

CONFERENCE PURPOSES

- To promote mutual understanding and mutual support among the immigrants, refugees, and the mainstream community.
- To share the new immigrants' rich and diverse cultures with the mainstream communities.
- To create an opportunity for networking among those interested in other cultures and people of the world.
- To inform immigrants and refugees about new government policies and available services.

This conference will increase participants' cultural awareness with regard to the newest groups of refugees, migrants and immigrants who have resettled in this state.

Service providers, government employees, business managers, community leaders, educators and students will all benefit from a diverse selection of workshops, panel presentations and cultural performances contributed by community organizations, government agencies and other public and private institutions.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

8:00am – 9:00am

Registration
(North Ballroom)

Continental Breakfast

9:00am – 9:30am

Opening Remarks & Proclamation
(North Ballroom)

Greetings **Mr. Michael Aumiller** (Senator Bob Casey's Office)
Hon. Pat Vance (State Senator)
Hon. Greg Rothman (State Representative)

Introduction **Mr. Jack Wright**
Grants and Human Services Dev. Fund Manager
Dauphin County

Speaker **Hon. George P. Hartwick, III**
Commissioner
Dauphin County

9:30am – 10:15am

Plenary Session

“State Initiatives on Immigrant Integration”

Introduction **Mr. Carlos Graupera**
President
Spanish American Civic Association

Speaker **Mr. Pedro A. Cortes**
Secretary
PA Dept. of State

10:15am – 10:30am

Coffee Break

Finger Foods

Vietnamese Imperial Rolls

Garden Vietnamese Restaurant

Nepali Momos

Nepali Community

10:30am – 11:15am

Plenary Session

“Update on the National Immigrant & Refugee Integration Effort”

Introduction **Mr. Phong Bui**
Chief Financial Officer
Dept. of Medicine, U Penn

Speaker **Ms. Laura Patching**
Chief
USCIS Office of Citizenship

11:15am – 11:45am

Welcoming Remarks and Q&A

Introduction **Mr. Tim Whelan**
Vice President
United Way of the Capital Region

Speaker **Hon. Mike Stack**
Lieutenant Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

11:45am – 12:15pm

Keynote Address

“Overview of ORR’s Refugee Integration Effort”

Introduction **Ms. Charlotte Fry**
State Refugee Coordinator
PA Refugee Resettlement Program

Speaker **Mr. Carl Rubenstein**
Director
Refugee Assistance Program, ORR/HHS

12:30pm – 2:00pm

Lunch
(South Ballroom)

Invocation

Speaker

Rev. Thomas A. Sweet

Pastor

Market Square Presbyterian Church

Cultural Performances

1. **Bhutanese Dance: “Teej”**

Performers: **Ms. Buddhi Adhikari & Ms. Neera Gurung**

The Teej dance conveys the emotions of a daughter coming back to her "Maiti Ghar" (father's home) after a year of living with her husband, a journey deeply rooted in Nepali Culture. When she comes back to her "Maiti Ghar", she comes with all the joys, sorrows, and vicissitudes of life since leaving her parents' protection. She expresses, in the form of a dance, how happy she has been living with her husband, making her parents feel happy and blessed.

2. ***鼓樂新聲** **Chinese Drumming***

演出: 中華文化藝術學會

Performers: **Mr. William Hinkson & Mr. Kevin Chen**

編導: 崔珍瑜

Instructor: Chen-Yu Tsuei

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/中國的//大鼓//在軍事及節慶音樂中/扮演非常重要的角色,除了製造音量、烘托氣勢外,對於節奏的控制有著關鍵的地位。此項教學是以訓練基本功及聆聽鼓點為主。

Chinese Drum plays very important role in the ancient war and celebrating many festivals. Now a day, it is an art form to express bravery and excitement.

3. **Senegal-Gambian Dance: “Bo-dioudo”**

Performer: **Ms. Sailey Sey**

This dance tells the life story of a young Prince who went against his cultural norms and followed his dream of becoming a musician – a forbidden path for a Prince in this society. In the end, as his fame took him to perform worldwide, his parents and community embraced his passion and allowed him to pursue his dream.

4. International Fashion Show

Coordinators:

Mrs. Tiffany Lawson

Ms. Patarin Kornmai

Models:

Ms. Oumie Jaiteh & Ms. Sailey Sey – Senegal-Gambia

Ms. Poonyashila Rizal & Mr. Kharananda Rizal – Bhutan

Mr. Eric Hancock & Ms. Makayla Hancock – Thailand

Ms. Annabella Kim & Mrs. Suchada Winiyakul – Thailand

Ms. Sreejana Sharma & Mrs. Sharad Gupta – India

Mr. Utsav Adhikari & Ms. Alysha Dahal & Ms. Priya Rizal – Nepal

Ms. Hang La & Mr. Jaxon Sarth Veur – Vietnam

Ms. Christina Ma & Ms. Dorothy Fang – China

Mrs. Keomani Viraya & Ms. Madyson Viraya – Laos

Mr. Precious Anyadike & Ms. Angela Brinemugha – Nigeria

Mr. Oumarou Taffa – Niger

Ms. Prity Das – Bangladesh

Ms. Amanda Batista-Brgulja & Mr. Amir Brgulja – Mexico

Mr. Amel Brgulja & Dr. Oralia Garcia Dominic – Mexico

Ms. Leticia Torres & Ms. Lexi Torres – Mexico

Ms. Leslie Delgado & Ms. Sari Delgado – Puerto Rico

Ms. Ayesha Hernandez & Ms. Arianna Hernandez – Spain

2:15pm – 3:15pm

Breakout Session One

“Refugee & Immigrant 101”

