

## **Drema Mace Hill**

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Born and raised in rural Boone County, West Virginia, I am a product of the Appalachian culture. A leader in public health in West Virginia, I serve as the VP for Community Engagement & Development at the WV School of Osteopathic Medicine. I lead a team of health professionals that provide Outreach, Education and community engaged research projects statewide through innovative programs and collaborative partnerships. I am active locally, statewide, nationally and internationally in public health organizations, associations and work groups that support parity, inclusion and representation for all people. I have 35 years of experience in public health, with 25 years in public health administration

### **Education/Training**

- B.S. Psychology and Sociology West Virginia State University, Institute, WV
- M.S. Public Service Management Cumberland University, Lebanon, TN
- PhD. Human Services with Specialty in Health Care Administration, Capella University/Vanderbilt University IRB, Nashville, TN

### **Positions and Honors**

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1980-1989	Social Worker 2, Pediatric Division, Office of Maternal Child & Family Health, West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, Charleston, WV
1989-1997	Director, AIDS Program/Office of Rural Health Policy, West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, Charleston, WV
1997-2003	Section Chief, Infectious Diseases, Tennessee Department of Health, Nashville, TN
2004-2010	CEO, Nashville Health Management Foundation & Comprehensive Care Center, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2010-2014	Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services, West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, Charleston, WV
2014-2016	Executive Director, Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Health Department, Parkersburg, WV
2016-2019	Assistant Professor, Department of Clinical Education & Executive Director, Center for Rural & Community Health, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM), Lewisburg, WV
2019-present	Vice-President for Community Engagement & Development, WVSOM, Lewisburg, WV

#### **Other Experience and Professional Memberships**

1991-2002	Member (1991-1999) and Executive Committee Member (1999-2002), National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors
1994-Present	Member, WV Public Health Association
2001-2010	Member, Southern AIDS Coalition
2003-Present	Member, WV Rural Health Association
2011-2014	Executive Board Member, Committee for the Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems
2011-2014	Member, National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Organizations
2011-2014	Member, Emergency Medical Services Mid-Atlantic Council
2014-2016	Member, WV Association of Local Health Departments
2014-2016	Member, National Association of County and City Health Officials
2014-2016	Member, National Association of Boards of Health
2014-Present	Member, Health Care Administration Section, APHA Policy Committee
2015-Present	Member, Steering Committee, West Virginia Practice-Based Research Network, Morgantown, WV

2016-Present	Member, Steering Committee, West Virginia Clinical & Translational Science Institute, Morgantown, WV
2016-Present	Board Member, Carnegie Hall, Lewisburg, WV
2016-Present	Vice-Chair, Greenbrier County Board of Health, Ronceverte, WV
2017-2019	Chair, Steering Committee, Rural Response to Opioids
2017-Present	Steering Committee, Alliance for Economic Development in Southern WV
2018-Present	Chair, Community Advisory Board, West Virginia University Prevention Research Center, Morgantown, WV. (Member 2015-17 and Vice-Chair 2017-18)
2019-Present	Member, AACOM Substance Abuse Task Force
2020-Present	Board Member, WV Drug Intervention Institute, Inc.
2020-Present	Committee Member, Governor's Advisory Council on Substance Abuse & Prevention, Implementation Committee
2021-Present	Member, WV Bureau for Public Health ACE's WorkGroup

### **Honors**

1997-2000	Tennessee AIDS Centers of Excellence Award, Tennessee Department of Health, Nashville, TN
2002	Peer Quality Award, Cumberland University, Lebanon, TN
2003	Neil Diehl Award for Excellence in HIV/AIDS Care & Treatment, Vanderbilt Comprehensive Care Center, Nashville, TN
2016	Excellence in Rural Health Award, West Virginia Rural Health Association

### **Contribution to Science**

1. My career has focused on working with communities to develop models of prevention education and care/treatment to address infectious diseases, particularly HIV/AIDS & HCV. The HIV Youth Peer Education Curriculum was a 1999 partnership project with the WV Department of Education and resulted in a national model for youth peer education that is still in use. The 2000 Tennessee AIDS Centers of Excellence was a partnership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to develop and implement an integrated system of care for individuals living with HIV/AIDS. It resulted in a drastic change in statewide care and treatment for individuals living with HIV/AIDS and a manual that became a national model for care delivery that is still in use in Tennessee. During my tenure as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD), I brought together AIDS Directors from thirteen southern states to produce a document to make the argument that the AIDS epidemic had moved into the southern states, but the federal funding was still going to large metropolitan areas. This document was presented to Congress and resulted in the reallocation of federal Ryan White CARE Act Title II funds in the 2004 federal reauthorization of the CARE Act. A 2008 study of HIV/HCV co-morbidity was completed for my dissertation research. This study contributed to the body of knowledge showing that intervention in the electronic health record to remind infectious diseases specialists to refer co-morbid patients for HCV treatment significantly increased referral for treatment and HCV treatment in co-morbid patients.
  - a. HIV Youth Peer Education Curriculum
  - b. Tennessee AIDS Centers of Excellence Manual
  - c. Southern States Manifesto: HIV/AIDS in the South (March 2, 2002). Presented to United States Congress 2003 HIV/HCV co-morbidity:
  - d. A study of clinician referrals for treatment decision (2009). ISBN 9781109083019. Ann Arbor, US.
  
