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Speaker Bios

Michael Holcomb is the associate director for information technology and the interim director for the Arizona Telemedicine Program. He has 24 years of experience working with telemedicine and telehealth technologies. He serves as a technology expert for the Southwest Telehealth Resource Center and is a former chair of the American Telemedicine Association Technology Special Interest Group.

Janet Major is the Associate Director for Innovation & Digital Health for the Arizona Telemedicine Program (ATP) and the Southwest Telehealth Resource Center (SWTRC). She earned her B.S. Degree in Telecommunications from Northern Arizona University and has worked at the University of Arizona for 35 years. She has been an integral part of the Arizona Telemedicine Program since it began over 25 years ago and serves on the Executive Team.

She has served as a leader for several statewide and national organizations that promote and support recruiting, training and preparing the healthcare workforce of the future. She is the past Chair for the mHealth, Technology & Distance Learning Special Interest Group of the American Telemedicine Association and continues to serve as a leader in the telemedicine technology community. She has always been highly active in the telecommunications network of experts in Arizona as an Associate Board Member of ATIC: the Arizona Telecommunications and Information Council and as an active advocate for broadband for the southwest including our neighboring states. She served on the Arizona Broadband Task Force that created our Strategic Broadband Plan for Arizona, participates in the Arizona Broadband Stakeholder Network as well as the Arizona Covid-19 Digital Access Task Force. Ms. Major has also served on the Board of Directors for the United States Distance Learning Association including the roles of President and Chair while representing the telehealth constituency for over ten years.

Elizabeth A Krupinski, PhD is a professor at Emory University in the Department of Radiology & Imaging Sciences and is vice-chair of research. She is also Associate Director of Evaluation for the Arizona Telemedicine Program and Director of the federally-funded Southwest Telehealth Resource Center, headquartered at the University of Arizona. She is past president of the American Telemedicine Association, president of the Medical Image Perception Society, and past chair of the Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine. She serves regularly as a grant reviewer for the National Institutes of Health, Department of Defense, and other federal, state, and international funding agencies and has served as a member of a number of Food and Drug Administration review panels. Dr. Krupinski has been doing research, and publishing scholarly on telemedicine papers, together for over 25 years. Dr. Krupinski frequently commutes back and forth “virtually” between Tucson and Atlanta over Zoom.

Daniel Derksen, MD, is the University of Arizona Health Sciences Associate Vice President for Health Equity, Outreach & Interprofessional Activities. He is a tenured Professor of Public Health in the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health with joint appointments in the College of Medicine and the College of Nursing. His current service, education and research activities include informing legislative,



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regulatory and program policy to improve access to health care and health insurance coverage; narrowing health disparities; developing, implementing and evaluating interprofessional service-learning sites; and working to assure a well-trained and distributed health workforce to meet the health needs of all Arizonans.

Jennifer J. Burns, JD, MPA

Jennifer J. Burns serves as the Senior Director for Government & Media Relations at the Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers since August of 2021. She leads federal and state advocacy efforts on behalf of the 23 Community Health Centers across rural and medically underserved Arizona.

Previously, Jennifer served as an Arizona State Representative from 2003 – 2009, representing much of rural Southern Arizona. She served as the Higher Education Committee Chair, Appropriations Vice-Chair, Health Committee Vice-Chair and on other committees over the course of her six years in the Legislature.

Following the Legislature, Jennifer worked as a Government Relations Consultant with MHC Healthcare and the Marana Chamber of Commerce, as well as on other projects. Jennifer holds several degrees from The University of Arizona.

Amanda Aguirre, President & CEO, Former Arizona State Senator Amanda Aguirre presently serves in the capacity of President & CEO of the Regional Center for Border Health, Inc. since 1991 and its subsidiary San Luis Walk-In Clinic, Inc., a primary care rural health medical center. Ms. Aguirre has been involved for more than 35 years in health care and business administration. She possesses a life-long commitment to education and in 2007 she established a licensed post-secondary vocational training center in the area of allied health training, which has generated job opportunities for over 3,000 individuals. Ms. Aguirre has built these corporations that have become multi-million dollar corporations providing employment for 435 employees in a slow recovering economy. Ms. Aguirre also worked for Arizona Western College from 1995-1999 as the South Yuma County Campus Director.

Ms. Aguirre has lived in Yuma, Arizona for the last 30 years. Her commitment to education is lifelong since she was raised by parents who both were elementary school teachers. Her Democratic values come from her parent who taught her to work hard and to serve her community before everything else. Ms. Aguirre holds a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry from the University of Sonora in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. In 1981 received her Master Degree from the California State University in Los Angeles, California with emphasis in Nutrition and Dietetics.

In April 2013, Ms. Aguirre completed a Certificate Program in Executive Leadership for Healthcare Professionals at Cornell University (online). In July 2005 Ms. Aguirre completed a Training Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA



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Member of:

- In January 2018, Ms. Aguirre was invited to join the Advanced Nursing Education Workforce (ANEW) Advisory Committee by the University of Arizona
- In December 2017 became member of the NAU Advisory Committee for the Southwest Health Equity Research Collaborative (SHERC).

In October 2016 Ms. Aguirre joined the Morrison Institute Distinguished Fellow, Arizona State University

Carrie Foote serves as the Associate Director for the Arizona Telemedicine Program and the Program Administrator for the Southwest Telehealth Resource Center. She started working with rural communities throughout Southern Arizona in March of 2020. Her primary mandate involved spearheading the transition of a regional non-profit mental health agency from traditional in-person services to telehealth platforms across six geographically dispersed rural areas. Within this project, Ms. Foote secured critical grants to facilitate the acquisition of technology assets and broadband infrastructure, particularly for individuals facing financial constraints. Her efforts were instrumental in bridging the digital divide and ensuring equitable access to essential mental health services within these underserved communities.

Furthermore, Ms. Foote's extensive background in healthcare operations, exemplified by her tenure as a Chief Operating Officer and a Chief Compliance Officer, gives her a comprehensive understanding of regulatory compliance, the intricacies involved in managing day-to-day healthcare functions, and the importance of seamless patient experiences.

Her experience working with government agencies and health insurance plans, as well as liaising with multiple organizations, has equipped her with the skills to navigate complex systems and solve systemic