Mrs. Mary Weaver, *Executive Director, PIRC*
Facilitator: **Mr. David Chu**

“Civic Engagement/Good Citizenship Practices”

Mr. Rick Russell, *Senior Advisor, State Street Advisors*
Facilitator: **Mrs. Jolene Reid**

**“Implementing WIOA Programs
in Partnerships with New Americans”**

Mr. Kevin Perkey, *Executive Director, SCWIB*
Facilitator: **Mr. Jelani Cooper**

**“Pathways to Starting a Business for
Immigrants & Refugees”**

Mr. Jonathan Coleman, *Director of Programs,
ASSETS Lancaster*
Facilitator: **Mr. Deep Gupta**

**“Promising ESL Practices & Resources for
Serving LEP Immigrants & Refugees”**

Ms. Melinda Fraker de Fonte, *Instructional Prog. Coordinator,
HACC Language Institute*
Facilitator: **Ms. Jennifer Daley**

**“Helping LEP Immigrants & Refugees Access
Health/Affordable Care Act”**

Mrs. Jeannine Peterson, *CEO, Hamilton Health Center*
Facilitator: **Mrs. Sharon Kelly**

3:15pm – 3:30pm

Coffee Break

Finger Foods

Asian-Indian Samosas

Passage to India

Chinese Sweet & Sour Chicken

Jumbo Grill

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Breakout Session Two

**“Helping Immigrants & Refugees
Avoid Immigration Scams”**

Mrs. Carla Pendino, *Community Relations Officer,
USCIS, District 5*

Ms. Vanessa Stine, *Equal Justice Works Fellow,
Friends of Farmworkers Inc.*

Facilitator: **Dr. Asresu Misikir**

**“Voter’s Registration
for Naturalized Immigrants & Refugees”**

Ms. Marian K. Schneider,
Deputy Secretary of Elections & Admin, PA Dept. of State

Facilitator: **Mrs. Melissa Frey**

**“Job Training and Job Searching
for LEP Immigrants & Refugees”**

Mrs. Lori Rank, *Site Administrator,
PA Capitol Region Career Link*

Facilitator: **Mr. Jack Wright**

**“Meaningful Access to Housing Programs
for LEP Immigrants & Refugees”**

Ms. Angela McIver, *CEO, Fair Housing Rights Center in S.E PA*

Facilitator: **Mr. Mike Kevorkov**

**“Crime and Human Trafficking Prevention
for Immigrants & Refugees”**

Mrs. Rhonda Hendrickson, *Director,
YWCA of Greater Harrisburg*

Facilitator: **Ms. Jeanine Buford**

**“Mental/Behavioral Health Services Targeted at
Immigrants & Refugees”**

Ms. Melissa Fogg, *MSW, Philadelphia Refugee Mental Health
Collaborative*

Facilitator: **Mrs. Susan Bowers-Miller**

4:30pm – 5:00pm

Evaluation & Wrap up

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HON. PEDRO A. CORTES

PA Secretary of State

Pedro A. Cortés was appointed to the position of Secretary of State in June 2015. He previously served as Secretary of the Commonwealth from 2003 to 2010. At that time Cortés was the first confirmed Latino Cabinet member and the longest serving Secretary of State in Pennsylvania history.

As Secretary, Cortés leads the Pennsylvania Department of State. The mission of the Department is to promote the integrity of the electoral process, to support economic development through corporate filings and transactions, and to protect the health and safety of the public. The Department accomplishes its mission by furthering the highest standards of ethics and competence in the areas of elections, campaign finance, notarization, professional and occupational licensure, charitable solicitation, and professional boxing, wrestling and mixed martial arts.

As Secretary, Cortés is the Commonwealth's Chief Election Official; the Chairperson of the Navigation Commission for the Delaware River and its Navigable Tributaries; and a member of the Board of Finance and Revenue, the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Board and the State Athletic Commission. The Secretary is the keeper of the Great Seal of the Commonwealth and has the duty of authenticating government documents through the seal's use.

Cortés began his Commonwealth government career in 1993 as a caseworker with the PA Department of Public Welfare. Subsequently, he worked as a recruiter and attorney with the State Civil Service Commission, and was the Executive Director of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs for two Pennsylvania governors. Prior to his most recent appointment as Secretary of the Commonwealth, Cortés was a partner with the law firm of Haggerty, Goldberg, Schleifer and Kupersmith.

