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**From:** Mark Nunes <[mnunes@cure4thekids.org](mailto:mnunes@cure4thekids.org)>  
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**Subject:** Re: Genetic Counseling Advisory Council Physician Member

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Dear Ms. Bradley,

I hope you are recovering well, and that the New year is looking brighter.

It is an honor to serve as the (genetics) physician member of the GCAC. The chair of the council should be a Genetic Counslor rather than other medical provider.

Attached is a CV.

Please feel free to reach out

V/r

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**Honors & Awards**

1980 Cal Aggie Alumni Association Scholarship, University of California  
 1981 to 1984 Dean's List, University of California, Davis  
 1992 Helene Thorpe Memorial Case Report Prize, David Grant Medical Center  
 1994 to 1995 Child Health Research Center New Investigator Award  
 CDMRC, University of Washington  
 1996 to 2000 USAF Surgeon General Clinical Research Grant (SGO-96-149-EX)  
 2004 Ziai Award of Excellence, Pediatric Housestaff "Teacher of the Year"

**Societies**

American Academy of Pediatrics (Fellow)  
 Genetics, Perinatology, and Child Abuse/Neglect Sections  
 American Society of Human Genetics

**Medical Licensure**

2024 to present	State of Nevada
2024 to present	State of Oklahoma
1992 to 1994, 2008 to present	State of California
1992 to 2003	State of Washington
2002 to 2004	State of Georgia
2002 to 2006	Commonwealth of Virginia
2005 to 2010	State of Ohio

**Board Certification**

1990	National Board of Medical Examiners
1992, 1999, 2006, 2016, 2023	American Board of Pediatrics
1996, 2006, 2009, 2019, 2022	American Board of Medical Genetics (Clinical Molecular Genetics)
1999, 2009, 2019, 2022	American Board of Medical Genetics (Clinical Genetics)

**Academic Appointments**

1995	Acting Instructor, Pediatrics	University of Washington, Seattle
1998	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics	USUHS, Bethesda, Maryland
2005	Clinical Associate Professor, Pediatrics	Ohio State University, Columbus
2009	Clinical Associate Professor, Pediatrics	University of California, San Diego
2013	Professor, Pediatrics (Affiliate)	University of California, San Diego
2025	Clinical Professor, Pediatrics	Roseman University, Las Vegas
2025	Clinical Professor, Pediatrics	University of Nevada Las Vegas

### Committees

1999 to 2003	Member, Joint Programmatic Review Panel (JPRP), FY 99/00/01/02/03 Defense Health Research Program (DHRP).
2001 to 2003	DARPA/DTRA Rapid Diagnostic Detection and Health Surveillance Technology. <i>Clinical and Molecular Genetics subject matter expert</i> .
2002 to 2005	<b>Member</b> , Forensic Medical Response to Child Abuse Workgroup Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services
2005 to 2008	<b>Member</b> , Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) Subcommittee, Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
2004 to present	<b>Advising Member</b> , Social, Ethical and Legal Issues (SELI) Committee, American College of Medical Genetics
2006 to 2012	<b>Member</b> , Social Issues (ELSI) Committee, American Society of Human Genetics
2022 to 2024	<b>Director</b> , Prenatal Diagnosis Centers (Madera, Merced, and Tulare Counties) California Department of Public Health (CDPH) California Prenatal Screening Program
2025 to present	<b>Member</b> , Nevada Newborn Screening Advisory Committee (NSAC) Nevada State Public Health Lab (NSPHL), Nevada Newborn Screening Program
2025 to present	<b>Member</b> , Nevada Rare Disease Advisory Council (NV-RADC) Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)

### Clinical Experience

7/1994 – 12/1995	Attending Clinical Geneticist Craniofacial Clinic Children’s Hospital and Medical Center Seattle, Washington
7/1994 – 12/1995	Consulting Geneticist Washington State Children’s Community Health Access Project ( <i>congenital defects outreach clinics to rural Central and Eastern Washington State</i> )
1/1996 – 7/2003	Clinical Geneticist Department of Medical Genetics USAF Medical Center Keesler AFB, Mississippi ( <i>prenatal, pediatric, and adult clinics</i> )

- 2/1996 – 7/2003  
Attending Clinical Geneticist  
Pediatric Multidisciplinary Clinic  
Department of Pediatrics  
USAF Medical Center  
Keesler AFB, Mississippi
- 4/1996 – 7/2003  
Organizer and Consulting Geneticist  
Region IV Genetics Outreach Clinic  
Pensacola and Fort Walton Beach, Florida  
*(genetics outreach clinic to Department of Defense Family Practice Residency Programs in Northwest Florida)*
- 7/1996 – 7/2003  
Attending Pediatrician  
Department of Pediatrics  
USAF Medical Center  
Keesler AFB, Mississippi  
*(general pediatric & well-baby clinics, inpatient pediatric service)*
- 7/2022 – 1/2003  
Consulting Clinical Geneticist  
Horizon Molecular Medicine  
Norcross, Georgia
- 8/2003 – 3/2005  
Clinical Geneticist  
INOVA Fairfax Hospital for Children  
Fairfax, Virginia
- 1/2005 – 8/2005  
Independent Forensic Consultant  
Offices of the Commonwealth Attorney and Public Defender  
Prince William, Loudon, and Fairfax Counties
- 9/2005 – 9/2008  
Co-Director, Metabolic Bone Clinic  
Clinical Geneticist  
Nationwide Children's Hospital  
Columbus, Ohio
- 10/2008 – 01/2022  
Division Chief, Medical Genetics  
Southern California Permanente Medical Group (SCPMG)  
(Kaiser Permanente Southern California)  
San Diego, California  
*(lead prenatal, pediatric, adult, and cancer genetic clinics; founded regional genetics case conference; craniofacial clinic, co-founded cardiogenetic and neurogenetic clinics and case conferences; piloted non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT) and lead agent for introducing regionally; co-chair for introducing whole exome sequencing (WES) regionally)*

02/2022 – 06/2024  
Medical Director, Medical Genetics and Metabolism  
Valley Children’s Healthcare  
Madera, California  
Prenatal Diagnostic Center Director (Madera, Merced, Tulare Counties)  
California Prenatal Screening Program, California Department of Public Health  
*(supervised prenatal and lead pediatric genetic clinics; founded department genetics case conference; founded two outreach clinics; craniofacial clinic, founded cardiogenetic and neurogenetic clinics and case conferences; successfully lobbied California Department of Public Health to expand NIPT, piloted prenatal whole genome sequencing (WGS) non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT); utilization management and expansion of WES and WGS)*

