, and provider groups. Beginning in 2015, Jason worked with the New York Alliance for Inclusion and Innovation (formerly NYSACRA) as a subject matter expert on enabling technology. In this capacity, he provided training and resources to dozens of agencies across the State of New York. From 2017 to 2019, Jason became the subject matter expert for residential enabling technology with the State of Tennessee’s Technology Initiative. Jason helped lead the training and implementation of this pilot initiative which helped to shape a whole new waiver service in the State of Tennessee. Jason has also provided consulting and direction to many other states and agencies across the US over the last 13 years. In 2015 Jason was named Asheville's
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Forty under Forty, honoring young leaders for their business and community service contributions to the area. In 2017, the Asheville Chamber of Commerce honored Jason as the Asheville Small Business Leader of the Year.

Candace Robinson Director, Healthy Communities, Capital Impact Partners

As Director, Healthy Communities at Capital Impact Partners, Mrs. Robinson assists in the development of community based systems and sustained infrastructure to expand access to health equity. In this role, she collaborates with teams across the organization, community stakeholders and the broader community development field to embed a focus on health equity and healthy communities in our strategy, culture and products. Creating communities of opportunity, Capital Impact Partners is a national, nonprofit Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). Since 2004, Mrs. Robinson has supported Capital Impact Partners’ aging strategy to foster innovative solutions at the intersection of aging, community development and healthcare. Specifically, she is leading the organization’s efforts to expand the capacity of providers to support place-based, cross-sector solutions to promote economic mobility and improved health outcomes in the community.

Judith Samuels MBA, PhD President & CEO, The Samuels Group

Judith Samuels, MBA, PhD, is the CEO of The Samuels Group, an active consultancy to philanthropies, global NGOs, non-profit organizations and government agencies. Dr. Samuels’ research spans health and mental health services, education, homelessness, policy and interventions. Early in her research career she was a member of research teams that built the evidence for supportive housing, housing first and the Critical Time Intervention (CTI). Of significance, her work with homeless families is cited in the President’s New Freedom Commission on Mental Health’s final report and she is the lead author on “Homeless Children: Update on Research, Policy, Programs and Opportunities,” commissioned by ASPE at HHS. And in her recent role as head of HOMEworks has just released a study and paper “A Right to Housing in NYC: Impact on Families With Children” has garnered broad support. She has held appointments as the tenured Head of the Policy Analytic Lab and the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Policy and Services Research Lab (CHAMPS) at the Nathan Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research, as an Assistant Professor at the NYU Medical School Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, as a Research Professor and an Adjunct Professor at the Steinhardt Graduate School in Global Public Health and the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, both at NYU. Judith has worked on housing and homelessness in 22 states, several countries and served on numerous non-profit management boards and research advisory boards.

Jim Scanlon Ad Hoc Chairman American Legion Department of New Jersey

Major (Ret) Jim Scanlon, MSW is a steadfast veterans advocate currently serving as Ad Hoc Chairman American Legion Department of New Jersey (Affordable Housing for At Risk / Homeless Veterans). He also serves as a consultant on the American Legion National Commission on Homelessness. His previous leadership includes service as Department Vice Commander of the American Legion, Department of New Jersey. He is also a member of the 117th Cavalry Association and the Association of the United States Army.

Stephen Schoch Managing Principal, Kitchen & Associates

Stephen Schoch is Managing Principal of Kitchen & Associates (K&A), an 80+ person Architecture, Engineering, Planning and Interior Design firm based in Collingswood, NJ. Steve’s dedication and influence on the K&A staff has resulted in establishing the firm’s leadership in the field of affordable and supportive housing for more than 35 years. Since joining the firm in 1984 Steve has made significant contributions to both the creative and the business accomplishments of the firm. Steve oversees K&A’s architectural endeavors, serving a wide variety of public, private and non-profit clients as team leader and designer. Steve earned a Bachelor of Architecture at Carnegie Mellon University, is NCARB certified, a LEED Accredited Professional, and is a Registered Architect in twenty states. Steve has served on the board of SHA from 2013-2018, and is also the parent of an adult daughter with significant ID/DD challenges who continues to live at home.

Jesse Schwartman Advocate

Jesse is an advocate in the disability community as a member of multiple disability advocacy organizations throughout the state. He has worked in the customer service, legal and political campaign fields. He is looking to bring his outreach and organizing background to help improve the lives of people with disabilities through advocacy.
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Erin Stankiewicz *Planner, CGP&H*

Erin Stankiewicz, Planner, recently joined CGP&H as a planner. Erin graduated from Temple University with a Bachelor’s in Journalism with a minor in History. Erin worked for a non-profit reporting group that focused on the Actual Value Initiative and gentrification issues in Philadelphia. After returning back home to Central Pennsylvania, she worked for several small businesses as a marketing manager, focusing on regional development, social media strategies and brand development. Erin returned to Temple University to complete a Master’s of Science in City and Regional Planning degree. Before coming to CGP&H, she worked in municipal government as the Assistant to the Administrator of Haddonfield, New Jersey where she primarily focused on sustainable/environmental efforts, smart growth, economic development, bike and pedestrian safety, public policy development, strategic planning and public communications.