Cortés earned a Bachelor of Science in Hotel, Restaurant and Travel Administration from the University of Massachusetts, a Master of Public Administration from Penn State University, and a Juris Doctor Penn State Dickinson School of Law. He also holds Doctorate Degrees honoris causa from King's College, Harcum College, and Widener University School of Law. He has also been the recipient of numerous prestigious awards in business, law, leadership, and Latino affairs.

A native of Puerto Rico, Cortés has lived in Pennsylvania since 1990. He is married to Lissette Lizardi-Cortés and they have a daughter, Gabriela.

MS. ANGELA MCIVER*CEO, Fair Housing Rights Center in Southeastern PA*

Angela joined the Fair Housing Rights Center in Southeastern Pennsylvania (FHRC) as Executive Director in 2007 and was promoted to Chief Executive Officer and elected Board Secretary in 2013. At FHRC, she has converted a newsletter into a magazine; created the Fair Housing Stewardship program, a nationally recognized project for high school and college students, developed a Public Service Legal Internship program for law students and graduates; instituted the Interagency Housing Cross-training that brings non-profits and municipal staff together to exchange information and resolve housing problems in Philadelphia, Montgomery, and Chester counties; managed multiple contracts and grants; and supervised testing enforcement activities that led to \$304,000 in settlements against violators of federal and state fair housing laws.

Angela has over 23 years of human service experience and specializes in developing institutional and organizational networking, community partnerships, and coalitions affecting adults and youths, including the provision of counseling, related support networks, performance analysis, and training. Angela is Co-Founder of Women Cultivating Women, an association whose mission is to strengthen intergenerational relationships among women and empower diverse groups of women and girls on social and genders specific issues.

Angela has produced and hosted Dialogues on 900AM-WURD; produced the two-time award winning independent film Life Isn't Fair; appeared on NBC-10 News, Eye on Lower Merion, and co-hosted The BottomLine, a radio program.

Angela earned a Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Science from the Pennsylvania State University as well as a Master of Social Services and a Master of Law and Social Policy from Bryn Mawr College. In 2014 Angela received the Humanitarian Award from the Willow Grove Chapter of the NAACP. She is the mother of a very talented young woman and has a very supportive network of family and friends.

MS. MELISSA FOGG*Philadelphia Refugee Mental Health Collaborative*

Melissa Fogg currently manages the Philadelphia Refugee Mental Health Collaborative (PRMHC) based out of Lutheran Children and Family Service. Ms. Fogg holds a masters degree in Social Work from Rutgers University with a certificate and Verizon Hopeline fellowship completed specializing in violence against women and children. Prior to the PRMHC, Ms. Fogg's work experience concentrated on refugee resettlement and women's health with the International Rescue Committee, Amnesty International, and Montefiore Medical Center in New York. Under Fogg's leadership, the PRMHC has been profiled nationally as an innovative, multidisciplinary, and wellness-based model for behavioral health care.

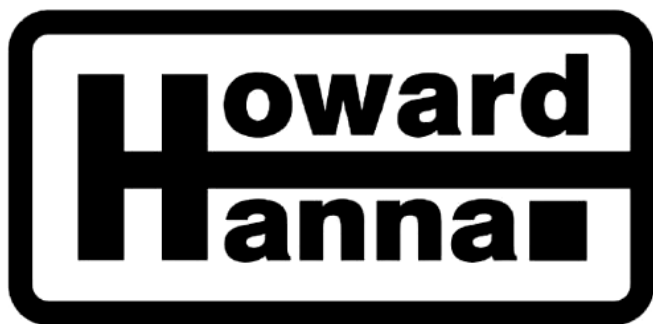


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HON. MIKE STACK

Lieutenant Governor, PA

Mike Stack, Pennsylvania's 33rd Lieutenant Governor, was elected in November 2014 and was inaugurated along with Governor Tom Wolf on January 20, 2015.

As Lt. Gov., he is the presiding officer of the Pennsylvania Senate. He also chairs the Board of Pardons, and was appointed by Gov. Wolf to chair the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Military Community Enhancement Commission and was chosen chairman by the other commissioners. He also chairs the Local Government Advisory Commission.

Lt. Gov. Stack served as a Captain in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and is a graduate of the U.S. Armed Forces Officers Basic Course.

He was in the middle of his fourth state Senate term when he was elected Lt. Governor, representing a district that included Northeast Philadelphia, Bridesburg, and portions of Port Richmond and Juniata Park, from 2001 through the beginning of 2015.

As a Senator, he was the Democratic Chair of the Banking and Insurance Committee and a member of the Aging and Youth, Communications and Technology, Judiciary, Local Government, and Policy committees. He has been a leading advocate for seniors, education, health care, and job creation, and was a strong voice for economic sanctions against Iran and Sudan.

Lt. Gov. Stack earned his law degree from Villanova University Law School in 1992. He is a graduate of LaSalle College High School and of LaSalle University.

He is admitted to the Maryland and Pennsylvania Bar Associations.

During the Administration of Gov. Robert P. Casey, he was Executive Deputy Director of the Pennsylvania Medical Professional Liability Catastrophic Loss Fund.

