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SPRINGFIELD VAX FORCE

COMMITTEE GUIDE

The Springfield Information VAX FORCE will provide credible COVID-19 resources to the citizens of Springfield, MA using science, data and information to guide decision making.



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Department of Health and
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ANDREW BALDER, MD

Mason Square Health Center/Health Services for the Homeless Health Center

Dr. Andrew Balder, MD is a Internal Medicine Specialist in Springfield, MA and has over 42 years of experience in the medical field. He graduated from University of North Carolina School of Medicine medical school in 1979. He is affiliated with medical facilities Baystate Medical Center and Mercy Medical Center.



JEFFREY SCAVRON, MD

Public Health Council; Brightwood Health Center

Dr. Jeffrey Scavron, MD is a long time physician at the Brightwood Health Center/Centro de Salud, affiliated with Baystate Medical Center and is a member of the Public Health Council of Springfield



MELISSA MATTISON, PHARM D

**Clinical Associate Professor
Executive Director of Professional Affairs
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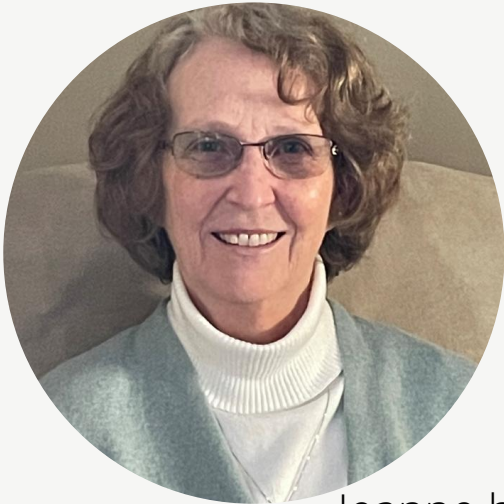
Dr. Mattison's areas of interest include health and wellness, motivational interviewing, MTM, and disease prevention. Melissa Mattison graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a BS in pharmacy then went on to earn her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Florida.



MAGDALENE N. EBOSO, RN, MSN, MBA

**CIC Infection Prevention & Control
Coordinator**

Eboso has 15 years of nursing experience and is certified in Infection Control. She holds nursing degrees from Springfield Technical Community College and the Jacksonville University, as well as Master's Degrees in Nursing and Business Administration from Elms College.



JEANNE CLANCY RN, BSN, M.ED

Public Health Council; Senior Administrator of Nursing Springfield Public Schools

Jeanne has worked for Springfield Public Schools for 21 years. She graduated for Salve Regina University with a nursing degree and received a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Bridgewater University



JOSE CLAUDIO

COO; New North Citizens Council

Jose Claudio has been working with NNCC for the past 22 years, currently he serves as Chief Operations Officer for New North Citizens Council. NNCC provides comprehensive bilingual family support services throughout Hampden County, with a focus on the North End community of Springfield..



CRISTINA I. HUEBNER TORRES, PHD, MA

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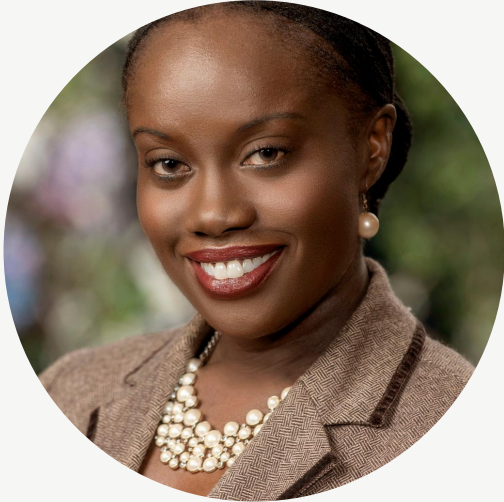
Cristina is a community-based social epidemiologist and healthcare leader whose research and public health practice aims to inform sustainable, culturally and linguistically tailored practice and policy improvements. She holds several leadership roles in the Medicaid BeHealthy Partnership (BHP) Accountable Care Organization (ACO), is an Adjunct Fellow with the Institute for Healthcare Delivery and Population Science (IHDP/UMMS-B) and an Affiliated Researcher with Center for Community Health Equity Research (CCHER, UMass Amherst).



ASHLEY BOGLE, ESQ

Director of Legal Services and Assistant General Counsel Health of New England

While at Health New England, she earned her law degree at the University of Connecticut Law School. Ashley is a co-chair of the HNE Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee. Ashley also serves as the Legislative Work Group representative to the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans (MAHP).



YEMISI OLORUNTOLA-COATES, MA, MAMC

**Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer
Office of Diversity & Inclusion
Baystate Health**

Yemisi Oloruntola-Coates has 15 years of experience in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). She has led DEI initiatives for large integrated health systems. She earned her bachelor's degree in Speech Communication and English American literature from Hofstra University and has an MA & MAMC in Strategic Global Communication Management and International Relations/Political Science from the University of Florida.



DAMARIS JONES

**Director of Harm Reduction
Operations Tapestry Health System**

Tapestry is a community-based nonprofit that provides Sexual & Reproductive Healthcare, Food Access & Family Nutrition, and Harm Reduction services to over 19,000 residents annually. Damaris oversees programs that are essential and address unjust health disparities that come from intersecting oppressions and barriers to healthcare.



KATHLEEN SZEGDA, PHD, MPH, MS
**Director of Community Research and
Evaluation**
Public Health Institute of Western MA

Dr. Kathleen Szegda is an epidemiologist and has over 20 years of public health/research experience working at the national, state and local level including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). She and her team created the Western MA County COVID-19 Data Dashboard as part of their ongoing efforts to make data available and accessible so that it can be used to inform decision-making.



DENISE JORDAN
Executive Director
Springfield Housing Authority

In 2008, Denise became the City of Springfield's first Black Chief of Staff and the longest person to occupy that position, serving for over 10 years with Mayor Domenic J. Sarno. Most recently, Denise serves as the Executive Director of the Springfield Housing Authority, the third largest public housing authority in Massachusetts. Ms. Jordan received a B.S. Political Science/ minor in Public Administration from Lincoln University, Pennsylvania,. She also has a Master's Degree in Human Resource Development from American International College.



SARAH PEREZ MCADOO, MD

UMASS Population Health Capstone Director

Dr. Sarah Perez McAdoo is a public health physician who is passionate and committed to transforming the health of communities by addressing health inequities and the social factors that influence health. Her work has focused in the areas of public policy, community based strategies, program planning, health advocacy and healthcare education.



WESLEY DAYS

Assistant Manager of Operations at the UMass Center at Springfield

Wesley is a graduate of UMass Amherst's University Without Walls and is currently pursuing a Masters of Business Administration from UMass Amherst's Isenberg School of Business.



**MARIA ELSIE SANCHEZ, PHD,
BIBLICAL COUNSELING**
**Medical Reserve Corps Unit
Coordinator, Springfield**
**Director & Co Founder of Odres
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International Chaplaincy**

Born and Raised in PR. Served as a lead Community Organizer under Neighbor to Neighbor conducting social, economic and political campaigns. Enjoys empowering the community, especially around issues affecting low income communities.



THOMAS M. ASHE
**Mayoral Chief of Staff
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