# Winter Region 5 Collaborative Speaker Biographies February 10, 2021

# **Daisy Colin**

Daisy has over 9 years of experience working with abused children, teens and families of diverse backgrounds in collaboration with OC and LA County Social Services.

She received a Masters of Social Work with a concentration in children and families from Cal State University, Long Beach. Daisy has worked at OneLegacy for 2 years now. In addition to being the Donor Family Aftercare Department Manager, she also has the privilege of overseeing the OneLegacy Ambassador Program.

## **Crystal Soberg**

Crystal Soberg has been an Organ Family Services Coordinator for Lifesharing for 5 years. Before joining the OPO world, she worked as a Certified Child Life Specialist in Phoenix and Tennessee, primarily working in PICU, Palliative Care, Transplant and Trauma.

#### **Clarissa Thomas**

I am a "transplant" from St. Louis, Missouri to Salt Lake City, Utah. I have been working at Intermountain Medical Center for 2 ½ years, the past year with the kidney and liver transplant team. As a transplant social worker, I perform psychosocial assessments of both potential organ recipients and organ donors. Before and after transplant/donation I evaluate social and psychological factors that would interfere with surgery, hinder a patient's ability to care for the new organ, address any issues related to returning to post-operative life, and assess the extent of the patient's support network. I love working with these patients and traveling with them on difficult and often heroic journeys. In off-duty hours, singing, playing piano, skiing, sewing, hiking and camping are some of my passions.

#### Dana Stump, donor mom & Erika Heranic, heart recipient

OneLegacy Ambassadors Dana Stump and Erika Heranic have been advocating for organ, eye and tissue donation together since 2018. Combined, they have amassed more than 325 volunteer service hours and have touched countless hearts with their powerful stories and their passion for the life-saving cause that connects them

# Suzanne Reed, RN, CCTC, CPTC

Currently working as a Kidney transplant coordinator at UCSD for the past 6 years, prior to that worked as a Heart & Lung transplant coordinator also at UCSD for 10 years.

## **Ashley Cardenas, RN**

Ashley Cardenas is a Transplant Quality Specialist at UC San Diego Health; she has worked in transplantation and donation for the last 10 years.

#### Roya Sadeghi, RN, BSN.

Roya was born & raised in Iran and migrated to Canada in 1983. She received her RN degree from Algonquin College in Ottawa Canada in 1990 and began working at Toronto General Hospital. Roya worked as a nurse coordinator for a multi-organ transplant team. In 1998, she started as a charge nurse at USC and moved into the role of cardiothoracic coordinator in 2007. Roya has been a cardiothoracic coordinator at USC for the last 14 years and works in the lung transplant department currently. She completed her BSN degree in 2018 and credits the experience and knowledge she has to all the wonderful nurses she's had the privilege of working with.

## Suzanne Reed, RN, CCTC, CPTC

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## Jennifer Cabodi, RN, BSN, CPTC

Jennifer has been an RN for 20 years 12 years in Trauma Neuro ICU at various hospitals both Northern and Southern CA. She worked for OneLegacy as Procurement Transplant coordinator for 4 years then on to a Pre Liver Transplant Coordinator at Loma Linda University Health where I have been for the past 4 years.

## **Lucy Lawrence**

Lucy has been an RN for 20 years 12 years in Trauma Neuro ICU at various hospitals both Northern and Southern CA.

## PJ Geraghty, MBA, CPTC

PJ Geraghty is the Vice President of Clinical Services for Donor Network of Arizona. He has been attending Region V meetings for 17 years and notices that his net worth has increased significantly since we all stopped meeting in Nevada twice a year. He has been with DNA since 2003 and before that worked for LifeNet Health in Virginia and Washington Regional Transplant Community in Washington DC. He is a mediocre husband, a tolerant father of four (plus a loaner), a retired paramedic/firefighter, an avid Harley rider, and a diehard Cub fan. He has no financial disclosures but is always willing to entertain offers.

# Megan Mclenny, RN, BSN, CPTC

Megan McClenny has been practicing as an organ donation coordinator with DonorConnect beginning in 2017. Prior to that her nursing career started in a level one trauma emergency room and she then transitioned to a new career as an abdominal transplant coordinator in 2014. She enjoyed the fast-paced ER and found a new passion for transplant after working with that patient population. Being a donor coordinator has allowed her to combine her passion for ICU level care while promoting the life saving gift of transplant. Process improvements for organ donation have become a passion of Megan's through her time at DonorConnect. When not working she enjoys hanging out with her animals and

family, trail riding and competing with her horses, and the multitude of outdoor activities Utah has to offer.