He is a member of the Philadelphia Board of City Trusts, co-chair of the Philadelphia Veterans' Court Advisory Committee, and a Fellow of The University of Pennsylvania Leadership Academy of the Fels Institute of Government. He serves on the Board of Trustees of Temple University. He is also a member of the Chilean & American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia, Officer Daniel Boyle Division 88 Chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and Shaare Shamayim Men's Club.

Lt. Gov. Stack comes from a family committed to public service. His grandfather, an immigrant from Ireland, became a U.S. Congressman in the 1930s and co-sponsored the first minimum wage and Social Security bills. His father, Michael Stack Jr., was an attorney, author, law professor, and Democratic ward leader. His mother, retired Judge Felice Stack, served on the Philadelphia Board of Education prior to becoming a Philadelphia Municipal Court judge.

Lt. Gov. Stack is married to the former Tonya Whitmore and has a stepson Justin.

MRS. CARLA PENDINO*Community Relations Officer, USCIS, District 5 – PA, DE, WV*

Carla Pendino is the Community Relations Officer for the 5th district of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, where she designs outreach initiatives and engages with immigrant stakeholders throughout Pennsylvania, Delaware, and West Virginia. She is also an Adjunct Professor at Temple University. From September 2008 to September 2010, she served as an Immigration Law Analyst for the United States Department of Homeland Security in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining DHS, she worked as an Immigration Counselor for the Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School in Washington, D.C., assisting adult immigrants with humanitarian and family-based cases. Before joining Carlos Rosario, she worked at immigration law firms in Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia, P.A., preparing both employment and family-based cases.

DR. ASRESU MISIKIR*Epidemiologist and State Refugee Health Program Coordinator,
PA Department of Health*

Dr. Asresu Misikir joined Pennsylvania Department of Health as an Epidemiologist in Environmental Health in 2006. In 2009 she joined the Division of Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Refugee Health Program Section as an Epidemiologist and State Refugee Health Surveillance Program Coordinator. She is responsible for the coordination of health care for refugees across the state; implementation of the refugee health surveillance program in Pennsylvania; to monitor, train, and supervise refugee health clinical activities and screenings including TB and mental health; and evaluate the PA Refugee Health Program. As the Refugee health coordinator, in addition to and in collaboration with epidemiological practices, Dr. Misikir helped develop a statewide electronic refugee health surveillance reporting system; and established an academic partnership with Penn State University and Temple University Harrisburg to offer internship opportunities to Master of Public Health Program students.

Dr. Misikir received her doctoral degree in Epidemiology and International Health System from Johns Hopkins University 1994; obtained her Master's in Public Health in 1983. She worked as an Epidemiologist and State Refugee Health Coordinator under the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Bureau of Epidemiology, Division of TB Control and Refugee Health Program for 11 years. During this period, she made various contributions in TB surveillance and reporting protocol development; designed epidemiological methods of identification of potential health risks; established refugee health statistical reporting system and produced various published and unpublished abstracts.

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MRS. LORI J. RANK

Site Administrator, PA Capitol Region CareerLink

Lori has over 15 years of experience as a Non-profit Administrator in Workforce.

Ms. Rank began her Career at the American Red Cross Lebanon County as the Director of Health and Safety Services and later served as Director of Community Volunteer and Youth Services for the American Red Cross of the Susquehanna Valley, administering eight counties and 1500 volunteers. During her employment at the American Red Cross she was awarded the prestigious nationally recognized Tiffany Award. Additionally Lori designed and implemented a program entitled After School Connection that was copy written and sold nationally (through the Red Cross) focusing on children at home after school hours.

In 2001, Lori joined PA CareerLink Lancaster County where she became active with the Lancaster Chamber specifically Lancaster Diversity Program. Through this program Lori instrumented the "Sign the Pledge Campaign" a nationally recognized campaign to promote healthy communities. In Lancaster County Lori also became a board member of the Lancaster County Re-Entry Program and the Lancaster Homeless Council.

In 2012, Lori began Administrative duties at the PA CareerLink Lebanon County. During her tenure at Lebanon County she became a member of the Lebanon County Chamber Woman in Business Group and a Board Member of the Lancaster Lebanon Literacy Council.

Currently Lori administers the PA CareerLink Capitol Region where she continues her efforts in assisting Job Seekers and Employers by working with the SCWIB and the Operators Consortium partners to plan, organize, implement and supervise workforce development, employment and training programs, and services provided through the PA CareerLink® system and offices through the region.

MRS. SUSAN BOWERS-MILLER

Refugee Health Program Officer, PA Dept. of Health

Susan is a Mental Health Social Worker with the Refugee Health Program in the PA Department of Health. As part of her work, Susan collaborates with resettlement agencies and health care professionals to ensure that refugees receive necessary medical and mental health services upon arrival.

Her decision to work with the Refugee Health Program was strongly influenced by the time she spent living in Thailand, where she volunteered as an English and basic computer skills instructor. She also helped develop a website to promote "homestay" tourism on the Muslim island of Ban KohKlang, off the shore of Krabi. On returning to Thailand, she studied meditation at Wat Mahathat. This experience impressed upon her the value of understanding the unique contributions of other cultures.

