Addressing Health Disparities Leadership Program
2018 Faculty Profiles

The Addressing Health Disparities Leadership Program is led by National Council staff and expert consultants who are nationally-recognized leadership development and health disparity experts. Below is additional information about the faculty for this year’s cohort:

Jeanne Supin, MA
President & CEO, Watauga Consulting, Inc.

For over 25 years, Jeanne Supin has guided behavioral health providers, authorities and payers through successful change and toward leadership, management and workforce excellence. She is skilled at helping seasoned and emerging leaders amplify strengths to create personal and professional transformation and to improve services, organizations, and systems of care. Her scope extends from programs and departments; whole organizations; and integrated organizations and stakeholders across a system, region, or state.

As President and CEO of Watauga Consulting, Inc., Ms. Supin’s consultancy offers consultation, technical assistance, training, and coaching in the following areas: leadership and management development; change management; professional discovery and development; managing across generations; self-care for leadership vitality; team excellence; workforce development and excellence; healthy conflict; affiliations and mergers; strategic planning; and needs assessments.

Jeanne holds a Master’s Degree in political science from the University of California Santa Barbara where she focused on political power, collective action and revolution, and public law. Despite the serious and weighty content of her work, Jeanne’s style is easy-going, open, collaborative, and joyful. She sees potential, illuminates vision, and will nudge her clients toward achieving what once seemed impossible.

Suganya Sockalingam, Ph.D.
Partner & Managing Member, Change Matrix, LLC

Dr. Suganya Sockalingam is a Partner and Managing Member of Change Matrix, LLC a small minority and women owned disadvantaged business that works to motivate, manage and measure systems change. Change Matrix supports agencies to address diversity, cultural and linguistic competence, cross-cultural communication, as well as leadership, collaboration, and conflict management.

Currently, Dr. Sockalingam serves as a training and technical assistance liaison and provider for several technical assistance centers, including: the Now is The Time TA Center, and the Center for Integrated Health Services funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, (SAMHSA) and the Home Visiting Improvement Action Team (HV-ImpACT) funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau.
Mohini Venkatesh, MPH  
*Vice President of Business Strategy, National Council for Behavioral Health*

Mohini Venkatesh is a passionate advocate for systems-level change. Ms. Venkatesh leads some of the industry’s strongest practice improvement and leadership programs designed to transform clinical and business strategies to meet ever-changing needs, including the Executive Leadership Program, Advancing Standards of Care for People with Bipolar Disorder, and the National Council’s scope for SAMHSA’s BHbusiness Initiative. As a national policy expert, Ms. Venkatesh conducts legislative analysis on the most pressing issues, including health reform, and offers analytic and advocacy advice to National Council members and state and regional associations across the country. Ms. Venkatesh particularly champions mid-level and rising-star leaders as the future of behavioral health, and is the catalyst behind national programs such as the Middle Management Academy, Young Leaders Program, and Addressing Health Disparities Leadership Program.

Prior to joining the National Council, Ms. Venkatesh worked in the field in a hospital-based psychiatric unit, several social service non-profit organizations, and a state association advocating for community behavioral services. Ms. Venkatesh is the board vice-chair for a community behavioral health organization in Washington, DC and recently completed a fellowship with the Non-Profit Roundtable’s Future Executive Directors Program. She received a Master’s in Public Health from Yale University and a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Shelina Foderingham, MPH, MSW  
*Assistant Vice President of Practice Improvement, National Council for Behavioral Health*

Shelina Foderingham is a public health social work professional who serves as an Assistant Vice President of Practice Improvement at the National Council for Behavioral Health where she manages the organization’s public health portfolio as well as supporting the department’s strategic planning. She serves as the Program Director on various CDC-funded initiatives including the National Behavioral Health Network for Tobacco & Cancer Control and the Office for State, Tribal and Territorial Support’s Capacity Building Assistance for Public Health Professionals cooperative agreement. Ms. Foderingham serves as faculty for practice improvement projects focused on primary-behavioral health integration, health information technology (HIT) and clinical quality improvement. Prior to joining the National Council, she spent over seven years providing training and technical assistance to supporting health systems transformation efforts across Louisiana and the United States Gulf Coast. She holds a dual Masters in Social Work and Public Health from Tulane University and a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Psychology from Xavier University of Louisiana.
Dana Lange, BA
Senior Project Coordinator of Practice Improvement, National Council for Behavioral Health

Dana Lange serves as a Senior Project Coordinator of Practice Improvement at the National Council for Behavioral Health. In addition to managing activities for the Addressing Health Disparities Leadership Program, Dana also works on the Middle Management Academy, another National Council leadership training program designed to help mid-level managers in behavioral health care maximize their supervision skills and organizational contributions. Her portfolio also includes two SAMSHA-funded projects, two adolescent substance use initiatives, and a trauma-informed care learning community. Prior to joining the National Council, Dana held positions in state government, public affairs and the non-profit field in Madison, WI and Washington, DC. Dana holds a Bachelor of Arts dual degree in Political Science and Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.