Dr. Fatimah Tahil *MD, MPH, MA, DFAPA, Medical Director Behavioral Health Amerigroup NJ, Inc.*

Dr. Tahil is Anthem, Inc’s Manager Medical Director for Behavior Health for the East Region Medicaid Plans in New Jersey, Virginia, Georgia, North and South Carolina. As the Behavioral Health Medical Director for Amerigroup New Jersey, she provides overall clinical leadership to optimize whole-person care strategies, quality of care initiatives and engages in collaborative partnerships among stakeholders. Her professional background in managed care and public health lends to her focus on integrated care within a population health framework of care, while incorporating Social Determinants of Health. Dr. Tahil holds a Master in Public Health and a Master of Arts in Medical Informatics from Columbia University. She completed her Psychosomatic Medicine Psychiatry Fellowship at Columbia University Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. Dr. Tahil has been active in community and professional organizations, having served on the Board of Trustees of the Somerset Visiting Nurse Association, President of the Tri-County Chapter/New Jersey Psychiatric Association, and as President of NAMI Florida. The American Psychiatric Association has recognized her as a Distinguished Fellow.

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Supportive Housing Hero Leadership Awards

Carolyn Ford

Carolyn Ford is a Housing Counselor working with Oaks Integrated Care who has shown exemplary dedication to her clients for the past 31 years.

During her tenure, Carolyn has been steadfast in her help managing logistics for clients, such as supporting medical needs at all hours and being a reassuring presence. She also also fostered a vibrant community through activities and trips and has remained an unshakable advocate for her clients working with landlords, providers, and other stakeholders. Carolyn is a great mentor to her team and shares her wisdom to support her colleagues.

With a track record of such caliber, and commitment through the challenges of last year, SHA recognizes Carolyn as a 2021 Housing Hero.

Ahmed J. Taylor

Ahmed J. Taylor has worked with SERV Properties and Management as the Senior Vice-President overseeing development and management of SERV’s properties housing a wide range of clients and needs.

During the past year, Ahmed has put the safety of clients at the forefront including traveling in snow storms to restore power, procuring PPE, and delivering supplies to homes with COVID-positive residents. Developing and managing housing can be a challenge even in times before 2020, but Ahmed has shown he has the energy to support his community of residents across the variety of properties that he serves. He has truly gone above and beyond in the care of residents to provide a safe and comfortable place to call home.

This display of leadership has earned Ahmed our recognition as one of 2021’s Housing Heroes.

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St. Paul the Apostle Senior Housing – Edison, NJ

The St. Paul the Apostle Senior Housing project is a new construction by Domus Corporation and Metuchen Community Services of 42 affordable apartments for independent senior citizens with low incomes in Edison, New Jersey. All 42 units in the St. Paul The Apostle Senior Housing project will be reserved for persons 62 years of age or older with low incomes. Of the 42 units in the project, 11 units are reserved for seniors who are homeless, including 9 accessible units for seniors who are both homeless and physically or mentally disabled.

Project partners included: Domus Corporation, MidAtlantic Engineering Partners, LLC, Costanza Builders of NJ, Inc., Metuchen Community Services Corporation, Steven S. Cohen, Architect, MidAtlantic Engineering Partners, LLC, CPC, Edison Township, Middlesex County, TD Bank, as well as the following SHA Members: Enterprise Community Partners, Monarch Housing Associates, NJHMFA, and FHLBNY.

The Pinnacle – Fort Lee, NJ

The Pinnacle fills a unique need in supportive housing that is often not able to be achieved: affordable supported independent apartments and DDD-licensed group homes in one of the densest urban locations in New Jersey.

The Pinnacle is a new construction luxury high rise in New Jersey that also incorporates DDD-licensed group home living spaces. These units are in a fully-integrated setting where more than 50% of the units are affordable, and indistinguishable from the market-rate units in the same building.

Project partners included: Waterside Construction as well as the following SHA Members: NJHMFA, Kitchen & Associates, and PennReach.
SHA extends heartfelt thanks to artist Erving Maysonet for enhancing this year’s supportive housing awards with his painting, *Garden of Hope*. The painting was selected among pieces created by artists through the art program managed by Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services. Visit at [https://www.bridgewaybhs.org/](https://www.bridgewaybhs.org/)

Erving reflected on the creative process for the painting as he began painting during the COVID-19 pandemic and thought about the eventual light at the end of the tunnel when the pandemic is over. Starting with the flowers and then the stairs, the light coming down and glistening is a hopeful reminder even as we face an uncertain time.

“It helped me deal with all the pandemic, being home, being isolated. Painting it was like therapy. I’m glad Bridgeway had the art program to help me get through this.”

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