MRS. JEANNINE D. PETERSON

CEO, Hamilton Health Center

Jeannine D. Peterson is Chief Executive Officer of Hamilton Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center providing medical, dental, behavioral health, and social services to over 30,000 residents of Greater Harrisburg, PA. Ms Peterson has over 35 years experience in public and community health with a specific focus on issues that disproportionately impact minority and low income populations.

In September 2012 under Ms. Peterson's leadership, Hamilton Health Center opened a new facility which significantly expanded the region's primary health care capacity. Hamilton incorporated mental health into their scope of services after moving into their new location so that their 30,000 patients had access to affordable mental health as well as medical, dental and social services at one central location.

Prior to her tenure at Hamilton, Ms. Peterson held numerous executive management positions, including Deputy Secretary of Health for the Commonwealth of PA for eight years where she was responsible for administering the state's drug and alcohol program, maternal and child health program, and preventative health and communicable disease programs.

Ms. Peterson earned her Master's degree in Public Administration from Pennsylvania State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University. She is also a graduate of the Johnson & Johnson/UCLA Health Care Executive Management Program.

Ms. Peterson serves on the Capital Region Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors and the Dickson University Center of Harrisburg Board of Directors and has also won numerous awards. She is married and has one daughter.

MRS. MARY WEAVER

Executive Director, Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center

Mary Weaver joined the Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center (PIRC) as Executive Director in November 2012. After receiving her MBA in Finance from the University of Maryland, she worked in Financial Services Marketing for twelve years. She moved to York in 1997 and volunteered in the community with the Pennsylvania SIDS Alliance and Wellspan's Palliative Care program. Mary joined the staff of Congressman Todd Platts as his immigration specialist and outreach coordinator, providing education to immigrant families regarding the family-based immigration process, and assisting with Naturalization and DACA workshops. Mary served on the PIRC Board for three years before becoming Executive Director and now serves on the York Hospital Board. Her work with PIRC allows her to see the daily impact of immigration laws and policies and reinforces her belief that each person should have equal access to justice.

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MS. MARIAN K. SCHNEIDER

Deputy Secretary of Elections and Administration, PA Dept. of State

Marian K. Schneider was appointed Deputy Secretary for Elections and Administration in February 2015 and she will oversee and support the Bureaus of Commissions, Elections and Legislation (BCEL); Finance and Operations (BFO); Human Resources (BHR); and Management Information System (BMIS).

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Schneider was a Senior Attorney at Advancement Project, a national, non-partisan, non-profit civil rights and racial justice organization based in Washington, DC. Ms. Schneider served as the lead attorney in Advancement Project's Voter Protection Program in Pennsylvania and Virginia working to eliminate barriers to voting for voters of color.

Ms. Schneider has been working on election and voting rights issues since 2005. Her experience includes many aspects of election administration, candidate petitions, contested elections and voting rights. She has been a frequent lecturer and speaker on voting rights issues.

Ms. Schneider spent more than twenty years in private law practice, including owning her own law practice, and her legal experience includes employment law, race, gender and disability discrimination, employee benefits, ERISA, election law, commercial litigation, insurance coverage litigation and commercial transactions.

Ms. Schneider has a B.A. in Classical Studies/Latin from University of Pennsylvania and received her J.D. from the George Washington University Law School where she was a member of the George Washington Law Review. Ms. Schneider lives in Chester County with her husband and their three sons.

MRS. SHARON KELLY

Director, Mission Integration, PinnacleHealth System

Sharon is a registered nurse and a graduate of Columbia University. She has an MBA in Healthcare Administration and is currently the Director of Mission Integration for PinnacleHealth System. In that role she directs programs such as the HIV/AIDS clinic, Diabetes and Nutrition Education, Cardiac Surgery Patient Education, and Volunteer Services.

Sharon has worked in the field of community health for over 40 years with a special interest in improving access to healthcare services for diverse and underserved populations. She also enjoys mentoring individuals who are seeking careers in healthcare. Sharon serves on the Board of Trustees for Presbyterian Senior Living, working to identify and implement services that will allow senior citizens to remain active, independent and safe.

MR. CARL RUBENSTEIN

Director, Division of Refugees Assistance, Federal ORR/HHS

Carl Rubenstein currently serves as the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Division Director for Refugee Assistance (DRA) which is responsible for oversight of the State Administered and Wilson-Fish Refugee Assistance Programs. Carl has worked for the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF) for the past 23 years including 21 years with ORR and 2 years with Office of Legislative Affairs and Budget (OLAB) where he served as a legislative analyst. Prior to becoming DRA Director, he has served ORR in many capacities including most recently as the Coordinator for the Wilson-Fish Alternative Program which provides assistance and services to approximately one quarter of all new refugee arrivals to the US. Prior to his Federal employment, he worked as a Refugee Analyst for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Refugee Resettlement Program and as an Immigration Law Intern for Lutheran Children and Family Services in Philadelphia, PA. He received his BA degree in International Affairs from the George Washington University, MA degrees in Governmental Administration and International Relations from the University of Pennsylvania, and a JD degree from the Temple University School of Law including the completion of 30 credits as a visiting law student at Georgetown University School of Law and at Tel-Aviv University Law School. On a personal note, he is married and has two sons ages eight and four.

