

## 2022 TxSUS Program Committee

### Disclosure Summary

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#### Co-Chair

##### **Jennifer Sharpe Potter, PhD, MPH**

Vice Dean for Research

Professor of Psychiatry UT Health San Antonio

Expertise: prevention and treatment of substance use disorders, chronic pain, dissemination and implementation of evidence-based practice, population health, clinical trials

Jennifer Sharpe Potter, Ph.D., M.P.H., is Professor with Tenure at the Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long School of Medicine at UT Health San Antonio. In 2008, Dr. Potter joined UT Health San Antonio from Harvard Medical School and McLean Hospital. She completed her pre-doctoral clinical internship and research fellowship at Harvard Medical School/McLean Hospital. She received her doctorate in clinical psychology at the University of Georgia and her Master of Public Health from Emory University.

Disclosure: Dr. Potter does not have any relevant financial relationship(s) with ineligible companies ([\*as defined by the Standards for Integrity and Independence\*](#)).

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#### Co-Chair

##### **Lucas G. Hill, PharmD, BCPS, BCACP**

Clinical Associate Professor

PhARM Program Director

UT Austin College of Pharmacy

Lucas G. Hill graduated from the UMKC School of Pharmacy and completed a combined residency/fellowship in the UPMC Department of Family Medicine. He is now a clinical assistant professor of pharmacy practice at The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy. Dr. Hill is Director and Principal Investigator of Operation Naloxone, an interprofessional opioid overdose prevention program funded through the Texas Targeted Opioid Response. His research is focused on clinician-community collaborations to address substance use disorders through evidence-based treatment and harm reduction strategies. Dr. Hill coordinates the first year of the UT Foundations for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice curriculum and leads the embedded addiction module. He provides an additional 16 hours of addiction-related instruction in the required pharmacy curriculum and precepts both the overdose prevention service IPPE and addiction medicine elective APPE. He also serves as faculty advisor for the UT Student Pharmacist Recovery Network. In 2018, Dr. Hill was awarded the GenerationRx Champion Award for excellence in addiction-related education by the Texas Pharmacy Association and Cardinal Health.

Disclosure: Lucas Hill receives financial support from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Texas Health and Human Services ([\*as defined by the Standards for Integrity and Independence\*](#)).

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**Nelly Garcia Blow, DO**

Christus Health

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**Hildebrando Mireles, LCDC, LPC**

Tropical Texas

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**Joy Alonzo, PharmD**

Texas A&M Health Science Center

Joy Alonzo, M. Engineering, PharmD, is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the Texas A&M Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy. Additionally, she is the Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Director for Health For All Clinic in Bryan, Texas. One of her current clinical assignments is director of clinical programs at Spring Outreach Services in Spring, Texas. In this role, Dr. Alonzo provides support, resources and patient-centered interventions to youth and adolescents and their families with mental and behavioral health challenges, including substance-use disorder. She is a nationally certified instructor in adult and youth mental health first aid, and via Spring Outreach Services, she provides Mental Health First Aid Certification classes (an eight-hour national evidence-based certification program) to students and community members. Dr. Alonzo has deep clinical experience including provision of specialized pharmacotherapy for varied patient populations including primary care, psychiatric pharmacotherapy services and counseling, pediatrics, geriatrics, diabetes education and management, targeted disease state management, ambulatory surgical care, ambulatory anticoagulation, infectious disease and critical care. Dr. Alonzo has specialized training in mental and behavioral health advocacy, policy and community outreach, as well as in the evaluation and oversight of psychotropic medication utilization in vulnerable populations. Dr. Alonzo received her Bachelor of Science in pharmacy from the University of Pittsburgh, Master of Engineering in engineering science from The Pennsylvania State University and a doctoral degree in pharmacy from Howard University College of Pharmacy.

Disclosure: Dr. Alonzo does not have any relevant financial relationship(s) with ineligible companies [\*\(as defined by the Standards for Integrity and Independence\)\*](#).

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**Crystal Walker, DMSc, MPAS, PA-C**

MHMR of Tarrant County

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**Alicia Kowalchuk, DO**  
Baylor College of Medicine

Dr. Alicia Kowalchuk is an associate professor with Baylor College of Medicine's (BCM) Department of Family and Community Medicine and board certified in both family medicine and addiction medicine. She is medical director of InSight, the screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment (SBIRT) program for the Harris Health System, which is the county-funded health care system for the greater Houston area's over one million uninsured residents. She is core faculty for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Association (SAMHSA) funded BCM SBIRT residency training program and course director for the BCM first year medical student course "Patient, Physician and Society I and II" which teaches basic physical examination and patient interviewing skills. In her SBIRT roles, she has developed and implemented curricula on SBIRT as well as addiction medicine topics including pain and addiction. She also serves as medical director at Santa Maria Hostel which provides state-funded residential drug treatment to women and their children in the greater Houston community, and the Houston Recovery Center which operates a Sobering Center in partnership with the City of Houston and the Houston Police Department. Dr. Kowalchuk graduated from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and performed her internship at St. Clare's Hospital in Manhattan. She completed her family medicine residency at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx and then served three years with the National Health Corps providing on site prenatal, HIV, primary care and addiction medicine services at a methadone clinic in the South Bronx. She relocated to Houston in 2004 and joined the BCM faculty, working as a family physician in a community health center before joining the InSight program. Her passion is caring for families affected by addiction.