07/2024 – 12/2024  
*Locum Tenens*, Weatherby Healthcare  
- Pediatric Medical Genetics, Oklahoma Children’s Hospital  
11/23/2024-12/2/2024

12/2024 – present  
Director of Genetics, Genomics, and Metabolism  
Cure 4 the Kids Foundation  
Las Vegas, Nevada

### Clinical Laboratory Experience

- 01/1996 – 04/1998      Assistant Director, DNA Diagnostic Laboratory  
Genetics Squadron  
USAF Medical Center, Keesler AFB, Mississippi
- 05/1998 – 07/2003      Director, DNA Diagnostic Laboratory  
(CAP 16108-05, CLIP\#DOD3953403)  
Genetics Squadron  
USAF Medical Center, Keesler AFB, Mississippi
- 07/2002 – 01/2003      Consulting Molecular Geneticist  
Horizon Molecular Medicine  
Norcross, Georgia  
*(developed protocols for prenatal cystic fibrosis screening;  
molecular identification of infectious agents)*
- 09/2005 – 09/2008      Consultant, Cytogenetics/Molecular Genetics Laboratory  
Nationwide Children’s Hospital  
Columbus, Ohio  
*(clinical interpretation, cytogenetic microarray (CMA) and  
Noonan multi-gene panel)*
- 10/2008 – 01/2022      Consultant and Internal Inspector  
Molecular Genetic Pathology Regional Reference Laboratory  
Kaiser Permanente Southern California  
Glendale, California  
*(clinical translation cytogenetic microarray, non-invasive prenatal  
testing (NIPT))*
- 02/2022 – 06/2024      Consultant  
Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine  
Valley Children’s Hospital  
Madera, California  
*(vendor review and utilization management of external next-  
generation sequencing (NGS) genetic panels; hired Laboratory  
Genetic Counselor)*

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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**SEMINARS**

**Moderator** and coordinator, ASHG Concurrent Education Session 3. “*Genetic Evaluation in Suspected Child Abuse*”, American Society of Human Genetics meeting, San Diego, October 13, 2001

**Presenter**, Concurrent Workshop I11. “*Temporary Brittle Bone Disease: Does it exist?*”, 18<sup>th</sup> San Diego Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, January 28, 2004

**Presenter and Moderator**, Concurrent Workshop J11. “*Osteogenesis imperfecta vs. child abuse*”, 18<sup>th</sup> San Diego Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, January 29, 2004

**Presenter**, Concurrent Session 1470 – Child Abuse. “*What we know – and don’t – about metabolic bone disease*”, Pediatric Academic Societies’ Annual Meeting, San Francisco, May 1, 2004

**Presenter**, Concurrent Workshop C8. “*Family History and Physical Examination in the Child with Suspected Metabolic Bone Disease*”, 19<sup>th</sup> San Diego Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, January 25, 2005

**Presenter**, Concurrent Workshop D8. “*Issues in Recognizing Osteogenesis Imperfecta*”, 19<sup>th</sup> San Diego Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, January 25, 2005

**Presenter**, Genetic Perspectives in Public Policy Seminars (GenePOPS). “*Genetic Discrimination in the Military*”, Genetics and Public Policy Center, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C., January 10, 2006

**Presenter**, Concurrent Workshop K8. “*Genetic Mimics of the Shaken Baby*”, 20<sup>th</sup> San Diego Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, January 26, 2006

**Presenter and Moderator**, ACMG Concurrent Invited Session. “*The Genetics of SIDS, SUDS, ALTE*”, American College of Medical Genetics, Annual Meeting, San Diego, March 24, 2006

**Presenter**, Session III “*How Common is Hypophosphatasia?*” 5<sup>th</sup> International Alkaline Phosphatase Symposium, Hypophosphatasia and AP-related Diseases. Huningue, France, May 17, 2007

**Presenter and Moderator**, ASHG Concurrent Social Issues Session 5. “*Understanding ART: The Ethics of Assisted Reproductive Technology*”, American Society of Human Genetics meeting, San Diego, October 24, 2007

**Presenter**, Concurrent Workshop A2. “*Vitamin D Deficiency: The New Temporary Brittle Bone Disease?*”, 23<sup>rd</sup> San Diego Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, January 26, 2009

**Presenter**, Concurrent Workshop B2. “*Osteogenesis Imperfecta Updates*”, 23<sup>rd</sup> San Diego Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, January 26, 2009

**Keynote Speaker**, Invited Lecture, “*Vitamin D Deficiency: The New Temporary Brittle Bone Disease?*”, The Pediatric Non-Accidental Trauma Symposium for Law Enforcement Professionals, Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Washington, February 26, 2009

**Keynote Speaker**, Invited Lecture, “*Genetic Evaluation of Suspected Child Abuse*”, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pediatric Update Conference, Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Washington, February 27, 2009

**Presenter**, Invited Workshop, “*Mechanisms and Modifiers of Non-Accidental Injury in Children*”, 9<sup>th</sup>

Annual Pediatric Update Conference, Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Washington, February 28, 2009

**Presenter**, “*Vitamin C, Vitamin D, and Child Abuse Defense Fallacy*” Pediatric Grand Rounds, Children’s Hospital of Orange County (CHOC), University of California Irvine School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Irvine, California. April 22, 2009

**Presenter**, Panel G-3. “*Conceiving Future Generations: Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues Surrounding Non-Invasive Prenatal Genetic Testing*”, Exploring the ELSI Universe, National Human Genome Research Institute, Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues Research Program 201 Congress, Chapel Hill, NC, April 14, 2011

**Presenter**, Pre-conference Symposium 106. “*All Bones About It: Medical, Psychological, and Legal Issues in Pre- and Postnatal Counseling for Skeletal Dysplasias*”, National Society of Genetic Counselors 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Conference, San Diego, October 27, 2011

**Presenter**, Concurrent Workshop B3. “*Fracture Mimics*”, 26<sup>th</sup> San Diego Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, January 28, 2012

**Presenter**, Session II “*Identifying Individuals at risk for Hypophosphatasia using an Electronic Medical Record (EMR)*” 6<sup>th</sup> International Alkaline Phosphatase and Hypophosphatasia Symposium, Huningue, France, May 17, 2012

**Presenter**, Medical Realities Session “*Informing Reproductive Choice? Prenatal Genetic Testing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*”, Center for Law and Biosciences and Center for Integration of Research on Genetics and Ethics (CIRGE) Symposium, Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, May 29, 2012

**Presenter**, “*Hypophosphatasia*”, Endocrine Grand Rounds, University of California San Diego School of Medicine, VA Medical Center, San Diego, September 5, 2012