MS. MELINDA FRAKER DE FONTE

Instructional Program Coordinator, HACC Language Institute

An adult educator for nearly 15 years, Ms. Melinda Fraker de Fonte is currently an Instructional Program Coordinator for the Adult Education Pathways Department, Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division at Harrisburg Area Community College where she coordinates the Language Institute program at multiple HACC campuses which offers ESL, Spanish GED Test Preparation, US Citizenship Preparation and workplace ESL and Spanish training for local companies and organizations. Utilizing over five years of previous experience working as a caseworker for the PA Department of Welfare, Ms. Fraker de Fonte also offers advising and transition services to the ESL students. Her rich teaching experience began with the Lincoln Intermediate Unit #13 where she taught ESL and GED in both the community and corrections settings for several years. Before working in her current capacity with the college, fluent in Spanish, Ms. Fraker de Fonte taught non-credit Spanish at the Gettysburg campus of HACC for six years. She earned her Bachelor's degree in English and Spanish from Messiah College in Grantham, PA where she also completed an ESL internship for Immigration and Refugee services. She has also completed Master's degree credits in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in teaching English as a second language from McDaniel College in Westminster, MD.

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MR. JONATHAN COLEMAN

Director of Programs, ASSETS Lancaster

Over the last two years as the Director of Programs at ASSETS Lancaster, Jonathan has supported the development and expansion over 110 new businesses in Lancaster, many started by immigrants, refugees, and other underserved populations. During the same period, he coordinated the launch of several new entrepreneur-focused initiatives, including The Great Social Enterprise Pitch and Lending Circles Microloan Program (providing credit-building loans for underserved entrepreneurs). In early 2015, was chosen by the World Economic Forum to launch a Global Shapers Hub in Lancaster. He is also currently an ELM² Fellow with FIELD at the Aspen Institute.

Before his work at ASSETS, Jonathan worked for 5 years in community and economic development globally, including projects in Latin America, the Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the United States. Among other accomplishments, he launched and managed a successful education-based pilot project in Zambia, oversaw the growth of a child sponsorship program in the Dominican Republic, taught as an adjunct professor of business at Eastern University, and aided in the job placement of recently arrived refugees and asylum seekers in the United States. He holds an MBA in Economic Development and is fluent in Spanish.

An entrepreneur at heart, Jonathan has a passion for finding and developing innovative solutions to the world's most pressing problems and a strong belief in the power of business to help facilitate positive societal change on a local, national, and global scale.

MS. LAURA PATCHING

Chief, USCIS Office of Citizenship

Laura Patching is the Acting Chief of the Office of Citizenship, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In this capacity she leads federal initiatives to promote the rights, responsibilities and importance of U.S. citizenship. Ms. Patching oversees the development of educational resources, training and outreach initiatives, and agency engagement with governmental, non-governmental, and international institutions on immigrant integration. Ms. Patching joined the Immigration and Naturalization Service in 2001 and helped manage the Service's transition into USCIS after the passage of the Homeland Security Act of 2002. She has been part of the Office of Citizenship since it was created in 2003. She received her Bachelor of Arts from American University in Washington, DC and a post-graduate diploma from the University of Chile in Santiago.

MS. JEANINE BUFORD

Vice President of Information & Technology Services, Keystone Human Services

Jeanine Buford is the Vice President of Information Systems for Keystone Human Services and has been with Keystone since 1994. She is responsible for directing the overall information strategy and technology vision for the Keystone Human Services family of organizations and for ensuring the alignment between that strategy and the overall goals of the subsidiary corporations. She provides management and definition of all computer and communication activities within the organization, and is responsible for developing information plans and strategies to ensure that future operating needs and challenges can be met.

MRS. JOLENE REID

Region 2, 4, and URM Program Advisor, PA Refugee Resettlement Program

Jolene Reid became part of the Refugee Resettlement Program in August 2015. She spent the last 6 years at the Mifflin County Assistance Office where she worked initially as a clerk and became a SNAP, Medicaid, and TANF cash caseworker. Jolene has lived abroad in England and Scotland and worked for an online game development company in Germany for over a decade where she was afforded the ability to meet and work with diverse customers and coworkers from around the world. As an immigrant herself to the United Kingdom and wife of an immigrant to the United States, she appreciates and understands the difficulties and advantages to living in a new country with its many opportunities as well as frustrations.

MR. KEVIN PERKEY

CEO, South Central Workforce Investment Board

Kevin Perkey is the Chief Executive Officer for the South Central Workforce Investment Board. He is responsible for leading the development of a world-class workforce development system across an eight (8) County region of South Central PA, which includes Perry, Juniata, Lebanon, Dauphin, Cumberland, Franklin, Adams, and York. Prior to joining the SCWIB, Kevin was the Director of Youth Programs at the Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board in Pittsburgh, PA. As a senior leader at the Three Rivers WIB, he partnered on many of the key strategic decisions that drove the development of one of the most innovative WIBs in the nation. Prior to that, Kevin was Executive Director of Three Rivers Connect, an information technology services organization that delivered cloud-based application development, GIS analysis, and community business intelligence to the nonprofit sector in Southwest Pennsylvania. Kevin has a BA in Environmental Studies and a Masters in Public Administration & Nonprofit Management, both from the University of Pittsburgh. He has served in leadership roles on several Boards throughout his career and is thrilled to begin the next chapter of his life with his family in Central PA.

