



## OAC Steering Committee



### **Jana Bitton**

#### **Co-Lead, Oregon Center for Nursing**

Jana Bitton serves as the executive director of the Oregon Center for Nursing, and as the co-lead of the Oregon Action Coalition. Her work in nursing began in 2009 when she joined OCN as a Program Manager leading the Nurturing Cultural Competence in Nursing program, an initiative funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Northwest Health Foundation. As the NCCN program work came to a close, Jana moved in the role of Program Director of the StudentMAX® Clinical Placement Program. This software program is used throughout the nation to facilitate the work of schools and clinical sites in arranging student clinical placements. Jana led the program through a significant technological overhaul, and helped with the transfer of the program into a for-profit organization. Jana also served as Development Director at OCN before accepting the role of Executive Director.

A native of the Portland area, Jana has a Bachelor's degree in Journalism from California State University, Northridge, and a Master's of Public Administration from Portland State University. Jana has a background in marketing, nonprofit management and local government. She has worked as a fundraiser for the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, a research assistant with the Executive Leadership Institute at Portland State University, and a marketing coordinator for the City of Palmdale.

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### **Tom Engle**

#### **Co-Lead, Oregon Public Health Association**

Tom Engle is mostly retired. He has experience as a psychiatric nurse practitioner, a county health director, and as community liaison at the state health division. Currently he is involved in a number of activities to support the nursing field – the Oregon Action Coalition, the Alliances of Nurses for a Healthy Environment, the Oregon Public Health Association Nursing and Healthy Environment sections, and the Washington County Public Health Advisory Board.

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**Dana Bjarnason, PhD, RN, NE-BC**  
**Health System Representative**  
**Chair, Communication Workgroup**  
**Vice President/Chief Nursing Officer, OHSU Healthcare**  
**Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, OHSU School of Nursing**

In addition to the Oregon Action Coalition, Dr. Bjarnason is active in a number of professional nursing organizations including Sigma Theta Tau International and the American Nurses Association. She regularly presents at the local, state and national level and has authored and edited peer-reviewed articles for professional journals. Her doctoral dissertation explored the relationship between nurse religiosity and end-of-life care, which built on her master's thesis, which sought to provide insight to further understanding and enhancing the nurse-patient dialogue related to end of life. An ongoing commitment throughout her career has been to work with nurses to create environments that enhance the quality and safety of patient care. Her scholarly interests include end-of-life care, moral leadership, professional practice and diversity.  
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**Gladys M Campbell, RN, MSN, FAAN**  
**Nursing Organization Representative**  
**Chair, Leadership Workgroup**  
**CEO, Northwest Organization of Nurse Executives**

While currently serving as the CEO of the Northwest Organization of Nurse Executives, Gladys has had progressive leadership roles within the acute care practice arena, from Chief Nurse Executive, to Service Line Leadership, Executive Director of a Research Institute, and front line care provision. She has worked in the Northwest, Northeast, and Southeast over the course of her career and spent two decades as a Commissioned Officer in the United States Public Health Service at the National Institutes of Health.

She is a Past President of the American Association of Critical Care Nursing, a past fellow in the College of Critical Care Medicine, a past member of the Board of Directors of the Certification Corporation of AACN and a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. She has been a member of the Editorial Board of Clinical Issues in Critical Care, a columnist for Nursing Management, and a clinical research mentor in a variety of service settings. Gladys' passions include a commitment to leadership development in nursing, service setting research, and a helping nurse leaders find and use their voice for civic good through policy and advocacy.

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**Jake Creviston, RN, MN, PMHNP, DNP-Student**  
**Graduate-Student Representative**  
**Member, Communications Workgroup**  
**Member, Leadership Workgroup**

After the Coast Guard where he served as a search and rescue boat captain and responded to 9/11, Jake pursued nursing. He has served in numerous leadership roles since e.g., student President, Linfield School of Nursing, President, Sigma Theta Tau, Xi Mu Chapter, etc. He was an ICU charge nurse, has conducted nursing missions to Africa, and is an integrative care psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner. His doctoral study is on nurse policy engagement.

In 2014, Jake received the Breakthrough Leader in Nursing award charging him as an ambassador for the Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action (CFA). He is also a national communications committee member for 10kNurses, the CFA's endeavor to place 10,000 nurses on boards by 2020.

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**Renee' Menkens, RN, MS**  
**Rural Representative**  
**Faculty, OHSU School of Nursing**  
**RNBS Completion Program**

Ms. Menkens as a member of the Oregon Action Steering Committee brings a focus on rural health issues to this role. She is a member of the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education Curriculum Committee, teaches in an online baccalaureate nursing program at OHSU School of Nursing, and co-chairs the OHSU School of Nursing Undergraduate Academic Council. She serves as a member of the Coos County Community Health Improvement Plan Steering Committee. She is involved in the development of the OHSU Rural Health Campus initiative in Coos Bay, Oregon, works as an on-call RN at Bay Areas Hospital Acute Psychiatric Unit and is active in the local Coordinated Care Community Advisory Council. Her interests are in teaching and mental health and community health care.

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**Susan Bakewell-Sachs, PhD, RN, PNP-BC, FAAN**

**Nursing School Administration/Faculty OCD Representative**

**Dean and Vice President for Nursing Affairs, OHSU School of Nursing**

Dr. Susan Bakewell-Sachs was appointed Dean and Vice President for Nursing Affairs at Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing in July 2013.