Disclosure: Dr. Kowalchuk does not have any relevant financial relationship(s) with ineligible companies ([as defined by the Standards for Integrity and Independence](#)).

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**Stacy Ogbeide, PSYD, ABPP, CSOWM**  
UTHSCSA

Dr. Ogbeide is a Primary Care [Behavioral Health Consultant](#), Licensed Psychologist, [Board Certified Clinical Health Psychologist](#), [Board-Certified Specialist in Obesity and Weight Management](#), and a *Change Enthusiast* working in primary care (family medicine). Her research/professional interests include Primary Care Behavioral Health (PCBH), workforce development in primary care, behavioral medicine/health psychology, and professional development for primary care faculty and clinical supervisors.

Disclosure: Stacy Ogbeide does not have any relevant financial relationship(s) with ineligible companies ([as defined by the Standards for Integrity and Independence](#)).

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**Jaime Bailey**  
El Paso Harm Reduction Coalition

Disclosure: Jamie Bailey does not have any relevant financial relationship(s) with ineligible companies ([as defined by the Standards for Integrity and Independence](#)).

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**Gilberto Perez, MPH**

Harm Reductionist

Disclosure: Gilberto Perez does not have any relevant financial relationship(s) with ineligible companies [\*\(as defined by the Standards for Integrity and Independence\)\*](#).

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**Daniel Sledge, EMT-P**

Williamson County Mobile Outreach Team

Daniel Sledge has worked in the prehospital medicine field as a paramedic since 2010. In 2014, he helped develop the agency's community health paramedicine program, focusing on frequent utilizers of EMS and patients at risk of readmitting post-discharge, with the goal to conserve EMS resources and manage subacute medical patients in the outpatient setting. His areas of interest include cardiology, pharmacology, substance use disorders, and harm reduction. Daniel is an AHA certified CPR instructor and an HHSC certified Community Health Worker. He is also certified by the Texas Overdose Naloxone Initiative (TONI) as an instructor for Overdose Management Trainings. He earned his Paramedic Certification from Temple College in Temple, Texas.

Disclosure: Daniel Sledge does not have any relevant financial relationship(s) with ineligible companies [\*\(as defined by the Standards for Integrity and Independence\)\*](#).

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**Amanda Simonton, PMHNP**

UT Austin School of Nursing

Amanda J. Simonton, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner at the Texas Child Study Center at Dell Children's Medical Center. She has been a Registered Nurse since 2013 and previously worked in the Intermediate Care Unit at Seton Medical Center Austin and Psychiatric Emergency Department at University Medical Center Brackenridge. As a psychiatric nurse practitioner, she has primarily worked with adults with dual-diagnosed (substance use and mental health) disorders and with children and adolescents. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing ('13), Master of Science in Nursing ('18), and Doctor of Philosophy ('20) through the School of Nursing at the University of Texas at Austin. She is active in presenting at the annual conferences for Texas Nurse Practitioners and the American Psychiatric Nurses Association. She is currently on the Policy Council for Texas Nurse Practitioners and the President-Elect on the American Psychiatric Nurses Association Texas Chapter Board of Directors. Dr. Simonton is also a member of two steering committees, which focus on treatment of schizophrenia spectrum disorders and bipolar depression, for Medscape Inc. Her research and clinical interests are to improve the lives of individuals with substance use disorders and serious mental illness by utilizing evidence-based care and best-practices in the field of psychiatry and psychology.

Disclosure: Amanda Simonton has disclosed the following financial relationship(s) with ineligible companies: Consultant with Alkermes, Inc., Wed MD, and Medscape Inc. [\*\(as defined by the Standards for Integrity and Independence\)\*](#).

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## Disclosure Review Process

**Review of Conflicts Policy:** The UT Austin College of Pharmacy has a very strict policy to ensure against commercial conflicts of interest in CE programming. For this conference, the planning committee picks two committee members who have appropriate backgrounds to review content, and report any potential conflict of interest to the CPE Director. If conflict issues are discovered, they are addressed with committee members and speakers to make appropriate changes. Evaluations are collected from all participants with specific questions around the listed conflicts of commercial interest.

In addition, the review process requires a Resolution of Conflict of Interest Form recording the approach for each member who discloses a potential financial relationship. Resolution includes a full disclosure of relationships to attendees and committee to ensure no bias during planning. Speakers and committee with relationship disclosures may not review content related to the relationship, and must be accompanied in review by peer members without a relationship. Disclosures and policies are posted on event websites and learners have the opportunity to view disclosures and comment through evaluations. Peer review must ensure that 1) all practice recommendations involving clinical medicine are based on evidence that is accepted within the profession of medicine as adequate justification for indications and contradictions in the care of patients; and 2) all scientific research referred to, reported or used in the CME activity in support or justification of patient care recommendations conforms to the generally accepted standards of experimental design, data collection and analysis.