**Presenter**, “*Cardiovascular Genetics: Getting to the Heart of the Matter*”, Kaiser Permanente 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Internal Medicine Symposium and Genetics Symposium, Long Beach, California September 22, 2012

**Presenter and Moderator**, ASHG Concurrent Invited Session 79. “*Should Noninvasive Prenatal Diagnosis Augment or Replace Current Prenatal Screening and Diagnosis?*” American Society of Human Genetics meeting, San Francisco, November 10, 2012

**Presenter**, “*Hypophosphatasia (HPP): All in the Family*” Soft Bones Hypophosphatasia Foundation 2<sup>nd</sup> Patient Education Meeting, Sanford Burnham Medical Research Institute, La Jolla, California February 28, 2014

**Presenter**, “*Hypophosphatasia (HPP) Overview*” Pediatric Grand Rounds, Northwestern University of Feinberg School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Chicago, May 9, 2014

**Presenter and Panelist**, “*Justifying Next Generation Sequencing in the Clinic: Lessons from Cost-Effectiveness Analysis*” 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Evidence-Based Reimbursement Summit: Health Economics of Personalized Genomic Medicine, Cambridge Healthtech Institute, Bethesda, Maryland, November 17, 2014

**Presenter**, Genetics Session “*No Bones About It: An Update on Inherited Bone Diseases*” Advances in the Practice of Pediatrics Conference (American Academy of Pediatrics CME Offering), Rady Children’s Hospital and UCSD School of Medicine, San Diego. March 27, 2015

**Presenter**, “*Diagnosing Hypophosphatasia (HPP): The Significance of Low Alkaline Phosphatase (ALP) and Its Consequences*” Pediatric Grand Rounds, Naval Medical Center San Diego (Balboa), Department of Pediatrics, San Diego. June 4, 2015

**Presenter**, Session I: Issues in Clinical Implementation: “*Cost Effectiveness Perspectives: Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing*” International Society for Prenatal Diagnosis (ISPD) 19<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Prenatal Diagnosis and Therapy, Prenatal Information Research Consortium (PIRC) Symposium “Noninvasive Prenatal Genetic Screening: where are we and where are we going?” (Stakeholders Perspectives on Non-Invasive Prenatal Genetic Screening (NIPGS) Symposium) Washington, DC, July 16, 2015

**Presenter and Panelist**, Session C4: “*Whole Exome Sequencing in the Clinic: The Test Reimbursed, What Have You Done for Me Lately?*” 7th Annual Next Generation Dx Summit: Moving Assays to the Clinic, Cambridge Healthtech Institute, Washington, DC, August 18, 2015

**Presenter**, “*Neurogenetics: Movement Disorders in the Genomic Era*”

“*Neurogenetics: Advances in the Genetic Evaluation of Epilepsy*”

“*Neurogenetics: Advances in the Genetic Evaluation of Myopathy*”

2015 Neurology Common ET: Complex Cases and Practical Genetic Evaluation (Kaiser Southern California Permanente Medical Group (SCPMG) Regional CME Offering), Pasadena, CA, September 11, 2015

**Panelist**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Center for Individualized Medicine Ethics Symposium (Mayo Clinic) “*Responsible Implementation of Expanded Non-Invasive Prenatal Genetic Screening*”, Rochester, Minnesota 23-24<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**Presenter and Panelist**, New Models for Managing Risk in Companion Diagnostics “*Seeking the Evidence Base: How Will Personalized Medicine Save Medical Cost?*” Cambridge Healthtech Institute “Companion Diagnostics: Strategies for Guiding Treatment and Improving Health” Symposium, part of the 23rd International Molecular Medicine Tri-Conference, San Francisco, CA, March 10, 2016

**Presenter**, “*Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) panels in Etiologic Evaluations of Prelingual Hearing Loss*” SCPMG Regional Head and Neck Surgery (HNS) Webinar (Kaiser SCPMG CME Offering), June 21, 2016

**Presenter**, “*Hypophosphatasia (HPP): Low Alkaline Phosphatase (ALP) Matters*” Symposium: New Challenges in the Differential Diagnosis in Metabolic Rare Diseases (Alexion Pharmaceutical Brazil, sponsored). XXVIII Brazilian Congress of Medical Genetics, Belem of Para, Brazil, June 16, 2016

**Presenter and Panelist**, Impactful Case Studies and Evidence Generation Strategies: “*Who Cares, What Can Be Done, and When: Justifying Somatic and Germline Next Generation Sequencing Tests*” Coverage and Reimbursement of Advanced Diagnostics Symposium, 8th Annual Next Generation Dx Summit: Moving Assays to the Clinic, Cambridge Healthtech Institute, Washington, DC, August 23, 2016

**Session Chairperson and Presenter**, Data Solutions to Advance Genomic Medicine: “*Has the Genomic Infrastructure Been Built to Allow Precision Medicine?*” 4th Annual NGS Diagnostics: Knowledge Bases, Annotation and Interpretation Symposium: Data Solutions for NGS and Other Genomic Technologies, part of the 24th International Molecular Medicine Tri-Conference, Cambridge Healthtech Institute, San Francisco, CA, February 23, 2017

**Lecturer** University of California San Diego (UCSD) School of Medicine Core Curriculum (SOM C 220) Foundations of Medicine Lecture 38: “*Cancer Genetics*” October 3, 2017

**Presenter and Panelist**, Overcoming Barriers to Implementing Precision Medicine “*Is Your Primary Care Doc Ready for Precision Medicine?*” “Precision Medicine: symposium part of the 25th International Molecular Medicine Tri-Conference, Cambridge Healthtech Institute, San Francisco, CA, February 12, 2018

**Session Moderator** (Adult HPP) and **Invited Speaker** “*Genomic Epidemiology of Hypophosphatasia: Survey of the Broad ExAC Database*” 1st Soft Bones Scientific Meeting on HPP, Chicago, IL, June 10, 2018

**Presenter**, “*Genomics for Generalists*” SCPMG Regional Internal Medicine Webinar (Kaiser SCPMG CME Offering), February 7, 2019

**Organizer and Moderator**, “*Multidisciplinary Marfan: Challenge and Opportunity*” Kaiser Southern California Permanente Medical Group (SCPMG) Regional Genetics Quality Improvement Meeting, Pasadena, CA, February 14, 2019

**Panelist and Facilitator**, *Patient Voices: Living with a Rare Disease. Challenges in treating and caring for novel rare diseases* Southern California Rare Disease Genetics Meeting, University of California, Irvine, March 8, 2019