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MR. CARLOS GRAUPERA

President, Spanish American Civic Association

Carlos Graupera is the President of the Spanish American Civic Association and have been since its founding in 1973.

During his tenure at SACA, my work has led me to do various important community development activities as follows:

Organized the Centro Hispano in Lancaster, November 1973.

Opened Nuestra Clinica bilingual mental health and drug and alcohol outpatient clinic.

Developed Nuestra Clinica Residencial, a Latino focused residential drug and alcohol treatment program for adult males.

During his tenure with the organization, he has overseen the creation of SACA Development Corporation- a housing development corporation dedicated to home ownership opportunities for inner city residents. SACA Development has rehabilitated over 100 single family units for sale to low and moderate income first time home buyers.

SACA Development built 40 new townhouses for sale to moderate income first time home buyers.

SACA Development facilitated the location of a credit union in the barrio as a result of an economic development venture.

SACADC is currently building 30,000 feet of commercial retail space as part of its latest neighborhood economic development venture.

He has also overseen the creation of WLCH fm, Radio Centro, a full time Spanish language educational public radio station serving the Latino community of Lancaster.

With the help of local education advocates, he helped to open La Academia Charter School in Lancaster.

He is the past Chairman of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs.

He also serves on the Board of Directors of the South Central Pennsylvania Sickle Cell Council.

MR. JACK WRIGHT

Grants and Human Services Development Fund Manager, Dauphin County

Mr. Jack Wright currently serves as a Grants and Human Services Development Fund Manager with Dauphin County and has been employed by Dauphin County for eight years. Previously, he worked for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for twelve years.

MRS. MELISSA FREY

Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, PA DOS

Melissa A. Frey was appointed Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Commonwealth on February 2, 2015.

As Special Assistant, Ms. Frey works closely with Secretary Cortes, the Executive Deputy Secretary, Deputy Secretaries, and Chief Information Officer on a variety of special projects and programs, such as continuity of government. She is the liaison within the Department of State to all bureaus as directed by the Secretary. She has a wide range of administrative and managerial duties in support of the Secretary, Executive Deputy Secretary, and the Deputy Secretaries as needed. This includes preparation of a variety of reports, commendations, certificates, memoranda and correspondence including letters of recommendation, reference and communications with Secretaries of State, legislators, the Governor's Office and officials in the public, private and nongovernmental sectors.

She works in concert with the Director of Communications and Press and the Press Secretary on speeches, press releases, media calls, presentations and text of the Secretary's testimonies before the Pennsylvania Legislature and U.S. Congress.

Ms. Frey hails from Lancaster County and has a strong background in communications, government, strategy, development, project / event planning, finance and office management. She has a long standing record serving Central Pennsylvania, as well as other areas of the Commonwealth and its governmental operations. She previously served as Special Assistant to former Harrisburg Mayor Stephen R. Reed and Executive Director for 23 counties in Central PA to former U.S. Senator Arlen Specter. She also divides her time and talents volunteering and serving a number of nonprofit/charitable organizations including the 193rd Special Operations Wing Association.

Melissa attended Harrisburg Area Community College, York College, and the World Wide School of Travel.

Ms. Frey lives in Harrisburg, Dauphin County with her dog Copper.

REVEREND THOMAS A. SWEET

Pastor, Market Square Presbyterian Church

The Reverend Thomas A. Sweet has been the pastor of the Market Square Presbyterian Church since 2012. Prior to coming to Harrisburg, he spent the previous nineteen years as a pastor in Jamestown, New York and, before that, in Baltimore, Maryland. He is married to Lori who owns Lori Sweet Studios, a reflexology and life coaching business, in Lemoyne. They have four children – Molly, Katy (deceased), Jaymes, and Emily. A voracious reader, Tom loves "stories" and in his ministry encourages the sharing and appreciation of personal and social stories as a way of building communities of justice and hope.

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MR. TIM WHELAN

Vice President Community Impact, United Way of Capital Region

Tim Whelan has served as the Vice-President for Community Impact with the United Way of the Capital Region since February 2001. In this capacity, he is responsible for implementing the United Way's "community building" activities which focus on developing the Capital Region's capacity to respond to human service needs. In addition, he oversees the organization's fund distribution process, Volunteer Center and community research activities. Whelan holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Frostburg State College in History, Far Eastern Concentration and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

MS. CHARLOTTE FRY

State Refugee Coordinator, PA Refugee Resettlement Program

As the daughter of a Barbadian Methodist Minister, Ms. Fry grew up all over the Caribbean. Due to the nature of her father's work, Ms. Fry was exposed to people of varying class, race, and cultural practice. Born in Jamaica, she lived briefly in Antigua, but was raised in The Bahamas, and after high school, her family moved to Barbados. She worked in photography and children's ministries for three years then moved to the United States to attend a small liberal arts college in Central PA.