She received her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Pittsburgh, a master's degree in perinatal/neonatal nursing and a PhD in nursing and health policy from the University of Pennsylvania. In 1995, she completed a PNP post-master's certificate in pediatric acute/chronic care from the University of Pennsylvania. She was selected as a 2007-2010 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellow, and also served as the director of the New Jersey Nursing Initiative (NJNI) from 2007-2013. Dr. Bakewell-Sachs was inducted as a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing in 2013.

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**Edward Brewington**

**At-Large Representative**

Edward Brewington is a volunteer with AARP of Oregon and a member of the Executive Council.

Currently, an Adjunct Faculty member in the Graduate Business School with Marylhurst University.

Subject matter focus: Organizational Behavior and Leading Change.

Professional business experiences include forty years with several corporations, as well as over twenty years teaching at the college level.

At IBM, he held positions in sales, marketing, human resources, executive and leadership development. His last position at IBM was Director of Leadership Development. His positions at Times Mirror included Director of Organizational Development and Vice President of Human Resources. At KinderCare (Knowledge Universe) he was Senior Vice President, Human Resources, Education and Customer Service.

Recipient of numerous awards for significant contributions, as well as being honored by Long Island University as a distinguished alumnus.

A lifetime volunteer, having served numerous organizations in a variety of roles, including board chair.

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**Jordan Ferris, RN, BSN, CMSRN**

**At-Large Representative**

I have just recently begun my work at ONA as a Nurse Practice Consultant. Prior to starting at ONA I worked in the Acute Care Float Pool, floating to 14 difference units, at OHSU for 7.5 years. I graduated with honors from Walla Walla University in 2006 and have plans to pursue an advanced degree by 2016.

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**Judith Ulibarri RN, BSN HWNC-BC**

**Practice Representative**

**Integrative Nurse Coach**

Ms. Ulibarri is a Holistic Registered Nurse with a medical and mental health background. She has specialized education and experience as a Health and Wellness Nurse Coach. She understands wellness occurs when the whole body (body, mind and spirit) are cared for and honored. Ms. Ulibarri works at the Portland VA Medical Center in the Caregiver Support Program working with Veterans and their Caregivers at a various stages of their healing and recovery, offering knowledge and evidenced based practices to support their wellbeing. Ms. Ulibarri is active in the Nursing community working in the areas of leadership, nurse renewal and mentoring. She is a strong proponent of health promotion and disease prevention, recognizing the wholeness of one's self. When she is not sharing health and wellness practices you can find her spending time in the outdoors, playing with her grandchildren, or enjoying her love for food as medicine.

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**Emily Goerke, CRNA, MNA**

**Practice Representative**

Emily Goerke is a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA). CRNAs have been administering anesthesia in all areas of Oregon; metropolitan, rural and critical access hospitals, for over 100 years. Emily is currently the government relations committee chair for the Oregon Association of Nurse Anesthetists (ORANA) and is acting as the ORANA representative for the Oregon Action Coalition. Emily is committed to removing barriers to allow nurses to practice at the full extent of their education and committed to top-level nursing care for all Oregonians.

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**Elaine Keavney, MSN, RN**

**At-Large Representative**

**American Public University System**

**Practicum Coordinator, School of Health Sciences**

**Interim Nursing Program Director**

Ms. Keavney earned her BSN at the University of Portland and her MSN at St. Joseph College of Maine. After transitioning from emergency department nursing practice, she worked as a clinical nurse educator at both the department and system levels. She has taught in the online environment since 2003, and in 2010 assumed the role of program director for an online RN to BSN program. She works remotely and lives in Oregon City, OR.

She has been active in the Oregon Action Coalition since it began in early 2011, serving on the steering committee as a general member and as its secretary. She assumed the role of Education Work Group chair in the summer of 2015, and is eager to move forward with the work of advancing academic progression in Oregon.

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**Jessica Lenar**

**Non-nursing Organization Representative**

Jessica Lenar is the Commission's Patient Safety Consultant for hospitals and pharmacies. Jessica also directed the Commission's MDRO Quality Improvement Collaborative from October 2013 - July 2014. She has an extensive background in patient care and program coordination. Prior to joining the Commission in 2011, Jessica was the Office Manager for the Epilepsy Program at Oregon Health & Science University. She holds a BS from Pennsylvania State University in Health and Human Development and is working toward a degree in Business Administration.

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**Janna Boren**

**Undergraduate Student Representative**

In her final year of nursing school at OHSU School of Nursing, Janna spends her extracurricular time working with local and national student nurse organizations to better the leadership opportunities students experience as they develop as future nurses. As the Oregon Student Nurses' Association President, Janna has led a hardworking and creative Board of Directors who developed and well organized and growing student led non-profit. Janna also works with National Student Nurses Association as the Community of State Presidents Chair and as the Boards Ex-Officio Director. In her role with the NSNA, she organizes a bi-annual meeting for the nation's fifty student nurse association state presidents. The Community State of Presidents convene and share new and innovative ideas about developing student nurse leaders across the country. Janna also works with multiple other interprofessional student organizations including the OHSU All Hill Student Council, Nursing Students Without Borders, Student Nurses Association of the OHSU Portland Chapter as the Co-Professional Development Representative and former Vice President, and is an OHSU Student Ambassador. Along with working as a Student Nurse Technician at the Portland Veterans Hospital, she recently started her senior internship in the Medical ICU at OHSU and is looking forward to continuing her career as a critical care nurse.

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