**Session Chairperson and Presenter**, Intersection of Big Data/Digital Health and Laboratory Medicine: “*Promise vs. Pragmatics for Precision Medicine in the Electronic Medical Record*” 16th Annual Molecular Diagnostics Outlook and Strategy: Integrating MolDx into Technology Driven Value-based Healthcare, part of the 26th International Molecular Medicine Tri-Conference, Cambridge Healthtech Institute, San Francisco, CA, March 13, 2019

**Presenter**, “*The Faces of Hypophosphatasia (HPP)*” Soft Bones Hypophosphatasia Foundation Patient Meeting, Sanford Burnham Medical Research Institute, La Jolla, California, July 13, 2019

**Organizer and Moderator**, “*Transthyretin (TTR) Cardiac Amyloidosis*” Kaiser Southern California Permanente Medical Group (SCPMG) Regional Genetics Quality Improvement Meeting, Downey, CA, February 20, 2020

**Invited Presentation**, “*Encountering Hypophosphatasia (HPP): The Random Walk Toward Illumination*” 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Southern California Rare Disease Genetics Meeting, (Zoom Meeting) University of California, Irvine, March 19, 2021

**Lecturer** University of California San Diego (UCSD) School of Medicine Core Curriculum (SOM C 220) Foundations of Medicine Lecture 34 “*Dynamic Mutations and Repeat Disorders*” September 29, 2021

**Panelist** University of California San Diego (UCSD) School of Medicine Core Curriculum (SOM C 220) Foundations of Medicine “*Ethics in Genetics*” October 4, 2021

**Presenter**, “*Non-Mendelian Inheritance: What we miss in first tier testing*” Valley Children’s Healthcare Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Conference (CME/CEU offering), January 25, 2023

**Session Moderator and Invited Speaker**, “*Transition of Pediatric to Adult Care*” 2<sup>nd</sup> Soft Bones International Scientific Meeting, Washington, DC, June 3, 2023

**Organizer and Moderator**, Northern California Genetics Exchange, Valley Children’s Hospital, Madera, CA September 22, 2023

**Presenter**, Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, City/County School Nurse Seminar “*The Long and the Short of It: Genetic syndromes go to school*” Webinar (CEU offering) Fresno, CA, March 5, 2024

**Invited Speaker**, Faculty & Resident Development, Department of Pediatrics, “*Encountering Hypophosphatasia*” Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), Las Vegas, NV, January 30, 2025

**Invited Speaker**, “*XLH 101*” X-linked Hypophosphatemia Day (X-linked Hypophosphatemia (XLH) Network), Las Vegas, NV October 10, 2025

**Invited Speaker**, “*Genetic Factors with XLH and related heritable disorders*” X-linked Hypophosphatemia Day (X-linked Hypophosphatemia (XLH) Network), Las Vegas, NV October 11, 2025

**Invited Speaker**, “*Ask the Geneticist*” DS Connect 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Down Syndrome Conference “Meeting the Future”, Down Syndrome Connections NV, Las Vegas, NV October 11, 2025

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE*****University of Washington (UW)*** (Seattle, WA) 1992-1996

Small Group Instructor UW School of Medicine (SOM) 2<sup>nd</sup> year medical student “Genetics in Medicine” two-week course

- Co-author of 3 and Principal author of 1 “Genetic Cases”

Creator and Moderator UW SOM MED 531 “Seminars in Medical Genetics” (board) review course for Clinical, Laboratory, and PhD Post-doctoral Fellows in Genetics

***USAF Medical Center Keesler Air Force Base*** (Biloxi, MS) 1996-2003

Organizer and facilitator Genetics Journal Club

Inpatient and Outpatient Attending, Pediatrics (MS-III, MS-IV, PGY 1-3)

Genetics subspecialty rotation, Principal Attending (Pediatric and OB/GYN PGY1-4)

Didactic “core lecture series” Residency programs (Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN)

***INOVA Fairfax Hospital for Children*** (Falls Church, VA) 2003-2005

Didactic “core lecture series” Residency program (Pediatrics)

“Golden Apple” Ziaa Award of Excellence “Teacher of the Year” 2004

***Nationwide Children’s Hospital*** (Columbus, OH) 2005-2008

Organizer and moderator Nationwide Wide Children’s Hospital Genetics Case Conference (monthly)

Facilitator Ohio State University/Nationwide Wide Children’s Hospital Genetics Journal Club

Inpatient Attending, Metabolic Genetics and Metabolic Bone Clinic (MS-III, MS-IV, PGY1-5)

Outpatient Attending, Genetics (PGY4-5) and Metabolic Bone Clinic (PGY2-5)

Didactic “core lecture series” Residency programs (Pediatrics) and Fellowship program (Genetics and Laboratory Genetics)

***Kaiser Permanente San Diego*** (2008-2022)

Organizer and moderator Regional Genetics Case Conference (monthly) (2.5 hours CME) 2009-2021

Kaiser Southern California Permanente Medical Group (SCPMG) Regional CME offerings 2012-2021

Didactic “core lecture series” Residency program (Family Practice) 2018-2021

Genetics curriculum development Kaiser Permanente Bernard J Tyson School of Medicine 2018-2021

Organizer and Moderator Regional Genetics Quality Improvement Meeting 2019-2021

***Volunteer faculty University of California San Diego School of Medicine*** 2009-2021

Small Group Instructor “Genetic Cases” University of California San Diego (UCSD) School of Medicine Core Curriculum (SOM C 220) (MS-I and Pharmacy Student -II) 2009-2021

- Co-revisor of 3 and Principal author of 1 “Genetic Cases”

“Small Literature Group” Instructor University of California San Diego (UCSD) School of Medicine Core Curriculum (SOM C 220) *how to critically read medical literature* (MS-I and Pharmacy Student -II) 2010-2021

Lecturer University of California San Diego (UCSD) School of Medicine Core Curriculum (SOM C 220)

Foundations of Medicine “*Cancer Genetics*” 2017-2020, *Dynamic Mutations and Repeat Disorders*” 2017-2021

***Faculty Rady Children’s Hospital Genetics Residency/Fellowship*** (San Diego, CA) 2009-2021

Kaiser site director, adult curriculum coordinator Rady/UCSD Genetics and Genomics Residency

Didactic “core lecture series” coordinator and lecturer, (Genetics and Genomics Residency/Fellowship, Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship)

***Faculty Augustana University Genetic Counseling Master’s Program*** (Sioux Falls, SD) 2017-2021

San Diego Kaiser site director, lecturer

***Valley Children's Healthcare*** (Madera, CA) 2022-2024

Organizer and moderator Genetics Case Conference (monthly) 2022-2024

Organizer and moderator NeuroGenetics and CardioGenetics Case Conferences (monthly) 2022-2024

Organizer and Moderator Genetics Quality Improvement Meeting 2022-2024

Outpatient Attending, Genetics (MS-IV, PGY1-3, GC-2) 2022-2024

- includes Genetic Counseling 2<sup>nd</sup> year students (GC-2) and interns from several training programs, including UCSF

Valley Children's Hospital Pediatric Residency Core Faculty 2022-2024

Valley Children's Hospital Pediatric Residency "Coach" (two PGY-1, two PGY-2, one PGY-3) 2023-2024

***University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Medicine*** (Las Vegas, NV) 2025-present

Outpatient Attending, Genetics (MS-IV, PGY1-3, GC-2) 2025-present

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My name is Shelby. I am a practicing genetic counselor in Northern Nevada. I wanted to formally express my interest in a position on the Genetic Counseling Advisory Council. I have included my resume, but if anything else is needed, please let me know.

