



2021 Continuing Competence Summit Speaker Biographies



PNCB Board Chair **Michael A. Maymi DNP, APRN, CPNP-AC, CCRN, CNE** is a Clinical Assistant Professor and Track Coordinator for the Pediatric Acute Care and Primary Care Programs at the University of Florida. His clinical practice is in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at UFHealth Shands Children's Hospital. He has been a pediatric nurse for the past 23 years with the last 10 years of experience as a nurse practitioner. He received his nursing diploma from Beebe School of Nursing, BSN at Florida State University, MSN at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and DNP at the University of Florida. Over the course of his nursing career, he has worked in various leadership positions as a clinical leader, Lead Nurse practitioner, and manager of advanced practice. He has participated in several pediatric cardiac surgery missions for children in Jamaica and the Dominican Republic. Throughout his career he has presented at local and national conferences.



PNCB Chief Executive Officer **Sheri Sesay-Tuffour, PhD, CAE** has more than 20 years of association leadership experience and is recognized as an accomplished, results-oriented health care executive with proven successes in spearheading strategic paradigm shifts that transform and drive organizational growth. She has served as CEO of the American College of Nurse-Midwives, vice president of operations at the Heart Rhythm Society, and executive director of the International Board of Heart Rhythm Examiners. Sheri is a member of the American Society of Association Executives Board of Directors and resides on the boards of the West Virginia State University Foundation, and the District of Columbia Historically Black Colleges and Universities Alumni Alliance. She presents regularly on topics of strategy, leadership, inclusion, and talent management. Sheri holds a doctorate degree in organizational leadership from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, an M.A. in science administration from Trinity Washington University, and a B.S. in communications from West Virginia State University.



PNCB Chief Credentialing Officer **Adele Foerster, MSN, RN, CPNP-PC/AC** oversees exam development including job task and role research for all four PNCB certifications. Ms. Foerster also develops and directs strategic initiatives for PNCB's robust portfolio of accredited continuing education products. She has guided a multi-year pioneering ethnographic research project assessing provider and stakeholder perceptions of RN/APRN continuing competence as well as specific competencies linked to RN career evolution. A 1977 graduate of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing and the University of Maryland, Ms. Foerster served as an Army Nurse in pediatric settings until 1998 and earned a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Certificate from Johns Hopkins University in 2000. Over the past four decades, her roles have included management, educator, and emergency department experience as well as pediatric home care, research data collection at Baltimore's Shock Trauma Units, nursing staff development, and faculty in the Family Nurse Practitioner program at Uniformed Services University. She has served PNCB since 2010.



Christopher Butcher is principal and Chief Innovation Officer at Heuristics Solutions. For the past 30 years, Christopher has helped organizations use technology to build competence as both an implementer and a consultant. As a consultant, he has led organizations to clarify their purpose and design paths for improved assessment. Christopher brings a multidisciplinary skillset to his work. While building Heuristic Solutions, he served for 17 years as a chaplain at Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, DC. He received a Masters of Divinity from Yale Divinity School in 1994. Christopher is a highly sought-after speaker on continuing competence at organizations such as CLEAR, ICE, and ATP. His work was recognized in 2017 by ICE through the ICE Service Award.



Debra Arnow, DNP, RN, NEA-BC is an experienced, transformational, senior nurse executive with success in leading an accomplished nursing team with demonstrated excellence in clinical outcomes, personnel, and financial performance for an acute care children’s hospital. She is accomplished in defining clinical nursing practice, developing a care delivery model, and providing leadership in establishing and implementing short- and long-range organizational goals, strategic plans, policies, and operating procedures. In addition, Dr. Arnow is an Associate Professor of Nursing and Academic Program Director of Nursing and Health Care Leadership at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing with teaching experience in health care economics, finance, and leadership. She is an alumna of the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellowship 2014-2017 and is board certified through the American Nurse Credentialing Center as a Nurse Executive. She serves on the PNCB Board of Directors as Treasurer and the Nurse Executive-at-Large member/



Donna Bigani, MSN, RN, CPN serves as Secretary of the PNCB Board of Directors and CPN-at-Large member. She has been a nurse for over 25 years and is currently a clinical charge nurse on the Surgical Unit at CHOC Children’s Hospital. Additionally, she works as a Magnet Facilitator at CHOC and a pediatric clinical instructor at Cal State Fullerton. Donna has a master’s degree from West Coast University. She has been involved in many quality improvement and evidence-based practice project. Donna has been active in many nursing organizations including the Society of Pediatric Nurses.



