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Tom Allen, MD, Fellow, IOMC & Executive Medical Director, BCBS of IL

Dr. Tom Allen currently is an Executive Medical Director of Behavioral Health, Government Programs, at Health Care Service Corporation, and chief psychiatrist for the BCBS Medicaid program in Illinois. After graduating from college at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, he completed medical school, along with a residency in psychiatry and a fellowship in hospice and palliative medicine, at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago. He worked for approximately ten years as a psychiatrist in community mental health and private practice before transitioning to managed care. He is board-certified in both psychiatry and hospice and palliative medicine.

Tariq Butt, MD, VP of Health Affairs, ACCESS Community Health Network

Dr. Tariq Butt has served in his current position since 2013 and has been on the frontlines of community-based healthcare delivery as a board-certified family physician, administrator, and advocate for the underserved. He leads critical government relations initiatives to support ACCESS' mission and advocate for vulnerable patient populations. His commitment to quality health care in Illinois is evident through his leadership on influential health policy and physician committees, which includes being the President of the Chicago Medical Society, a member of the Government Affairs Committee for the Illinois State Medical Society, and a clinical consultant for the Bureau of Medicaid Integrity. Dr. Butt has also been an active member of Chicago's civic and philanthropic communities for decades, serving on several foundations including the Otho S. A. Sprague Memorial and the Portes Foundation. In addition to his passion for health care, Dr. Butt is a champion for public education, serving for more than 20 years on the Chicago Board of Education, and is a former director of the Illinois Association of School Boards.

Kiran Joshi, MD, MPH, Sr. Medical Officer, Cook County Dept. Public Health

Dr. Kiran Joshi is the Senior Medical Officer at the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH), where he oversees the department's Behavioral Health, Emergency Preparedness, and Epidemiology Units. He is also an Attending Physician with the Department of Family Medicine at Stroger Hospital. From 2020 – 2022, he co-led CCDPH and Cook County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Joshi is currently an Assistant Professor of Clinical Family Medicine at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Prior to this, Dr. Joshi was a faculty attending physician at the Northwestern McGaw Family Medicine Residency Program and worked as a consultant to the World Health Organization, where he provided technical assistance in the development of training for health workers in sub-Saharan Africa. In 2021, Dr. Joshi was recognized by the Institute of Medicine Chicago with an award for his leadership in public health during the COVID-19 pandemic. He is committed to advancing health equity in suburban Cook County.



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Mark G. Mulroe, JD, MBA-HM, President, A Safe Haven Foundation

Mark G. Mulroe, an energetic social entrepreneur, assumed the presidency of A Safe Haven Foundation in October 2022. Prior to becoming President, he spearheaded A Safe Haven's Programs and Operations for over 25 years while serving as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. In addition to stepping up to the helm as A Safe Haven's new President, he currently serves as President of the Chicago Christian Industrial League and Manager of A Safe Haven, L.L.C. He possesses a wealth of knowledge and practical experience in the fields of health and human services, mental health and substance use disorders, educational programming, and affordable housing development. He is a leader in nurturing partnerships based on shared values and building organizations committed to the mission and focused on results. He was at the forefront, and a key player, in helping to facilitate A Safe Haven Foundation's merger and incubation of the Chicago Christian Industrial League in 2009 and the subsequent expansion to emergency shelters and housing providers as A Safe Haven scaled its programs and expanded its reach.

Lorenzo Pence, DO, President-Elect, Institute of Medicine of Chicago & SVP, Osteopathic Accreditation, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)

Currently serving as the Secretary of IOMC for the past two years, Dr. Pence is the Senior Vice President for Osteopathic Accreditation at the ACGME. He joined the ACGME in 2015 as Senior Vice President, Osteopathic Accreditation, overseeing the staff that supports the new Osteopathic Principles Committee and the Review Committee for Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine. Prior to that, he was with the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM), where he served as VP of Academic Affairs and Dean, VP, Graduate Medical Education, and Rural Outreach, Associate Dean, Graduate Medical Education, and Professor of Family Medicine. His experience includes solo and group practice in rural, inner-city, and urban environments. He completed an AOA Health Policy Fellowship from Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine and Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He has many professional interests, including health policy, rural medicine, and physician access/placement.

Lee Rusch, MA, Director, West Side Heroin/Opioid Task Force

Lee Rusch currently serves as the Director of the West Side Heroin/Opioid Task Force through the auspices of Prevention Partnership, Inc. He has enjoyed a long career in the human service field with a primary focus on youth work and prevention. His experiences cut across a number of disciplines, including juvenile justice, counseling, prevention and education, harm reduction, and training/facilitation. He was one of the co-founders of the Prevention Partnership, Inc, established in 1986.

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