I hope you have a wonderful Thursday!

Thank you,  
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### INTRODUCTION

I am a board certified genetic counselor with clinical, telehealth, teaching, and utilization management experience. I have coordinated various multidisciplinary clinics, collaborated with a multitude of specialty teams, supervised students and new hires in diverse settings, and given national presentations. Over the past six years at EviCore, I have had the opportunity to grow as a remote employee gaining skills in case review, appeal recommendations, and policy development. I am passionate about employee engagement, team building, and designing impactful educational platforms. In addition, I also serve my local community by actively counseling at a High Risk Pregnancy Center in Northern Nevada and providing impactful care to numerous families.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

**GENETIC COUNSELOR I** *April 2021 – Present*

**HIGH RISK PREGNANCY CENTER – Reno**

- Counsel individuals and families in pre-conception, prenatal, and postnatal settings
- Assist the Maternal Fetal Medical practice with upholding standards of care, utilizing genetic resources, interpreting complex results, and delivering sensitive information in a timely manner
- Coordinate with local providers to establish continuation of care and support for families

**GENETIC COUNSELOR I** *Feb 2019 – Jan 2025*

**HEALTH SERVICES SENIOR ANALYST – EviCore**

- Promote genetic healthcare by evaluating requests, assisting with authorizations, establishing genetic testing policies and guidelines for various health plans, facilitating appeal requests, and professionally assisting providers with identifying appropriate genetic testing strategies

**PRN GENETIC COUNSELOR I** *Jan 2020 – Mar 2021*

**SANFORD HEALTH**

- Counsel individuals and families in the Breast Health Specialty Clinic
- Accurately review clinical records, obtain personal and family histories, analyze patterns of inheritance, identify genetic testing strategies, and discuss current medical management recommendations with patients and care providers
- Counsel individuals and families regarding medically actionable predispositions identified through Sanford Health's genotyping program. Discuss further testing options, carrier status, and associated risks

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR I** *Aug 2017 – May 2021*

**AUGUSTANA UNIVERSITY**

- Co-instruct a Genetics in the Community Course for the Augustana-Sanford Genetic Counseling Graduate School Program and work with second year graduate students to better identify, understand, and utilize local and national resources in their clinical and laboratory practices

**LEAD CLINICAL SUPERVISOR I** *Aug 2017 – Mar 2021*

**AUGUSTANA-SANFORD GENETIC COUNSELING GRADUATE PROGRAM & THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

- Coordinate, organize, evaluate, and oversee 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year Genetic Counseling Graduate Students, LEND students, and medical students throughout their Medical Genetics rotations

### EDUCATION

**University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS)**

**Master of Science in Genetic Counseling**

- Aug 2014 – May 2016

**University of Nevada, Reno (UNR)**

**Bachelor of Science in Biology  
Mathematics Minor**

- Aug 2010 – May 2014

### AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

**Nominee | Outstanding Clinical Supervisor**

- National Society of Genetic Counseling | Nov 2018

**Nominee | Carol Willing Employee Award**

- Sanford Children's Specialty Clinic | Oct 2018

**Magna Cum Laude**

- University of Nevada, Reno | May 2014

**Honors Program | In Cursu Honorum**

- University of Nevada, Reno | May 2014

**Biology Dept. | Biology In Distinction**

- University of Nevada, Reno | May 2014

**Honors Undergraduate Research Award**

- University of Nevada, Reno | May 2013

## SHELBY BROWN BINDERT

### WORK EXPERIENCE cont.

- FULL TIME GENETIC COUNSELOR I | SANFORD HEALTH** *July 2016 – Feb 2019*
- Counsel individuals and families in various clinics including: All Pediatric Sub-Specialties, Reproductive Endocrinology, Prenatal, and Cancer
  - Work as a reviewer and team member with the South Dakota Newborn Screening Program
  - Clearly explain genetic conditions, predispositions, stay up to date with testing options, investigate new research findings, and advocate for patient needs
  - Work closely with various specialty providers to identify proper genetic testing strategies, available laboratories, and prior authorize recommended molecular genetic tests
  - Coordinate the monthly Multidisciplinary Down Syndrome Clinic
  - Participate as a provider in Cleft Lip / Palate, Neuromuscular, Autism, and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder multidisciplinary clinics

- SUBSTITUTE TEACHER I** *May 2012 – Aug 2014*  
**WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**
- Demonstrated responsibility and preparedness, followed lesson plans, and promoted a positive, safe, learning environment

- GENETICS DISCUSSION LEADER I** *Aug 2012 – May 2014*  
**UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO (UNR)**
- Led a weekly hour long session for Genetic students, reviewed important concepts, and demonstrated techniques used to solve problems

### RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

- MASTER'S THESIS** *Dec 2014 – May 2016*  
Genesurance: Genetic counselor's roles and responsibilities in regards to genetic insurance issues
- Brown, S., Puumala, S., Leonhard, J., Bell, M., Flanagan, J., Dean, L. W., & Stein, Q. (2017). Genesurance Counseling: Genetic Counselors' Roles and Responsibilities in Regards to Genetic Insurance and Financial Topics. *Journal of Genetic Counseling*. doi:10.1007/s10897-017-0180-x

- UNDERGRADUATE THESIS** *Aug 2012 – May 2014*  
Chickadees with bigger brains have smaller digestive tract: A multi-population comparison
- Kozlovsky, D. Y., Brown, S. L., Branch, C. L., Li, T. C., & Pravosudov, V. V. (2014). Chickadees with Bigger Brains Have Smaller Digestive Tracts: A Multipopulation Comparison. *Brain, Behavior and Evolution*, 84(3), 172-180. doi:10.1159/000363686