Carly Byrne, DNP, RN, PCNS-BC, CCNS, CPN, CCRN-K, a Clinical Nurse Specialist at Legacy Health: Randall Children’s Hospital in Portland, Oregon is a catalyst for improvements—for patients, staff, and systems. She is a current PNCB board member and has extensive experience as a PNCB volunteer in support of continuing education and Certified Pediatric Nurse (CPN) exam program areas. Carly has presented nationally and internationally on topics related to evidence-based practice, patient-centered care, and cultural competence. She is a graduate of Rush University’s Transformative Leadership DNP program. Carly is an active member of the Society of Pediatric Nurses, the Oregon Chapter of Society of Pediatric Nurses, and the American Association of Critical Care Nurses. She serves as a CPN-at-Large member.



Sandra Jones, DNP, APN, CPNP has over 30 years of pediatric and adolescent medicine experience in clinical and research settings caring for infants, children, adolescents, and young adults living with HIV and cancer. She works at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis for the Transition Oncology Program with research interests in adolescent to adult health care transition. Sandra has implemented various multi-network clinical research trials that have led to the approval of many HIV treatment regimens and oncology clinical research trials that have improved cure rates for pediatric leukemia and lymphoma. She has participated on international and local community advisory boards for over 15 years which have led to the dissemination of knowledge regarding HIV and clinical research trials promoting advocacy and empowerment to those infected with and affected by HIV. She serves as a CPNP-at-Large member of the PNCB Board of Directors.



Scott Meskimen, MSN, CPNP-PC, PMHS is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in private primary care practice. He works diligently to advance the health of children and families through developing office staff, recognizing gaps in care such as emergency preparedness and breast feeding while delivering evidenced-based care to patients. He pursued Pediatric Primary Care Mental Health Specialist (PMHS) certification because his clinic and community struggled to meet this need. He has actively worked with the School Health Link in various roles, improving access to care for underserved children promoting their success in school. He has also worked with a local university as a guest lecturer and as a preceptor for Physician Associate students. Scott serves as the CPNP-at-Large and PMHS-at-Large member on PNCB's Board of Directors.



April Robinson, BSN, RN, CPN is a Hematology/Oncology RN III at Arkansas Children's Hospital (ACH) and a CPN-at-Large member on the PNCB Board of Directors. She has spent much of her professional career with ACH in various positions including administration, research, business development and as a bedside nurse. April also has worked as a clinical instructor for the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She is an active contributor to the strategic plan for ACH and has led tactics under the diversity and inclusion pillars of the plan. Currently she co-facilitates the Black/African American Employee Resource Group. Within Hematology/Oncology she serves as a team leader, preceptor, council member, patient experience committee member and on the Bioethics committee. She received her undergraduate degree in Healthcare Studies from the University of Richmond in 2016 and her BSN from the Ida Moffett School of Nursing at Samford University in 2018.



Amanda Vickers, MS, RN, CPNP-PC is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner with 13 years of experience in both acute and primary care settings including the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Pediatric Endocrinology, and Pediatric Neurosurgery. She is currently employed as a Lead Advanced Practice Practitioner at a school-based telemedicine company in San Francisco, California providing urgent and primary care for students in medically underserved areas across the United States. She has a special interest in working with LGBTQ+ youth and advocates for all children to have access to high-quality healthcare regardless of gender identity, race, immigration, or socioeconomic status. She attended the University of South Florida where she earned her BS and MS degrees in nursing and was honored with the Spirit of Nursing Award for her enthusiasm and contributions to nursing practice.



Lori Anne Boocks has served as PNCB's director of marketing and communications since 2006. Her focus is to create and implement certificant-centric strategies that result in growth, such as the influential No Pass, No Pay testing program. Additional experience includes development of the Campaign for Pediatric Nursing to encourage students to choose a pediatric nursing career and increase gender and cultural diversity in the profession. Boocks is the co-author of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence *Credentialing Insights* article "Retention Rates for Voluntary Certifications."



Maggie Jones joined the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board in 1983 and has held numerous positions within the organization. She currently serves as Director of Customer Service. During her tenure, she has directly supported the Board of Directors and managed business operations and test development. In her present role, she has oversight for exam eligibility and recertification processes for PNCB's four certification programs and more than 50,000 pediatric nursing professionals. Maggie's devotion to children and her deep respect for pediatric nurses has led her to help them achieve and maintain professional certifications.