During the summer breaks, Ms. Fry returned to Barbados and was employed by National Insurance – the equivalent of America's Social Security Administration. Post-graduation, she worked in the treatment unit of a county prison for many years before taking a position in PA State Government with the Refugee Resettlement Program. She has worked in the capacity of de facto refugee health coordinator for three years; trying to raise awareness of refugee health disparities in the State, and improve communication between medical staff and refugee service providers.

Ms. Fry currently resides in Central PA with her husband and two children.

MS. JENNIFER DALEY

International Student Coordinator, HACC

Jennifer Daley has served HACC's international student population since 2003 and holds a master's degree in public administration and a bachelor of science in applied behavioral science from Penn State University. Her experience providing immigration assistance and academic coaching to these students offers a student-centered perspective on the unique challenges faced by this population and the best practices in serving them.

HON. GEORGE P. HARTWICK, III

Commissioner, Dauphin County

George P. Hartwick, III is now in his third term as commissioner on the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners. George has primary oversight of the county's Human Services Department, Tax Assessment Office, Human Resources, Children and Youth, Juvenile Probation, Area Agency on Aging and other initiatives. He was nominated to serve as the Chairman of the County Commissioners Association of PA's (CCAP) Human Services Committee. He was also elected as Pennsylvania's representative to participate in the National Association of Counties' (NACo) County Leadership Institute as well as to serve on NACo's executive board and represent Pennsylvania.

George has received multiple awards in leadership and excellence throughout his career, including the prestigious COMCARE "Commissioner of the Year Award" in 2011.

George was born and raised in Steelton, PA and is a proud graduate of Penn State University.

MRS. RHONDA HENDRICKSON

Director, YWCA Greater Harrisburg

Ms. Hendrickson is a graduate from the School of Public Affairs at Penn State and is the Director of Violence Intervention and Prevention Services at the YWCA Greater Harrisburg, providing program management in the areas of domestic violence, sexual assault, prevention education, and human trafficking. Prior to her role with the YWCA, Ms. Hendrickson ran the Perry County Victim Witness Program on behalf of the Perry County District Attorney.

Ms. Hendrickson has been actively involved in anti-human trafficking efforts which include participation on the South Central Human Trafficking Response Team since its inception in 2009. Ms. Hendrickson currently chairs the victim services committee for the statewide implementation workgroup for Act 105, Pennsylvania's human trafficking legislation. Ms. Hendrickson is also participating on the statewide workgroup for implementation of HR 4980, Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act.

Ms. Hendrickson also manages one of the first federal human trafficking grants in Central Pennsylvania that provides victim services, training, and outreach. The project, PAATH 15, brings together 4 human trafficking task forces, 4 rape crisis centers, and 12 counties from the northern border of Route 15 in Pennsylvania to the southern border of Route 15. Ms. Hendrickson speaks on the national, state, and local levels as an expert in domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking.

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MR. RICK RUSSELL

Senior Advisor, State Street Advisors

Rick Russell is a Senior Advisor for State Street Advisors, a Harrisburg-based government relations firm that advocates the regulatory and legislative priorities for a diverse portfolio of clients. Rick Russell joined the firm in February, 2015 after 15 years as Director of Global Government Relations for The Hershey Company. During his tenure in Hershey, Rick directed the lobbying efforts for the US, India, Brazil, China and Malaysia. Primary areas of focus were on international regulatory compliance, business development, and real estate. In 2013, Rick negotiated one of the largest business incentive packages ever offered by the Malaysian Government for a food manufacturing company to support Hershey's Southeast Asia hub. Domestically, Rick's practice area included business tax, real estate and environmental compliance. Prior to joining Hershey, Rick served for the Ridge (PA) Administration as Director of Legislative Affairs for the Department of Community and Economic Development and on the PA House of Representatives research staff. Rick has his undergraduate degree from West Chester University in Political Science and a law degree from Widener University. Rick lives in Hershey, PA with his wife and two sons.

MR. PHONG BUI

Chief Financial Officer, Dept. of Medicine, U Penn

Phong Bui is the Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Medicine at University of Pennsylvania Health System since March 2015. He oversees the Department of Medicine financial operations, including clinical, research administration, endowments, restricted and unrestricted funds held within DOM, with annual budget of \$400M.

Prior to working at U Penn, Phong was the Director of Finance/Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Medicine at Mount Sinai Health System in New York City, NY. He was at Mount Sinai for over 12 years and had held other significant leadership roles including Director of Finance & Administrative Services for the faculty practice plan and Assistant Director of Finance.

Phong received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics at University of Rochester, Master of Business Administration at Rochester Institute of Technology, and Master of Public Administration at New York University. He has received national recognition awards from Computerworld and AAMC-UHC for work in physician revenue cycle dashboards and faculty productivity.

Phong is a board member of the International Service Center.

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