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

- Aspiring Leader Development I** | myUniversity *Dec 2024*  
**Quality Conversations I** | myUniversity *April 2023*  
**The Art of Storytelling: A guide to Delivering Incredible Presentations I** | myUniversity *April 2022*  
**Problem Solving I** | myUniversity *Mar 2022*  
**Leadership 101 I** | myUniversity *Oct 2021*  
**Remote Leadership I** | myUniversity *Oct 2021*  
**Supervisor Training I** | Augustana-Sanford Genetic Counseling Graduate Program *July 2020*  
**Faculty Development Workshop I** | Augustana University *Aug 2018*

## SHELBY BROWN BINDERT

### PRESENTATIONS

**EviCORE LAB GRAND ROUNDS & WORKSHOPS** *April 2020 - Present*  
Grand Rounds | More Than a Prenatal Screen: A Review from ACMG 2024  
Grand Rounds | Skeletal Dysplasias  
Assistant Presenter to Dr. Anthony Giordano | Spinal Muscular Atrophy  
Clinical Judgement Workshop | Broad Panel Testing  
Clinical Judgement Workshop | Spooky Cases  
Clinical Judgement Workshop | Medical Records Interpretation

**SANFORD PROMISE** *July 2016 - Feb 2019*  
A Day in the Life of a Genetic Counselor  
Genetics: Myths, Legends, and Folklore

**IMAGENETICS COMMUNITY LECTURE SERIES** *Apr 2017*  
One in a Million: The what and the why of carrier screening

**NATIONAL SOCIETY OF GENETIC COUNSELORS | ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE** *Oct 2016*  
Genesurance: The mysterious element of genetic counseling

**AMERICAN COLLEGE OF MEDICAL GENETICS | ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE** *Mar 2016*  
Genesurance: Genetic counselors' roles and responsibilities in regards to genetic insurance and financial topics

**SANFORD HEALTH: GENETIC CONSEQUENCES** *Nov 2015*  
The biggest little case I saw last summer

### CERTIFICATIONS, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, & APPOINTMENTS

**Board Certification through the American Board of Genetic Counselors** *2017- Present*

**Genetic Counseling License through South Dakota Board of Medical Osteopathic Examiners** *2017 - 2020*

**Faculty Appointments in Pediatrics and Prenatal Medicine at the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine** *2017 - 2020*

**National Society of Genetic Counselors** *2016 - Present*

### PROFICIENCIES

MEDITECH, EPIC, Athena, IRB protocols, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) training, ClinVar, ClinGen, VarSome, GeneReviews, ImageOne, Clinical Decision Portal, OMIM, PubMed, UpToDate, Outlook, Black Board Learn

## AGENDA ITEM 3(c)

Tracey Gaebe-Schulz, MS, CGC

**From:** Tracey Gaebe <[traceyjz@hotmail.com](mailto:traceyjz@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 15, 2026 8:50 AM  
**To:** Sarah A. Bradley <[bradleys@medboard.nv.gov](mailto:bradleys@medboard.nv.gov)>  
**Subject:** Application for Genetic Counseling Advisory Council

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Dear Sarah Bradley,

I am a genetic counselor who has been practicing in the state of Nevada since 1998. I am excited that we now have Nevada State Licensure, and I would like to be considered as a candidate to join the Nevada Advisory Council. I have attached my resume for your review. Please note that I did take a few years off in my career to focus my attention on helping my son who has a diagnosis of autism. Nevada is home and this is where I chose to raise my family. I am passionate about medical care, and it is my wish to provide excellent genetic services to the residents of Nevada. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tracey Gaebe-Schulz, MS, CGC

January 15, 2026

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Sincerely,

Tracey Gaebe-Schulz

# TRACEY GAEBE-SCHULZ, MS, LCGC

12443 Parkscene Place LAS VEGAS, NV 89138  
PHONE (702) 273-9989 - EMAIL: traceyjz@hotmail.com

## GENETIC COUNSELOR

### EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

*Sarah Lawrence College* Bronxville, New York 1994-1996  
MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) - HUMAN GENETICS

*University of California - Irvine* Irvine, California 1987- 1991  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.) - BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES  
MINOR - PSYCHOLOGY

AMERICAN BOARD OF GENECTIC COUNSELORS - CERTIFIED 1999

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF GENETIC COUNSELORS - MEMBER

LICENSURE IN THE STATES OF CALIFORNIA AND UTAH, FLORIDA 2021-PRESENT

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**High Risk Pregnancy Center** Las Vegas, NV USA 3/2025-present  
**GENETIC COUNSELOR**  
Genetic counselor supporting a maternal fetal medicine practice

**Desert Perinatal Associates** Las Vegas, NV USA 2010 - 2/2025  
**GENETIC COUNSELOR**

- Management role- supervise and train genetic counselors and genetic assistant. In charge of all scheduling and genetic testing. Liaison between genetic counselors and upper management.
- Counsel patients regarding advanced maternal age, abnormal test results, abnormal ultrasound findings, family histories of genetic disorders
- Participated in research study that is examining accuracy of cell free chromosome results
- Part of Genetics committee to implement Nevada state genetic counseling licensure.
- Participated in committee to help coverage of noninvasive prenatal testing with Nevada Medicaid
- Counsel patients with family history of genetic disorders regarding the availability of genetic testing to include: NIPT, Amniocentesis, Chorionic Villus Sampling, PGS, PGD, WES
- Counsel patients with family histories of breast and ovarian cancer
- Work closely with the Reproductive Endocrinologists in Las Vegas to coordinate PGT-A and PGT-M. Counseled patients regarding recurrent pregnancy loss and transfer of mosaic embryos

**Billion to One** Consultant 2024-Present  
**MEDICAL ADVISOR/GENETIC CONSULTANT**- review sgNIPT cases and development of genetic testing

**10X Health System** **Consultant** **2023-Present**  
**GENETIC COUNSLING CONSULTANT**- supporting patients with an interest in precision wellness

**American Heritage Academy** **Las Vegas, NV USA** **2018 - 2021**  
**SCIENCE TEACHER (PHYSIOLOGY AND ANATOMY)**

- Responsible for designing curriculum to instruct a senior course in Physiology and Anatomy
- Set up science experiments to support curriculum, including anatomy labs and dissections

**Fertility Center of Las Vegas** **Las Vegas, NV USA** **2002 - 2004**  
**GENETIC COUNSELOR**

- Organized and counseled patients participating in Pre-implantation Genetic Study (PGT-A)
- Counseled and screened all egg donors

**Obstetrix/Pediatrics** **Las Vegas, NV USA** **1998- 2004**  
**GENETIC COUNSELOR**

- Counseled patients regarding advanced maternal age, abnormal test results, abnormal ultrasound findings, family histories of genetic disorders
- Provided in-services to prenatal practices throughout Las Vegas
- Coordinated in-services for our ultra-sonographers and physicians
- Designed practice protocols for genetic testing