2. During my tenure as the Director for the Office of Emergency Medical Services, electronic patient care records were implemented in all ambulances statewide. We partnered with the University of North Carolina EMS Performance Improvement Center to create a data collection and data storage system to inform care for patients utilizing EMS services statewide. This publication was a description of that project and a look at data utilization.
  - a. Electronic Patient-Care Records Implemented for WV EMS. The WV Medical Journal. 107(1):43.

## Research Support and/or Scholastic Performance

### Ongoing Research Support

GCHA102218SH Greenbrier County Health Alliance (GCHA) Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation Community Engagement The purpose of this funding is to provide administrative oversight for the GCHA and to engage the Alliance in community participatory research. Role: Co-PI	Mace & Hurst (PIs)	01/11/2018-10/31/2021
14-197A-WVSOM; 3U48DP005004-04S1 West Virginia University Chronic Pain Self-Management This study was a randomized controlled trial of a community-based chronic pain self-management program in West Virginia. Role: PI	Mace & Hurst (PIs)	10/17/2017-09/29/2019
2UG3DA044825 NIDA Rural West Virginia Responds to Opioid Epidemics: from Data to Action The major goals of the initial 2 years (UG3 phase) of this 5-year project were to increase testing for HIV and hepatitis C, support the development of harm reduction programs, and estimate the regional prevalence of HIV and hepatitis C in 8 hard-hit southern counties, in preparation for a 3-year (UH3 phase) model based on these data to improve access and linkage of people who inject drugs to drug treatment, medical & mental health care Role: Site PI and Steering Committee Chair	Feinberg & Smith (PIs)	08/01/2017-07/31/2020
U54GM104942-02 NIGMS West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute The overall goal of the West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute (WVCTSI) IDeA CTR Program is to serve as a collaborative hub, leading statewide innovation in clinical and translational research to catalyze and accelerate the development of solutions to improve health disparity outcomes. Role: Sub-Award PI (WVSOM)	Hodder (PI)	07/01/2017-06/30/2022
2017-2021 SAPT DHHR Community Connections The goal of this projects is to provide opioid related services in Greenbrier County through schools, churches & community organizations. Role: PI	Mace (PI)	07/01/2016-06/30/2021
SOR Professional Development WV DHHR State Opioid Response The goal of these funds is to provide programmatic support, training and education for health care professionals working with patients with substance use disorder. Role: PI	Mace (PI)	1/1/2019-Current
SOR Prevention & Secondary Prevention WV DHHR State Opioid Response The goal of these funds is to provide prevention education and secondary prevention related ancillary/ wraparound services for individuals receiving medication assisted treatment for substance use disorder. Role: PI	Mace (PI)	10/1/2019-Current
SOR Technical Assistance	Mace (PI)	7/1/2019-10/31/2020

WV DHHR Bureau for Behavioral Health

The goal of these funds was to provide 29 statewide training sessions on various opioid related topics for behavioral health professionals.

Role: PI

SOR Treatment

McClung (PD)

10/1/2019 - Current

WV DHHR/Robert C. Byrd Clinic

The goal of these funds is to develop and implement a Hub & Spoke model for medication assisted treatment.

Role: Program Consultant

MOM Project

O'Connell (PI)

7/1/2020 - Current

Marshall University

The purpose of this collaborative project is to develop and disseminate guidelines for physicians relative to Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) infants in WV.

Role: PD

### **Completed Research Support**

SP022145

Mace

09/01/2019-08/31/2020

WV DHHS

Prescription Drug Overdose Program Toolkits (PDO)

The goal of this project is to replicate the Greenbrier County Opioid Prevention and Awareness Toolkit in other counties in West Virginia. To date, replication has occurred in the 10 hardest hit counties in WV. Currently, 6 regional toolkits were created for WV Prevention regions.

Role: PI