David Brems, DNP, MHA
Operations Director, Telehealth
Intermountain Health, Desert Region

David has worked at Intermountain Health for the last ten years in both clinical and telehealth roles. David spent his first years as an RN at Intermountain Medical Center as an ED Trauma Nurse. After a couple of years, David was assigned to be the Nurse Manager at the Emergency Department at Intermountain Health LDS Hospital. While working at LDS Hospital David was introduced to telehealth and worked on innovative ways to improve patient flow. One of those projects, RN to RN Virtual Handoff Report, sparked his excitement into the telehealth world. Soon after, David transitioned into another nurse manager role for Intermountain Health's Remote Patient Monitoring and Tele Critical Care teams. After several years in that role, David recently moved to the Las Vegas area to start up Intermountain Health's telehealth team in the Desert Region (SW Utah and Nevada markets), as an operations director. David now spends his time building up telehealth services for both the acute and medical groups for Intermountain Health's Desert Region.

Keith Clark, CHHP
Director of Rural Programs, Office of Statewide Initiatives
University of Nevada – Reno, School of Medicine

Prior to his current position as Frontier AHEC Director / Director of Rural Programs, which includes managing the Nevada Health Service Corps at the University of Nevada Reno's School of Medicine, Keith Clark spent over twenty years in the healthcare industry. During much of his tenure he managed the Nevada Blue Cross and Blue Shield operations as Senior Nevada Officer & Vice President of Nevada. Upon leaving the insurance field, Clark put his experience to work benefiting hospitals, doctors and others who care for the underserved throughout rural Nevada.

A graduate of the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) Leadership Institute, Clark served two terms on the organization's Board of Directors. Further, he served three terms as a member of the Board of Directors of 3RNet, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to healthcare recruitment in rural and underserved communities, one of those terms as Board President. Locally, Clark was also appointed to the Nevada Telecommunications Advisory Council under Governor Sandoval and was reappointed by Governor Sisolak. He is a Certified Rural Health Clinic Professional (CRHCP).

Melanie Esher, MAdm
Distant Education & Event Coordinator
Arizona Telemedicine Program and Southwest Telehealth Resource Center

Melanie is the Distance Education and Event Coordinator for the Arizona Telemedicine Program and Southwest Telehealth Resource Center. She received her Master of Administration with an emphasis in both Project Management and Construction Management through Northern Arizona University, and her Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from the University of Minnesota. She has extensive experience coordinating educational conferences and training events over the course of her career for both private and public organizations.

Troy Jorgensen, BS
Senior Program Manager
Project ECHO-Nevada

Troy is the Senior Program Manager with Project ECHO Nevada at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine. Troy has worked on ECHO in Nevada for over seven years, starting as a Program Coordinator and working his way up into his current role. As a native Nevadan, he believes strongly in the mission of ECHO to maximize scarce resources for the betterment-of-all across the state. Troy has a Bachelor's in Community Health Sciences from the University of Nevada, Reno and is currently completing his master's in healthcare administration at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Elizabeth Krupinski, PhD, FATA
Director
Southwest Telehealth Resource Center

Dr. Krupinski 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 for over 30 years. Dr. Krupinski frequently commutes back and forth "virtually" between Tucson and Atlanta over Zoom.

Janet Major, BS
Associate Director for Innovation and Digital Health
Arizona Telemedicine Program and Southwest Telehealth Resource Center

Janet is the Associate Director for Innovation & Digital Health for the Arizona Telemedicine Program (ATP) and the Southwest Telehealth Resource Center (SWTRC). Her role includes the planning, development and installation of teleconferencing and telemedicine technology used for providing telemedicine services in a wide variety of locations. She provides training for all levels of healthcare professionals in the effective use of technology for clinical and educational applications used for both LIVE interactive and store-and-forward applications. She has served as a leader for several statewide and national organizations with an emphasis on those 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 served as President and Chair of the United States Distance Learning Association. Ms. Major has been active throughout her career with the network of telecommunications experts in the southwest and actively participates as an Associate Board Member of ATIC: the Arizona Telecommunications and Information Council. She is an enthusiastic advocate for improving broadband access for the tribal communities in Arizona supporting the growth of telehealth in Arizona and our neighboring states.

Corie Nieto, MBA
Director of Telehealth Services
Nevada Health Centers

Corie joined Nevada Health Centers in 2018, with seven years experience building telehealth programs across Nevada, including patient, family, and caregiver video education, direct-to-consumer primary and urgent care, clinic-based primary and specialty care; hospital-based care (including tele-psych and tele-stroke); hospice, home health, rehab, skilled nursing, and remote patient monitoring. Corie works alongside the clinical and operational teams at Nevada Health Centers to develop, deploy, and manage the telehealth strategy. She leads several telehealth workgroups and oversight committees and is the champion of telehealth throughout the organization. In her spare time, Corie loves golfing and traveling.

Blayne Osborn
President
Nevada Rural Hospital Partners

Blayne joined NRHP in July of 2015. Coming over from the Nevada Legislature, where he most recently served as Committee Manager for the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, Blayne brings a wealth of knowledge regarding state politics, statutes, and regulations. A native Nevadan, Blayne graduated in 2012 from the University of Nevada, Reno with his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management. Blayne has now completed four sessions and three special sessions at the Nevada Legislature and has also worked for the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services.

Blayne is working for NRHP as a Research Analyst. In addition to monitoring the various interim committees of the legislature, Blayne researches any and all proposed regulations by the many professional boards in Nevada. As well as assisting in the day-to-day operations at NRHP, Blayne is also involved in the implementation of several of our various grant projects.

John Packham, PhD
Associate Dean for the Office of Statewide Initiatives
University of Nevada – Reno, School of Medicine

Dr. Packham received his BA and MA degrees in sociology from the University of Oklahoma, and a PhD in sociology from Johns Hopkins University in 1992. He was a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow with the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and the Örebro County Council, Örebro, Sweden in 1993.

As Co-Director of the Nevada Health Workforce Research Center in the Office of Statewide Initiatives, he has co-authored nearly 100 policy-relevant, statewide research reports, including ten editions of the Nevada Rural and Frontier Health Data Book and five editions of Health Care Careers in Nevada. Dr. Packham is a frequent speaker on health care policy and public health issues facing Nevada and is regularly asked to testify on health policy issues being addressed by state and local policymakers.

For over two decades, Dr. Packham has served on numerous statewide and national boards, advisory councils, and commissions including Governor Sisolak's Patient Protection Commission, Nevada Public Health Association, Access to Healthcare Network, Nevada Public Employee Benefits Program (PEBP), Health Services and Medical Care Sector Council of the Governor's Workforce Investment Board, Nevada Insurance Commissioner's Network Adequacy Advisory Council, Nevada Chronic Disease Leadership Team, Nevada Tobacco Prevention Coalition, and National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health.

Tara Sklar, JD, MPH
Associate Director for Telehealth Law & Policy
Arizona Telemedicine Program

Professor Tara Sklar is the Faculty Director of the Health Law & Policy Program and a Distinguished Public Service Scholar at Arizona Law. She also holds appointments as Associate Director of Telehealth Law & Policy at the Arizona Telemedicine Program, College of Medicine-Tucson, and as a Senior Advisor with Innovations in Healthy Aging at the University of Arizona Health Sciences. She currently serves as a subject matter expert on telehealth legal issues with the Southwest Telehealth Resource Center and with the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration in the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth. Sklar's teaching and research examine legal, regulatory, and ethical issues that arise in adapting to a diverse aging population, with a particular focus on digital health equity. She teaches courses on Telehealth Law & Policy and Aging Law & Policy at the University of Arizona.