**Valley Children's Hospital** **Fresno, California USA** **1997-1998**  
**ASSISTANT AFP COORDINATOR**

- Provided accurate AFP results to Prenatal Detection Centers within the Fresno, California region
- Responsible to review and report accurate information from data bases

**Valley Children's Hospital** **Fresno, California USA** **1996-1998**  
**GENETIC COUNSELOR**

- Counseled patients in prenatal and pediatric clinics
- Counseled patients interested in genetic testing for family histories of cancer
- Organized and attended outreach clinics throughout the Central Valley of California
- Participated in neurology and craniofacial clinics

**Microbiology and Molecular Genetic Laboratory** **University of California - Irvine USA**  
**1991-1994**

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

- Participated in all research techniques including: viral cloning, PCR
- Organized and ordered all laboratory supplies and materials
- Trained all incoming students with regard to lab protocols and practice

**Accessibility Student Services** **University of California - Irvine USA**  
**1987-1991**

**STUDENT COORDINATOR**

- Provided support for students with a variety of challenges who were attending college
- Provided transportation for students with visual disorders
- Provided test taking help for students with sensory processing issues
- Helped to bring awareness to the university campus regarding personal and emotional challenges

## AGENDA ITEM 3(d)

Meg M. Hager, MS, MPH, CGC

**From:** Megan Hager <[mhagercgc@gmail.com](mailto:mhagercgc@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 16, 2026 3:04 PM  
**To:** Sarah A. Bradley <[bradleys@medboard.nv.gov](mailto:bradleys@medboard.nv.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Genetic Counseling Licensure Application Questions

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Hi Ms. Bradley,

Please find my resume and letter of intent attached to this email. I hope you have a good weekend.  
Sincerely,

Meg

On Mon, Jan 12, 2026 at 1:10 PM Sarah A. Bradley <[bradleys@medboard.nv.gov](mailto:bradleys@medboard.nv.gov)> wrote:

Dear Ms. Hager:

If you are interested in a position on the Genetic Counseling Advisory Council, please send me your resume or curriculum vitae and letter of interest. I anticipate that the Board will have a meeting later this month, at a date to be determined after the January 16, 2026 public hearing, wherein the Board will review and likely adopt the regulations that were drafted in order to carry out SB189 from the 2025 Legislative Session and appoint members of the Council. Once I receive it, I will include your materials in the Board packet for that meeting.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Sarah

*Sarah A. Bradley, J.D., MBA*

Deputy Executive Director

Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

Telephone: (775) 324-9365

[bradleys@medboard.nv.gov](mailto:bradleys@medboard.nv.gov)

Meg M. Hager, MS, MPH, CGC  
Las Vegas, NV  
256-640-2559  
[mhagercgc@gmail.com](mailto:mhagercgc@gmail.com)

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Genetic Counseling Advisory Council for the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners. As a Nevada state resident, I am excited to see that licensure for the profession I practice has recently passed. Nevadans deserve to see healthcare professionals who are well informed and up-to-date in their field, which is supported by licensing.

I have over seven years of experience in both clinical and industry roles as a genetic counselor. Through my current role with Natera, Inc., I provide telephone counseling to patients throughout the United States, including Nevada. Therefore, I am required to hold licensure in all states that require a genetic counseling license. I believe my experience with holding more than 30 licenses will allow me to provide valuable input on the licensing process and ensure that licensure standards are upheld.

My experiences this far have cultivated a deep interest in ensuring that the public has access to a well-rounded genetics workforce. I look forward to hearing more from the Board of Medical Examiners. Thank you for your consideration,

Meg M. Hager, MS, MPH, CGC  
Licensed and Certified Genetic Counselor

## MEG M. HAGER, MS, MPH, CGC

Las Vegas, NV | 256-640-2559 | mhagercgc@gmail.com  
linkedin.com/in/megan-meg-m-hager-ms-mph-cgc-0ab10912a

### LICENSED & CERTIFIED GENETIC COUNSELOR

Seven years of experience in clinical practice and industry. Designed easily-understandable educational content for both patients and healthcare providers regarding various topics including genetic testing, test interpretation and rare disease. Collaborated with various stakeholders to achieve goals as put forth by team leadership. Experience with survey development and process improvement projects.

### CAREER EXPERIENCES

- Natera | Laboratory Genetic Counselor | Austin, TX | Remote** **Apr. 2021 - Present**
- Supported the Renasight test, a hereditary kidney disease panel, by providing telecounseling services to 12 patients per week, reviewing reports prior to send out, and communicating with healthcare providers regarding product questions
  - Led efficiency projects including refining Renasight's internal FAQ that allowed the genetic counseling team to answer provider inquiries in a uniform and timely manner, as well as cataloging information on the approximately 400 genes on the Renasight panel to be referenced in case reviews with healthcare providers
  - Developed a survey to assess patient experience with genetic counseling services offered by the Renasight team
- Mayo Clinic Arizona | Adult Genetic Counselor | Phoenix, AZ** **July 2018 - Apr. 2021**
- Counseled clients about hereditary risks associated with cardiovascular disease, cancer syndromes, nephrology disease, rare diseases, as well as common complex diseases
  - Identified deficits in returning research results to participants and offered solutions to develop a more efficient process that could be carried out by all team members
  - Analyzed cancer genetic testing guidelines for research initiative that provided genetic testing for 3000+ cancer patients and input appropriate information into RedCap over the course of a two-year study period

### MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- National Society of Genetic Counselors | Full Member** **June 2017 - Present**
- Serving on Cascade Screening Professional Guidelines author group since 2025
  - Serving as Vice-Chair of Renal SIG since 2023

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Natera, Genetic Counselors in Industry Webinar Series | Creator and Host** **Jan. 2023 - Present**
- Developed webinar series focused on educating prospective genetic counseling students and current genetic counselors about industry roles
  - Hosted four webinars in the series since launch, featuring 14 genetic counselors and reaching approximately 1500 attendees wishing to learn more about industry-based careers
- Bay Path University Genetic Counseling Training Program | Virtual Rotation Supervisor** **Apr. 2023 - Aug. 2023**
- Developed pediatric and adult clinical cases to support a virtual rotation for genetic counseling students to accomplish program requirements and gain experience with ABGC practice-based competencies
  - Supervised students as they interacted with patient actors in clinical scenarios including pre-test counseling, results discussions and follow up recommendations
- Natera Academy | Member and Panelist** **Dec. 2021 - Present**
- Developed trivia questions to assist genetic counseling students studying for certification exams for both Spring and Fall cycles, as well as acted as a host for seven 2-hour long trivia nights
  - Participated in a Professional Issues Panel as an expert on multi-state licensure and professional costs associated with being a genetic counselor

## EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh | 2018  
Master of Science, M.S., Genetic Counseling  
Master of Public Health, M.P.H., Public Health Genetics

Pittsburgh, PA

University of Missouri | 2015  
Bachelor of Science, B.S., Biological Sciences  
Bachelor of Arts, B.A., Spanish

Columbia, MO

## CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSES

Certified Genetic Counselor (CGC) | American Board of Genetic Counseling

Obtained Sept. 2018

Licensed Genetic Counselor (LGC) | Licensed in All States Requiring Licensure

Verifications Available Upon Request

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

American Society of Nephrology

Nov. 2025

Understanding Severe Kidney Disease in Pediatric Autosomal Dominant Alport Syndrome

American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics

Mar. 2025

A Master in Mimicry: Expanding the Renal Phenotype of COL4A1-Related Disorder

American Society of Nephrology

Nov. 2024

Patient Satisfaction and Outcomes Following a Session with a Genetic Counselor for Kidney Disease

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Hager MM, Stein Q, Hendricks E, Westemeyer M, Conway E, Vance C, Raible D, McQueen K, Pitman T. Patient Satisfaction Following a Session With a Kidney Genetic Counselor. *Kidney Int Rep.* 2025 Jun 10;10(9):3174-3180. doi: 10.1016/j.ekir.2025.06.007. PMID: 40980647; PMCID: PMC12446862.

Stein Q, Westemeyer M, Darwish T, Pitman T, Hager M, Tabriziani H, Curry K, Collett K, Raible D, Hendricks E. Genetic Counseling in Kidney Disease: A Perspective. *Kidney Med.* 2023 May 14;5(7):100668. doi: 10.1016/j.xkme.2023.100668. PMID: 37334143; PMCID: PMC10276256.

Pinto E Vairo F, Prochnow C, Kemppainen JL, Lisi EC, Steyermark JM, Kruisselbrink TM, Pichurin PN, Dhamija R, Hager MM, Albadri S, Cornell LD, Lazaridis KN, Klee EW, Senum SR, El Ters M, Amer H, Baudhuin LM, Moyer AM, Keddis MT, Zand L, Sas DJ, Erickson SB, Fervenza FC, Lieske JC, Harris PC, Hogan MC. Genomics Integration Into Nephrology Practice. *Kidney Med.* 2021 Jun 29;3(5):785-798. doi: 10.1016/j.xkme.2021.04.014.

Samadder NJ, Riegert-Johnson D, Boardman L, Rhodes D, Wick M, Okuno S, Kunze KL, Golafshar M, Uson PLS Jr, Mountjoy L, Ertz-Archambault N, Patel N, Rodriguez EA, Lizaola-Mayo B, Lehrer M, Thorpe CS, Yu NY, Esplin ED, Nussbaum RL, Sharp RR, Azevedo C, Klint M, Hager M, Macklin-Mantla S, Bryce AH, Bekaili-Saab TS, Sekulic A, Stewart AK. Comparison of Universal Genetic Testing vs Guideline-Directed Targeted Testing for Patients With Hereditary Cancer Syndrome. *JAMA Oncol.* 2021 Feb 1;7(2):230-237. doi: 10.1001/jamaoncol.2020.6252. Erratum in: *JAMA Oncol.* 2021 Feb 1;7(2):312. PMID: 33126242; PMCID: PMC7600058.

## AGENDA ITEM 3(e)

Ali Khalaf, MS, CGC

**From:** Khalaf, Ali <Ali.Khalaf@usoncology.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 18, 2025 12:09 PM  
**To:** Sarah A. Bradley <bradleys@medboard.nv.gov>  
**Subject:** SB189 Genetic Advisory Council

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Hey Sarah,

My name is Ali Khalaf, I am an oncology genetic counselor at Comprehensive Cancer Centers of Nevada. I am sending this email to submit my interest to join the genetic counseling state advisory board. My peers at the workshop yesterday informed to send you an email in regards to this. Thank you and let me know what else needs to be done for consideration to become a board member!

Ali Khalaf, MS CGC  
Cancer Genetic Counselor  
3730 S. Eastern Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89169



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**From:** Khalaf, Ali <Ali.Khalaf@usoncology.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 3, 2026 8:50 AM  
**To:** Sarah A. Bradley <bradleys@medboard.nv.gov>  
**Subject:** Email of Interest Genetic Advisory Board

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Hey Sarah,

Just wanted to expand a bit on my previous email of interest as I wasn't sure if you wanted more of a detailed explanation on why I would be interested in sitting on the board. I have also already previously sent my CV for consideration.

I would like to be appointed/serve on the genetic counseling advisory board under the Medical Board as I am strongly driven to increase knowledge, access, and inclusion when it comes to accessing genetic testing in the state of Nevada. As the sole oncology genetic counselor in the state, I see upwards of 100+ patients a month at Comprehensive Cancer Centers family assessment clinic to help provide answers for patients and families undergoing some of the most difficult times in their lives. I am very passionate regarding community education, not only from a patient standpoint but also regarding clinician education on the importance/utility of hereditary cancer genetic testing. Part of my role entails being sent out to clinician offices (Primary Care, GI, OB/GYN) across the valley to help provide education and establish myself as, frankly, a genetic liaison to all these clinics who need genetic services. Being part of the genetic counseling advisory board will further help establish myself within the medical community in Las Vegas to ultimately continue improving patient outcomes and community knowledge on the services that we offer as genetic counselors. In the oncology setting, eliminating hereditary disease is a long-reaching goal but something I actively am working on with families across southern Nevada daily. I am the sole representative for Comprehensive Cancer Centers of Nevada as a clinical advisory councils genetic subcommittee hosted by US Oncology, where I collaborate with genetic healthcare professionals across the nation. Being a part of Nevada's genetic counseling advisory board will help me integrate and bring in suggestions and knowledge from a national level on how we can continue to improve in this medical subspecialty throughout the state. I appreciate your time and consideration. Sincerely,

Ali Khalaf, MS CGC  
Cancer Genetic Counselor  
3730 S. Eastern Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89169

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# ALI KHALAF

## GENETIC COUNSELOR

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Las Vegas, NV 89101 ♦ (909) 904-2940 ♦ ali.khalaf@usoncology.com

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### PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Board-certified genetic counselor and sole oncology genetic counselor in Las Vegas, providing high-volume, patient-centered cancer genetic counseling. Led statewide legislative efforts securing genetic counselor licensure in Nevada. Committed to advancing understanding of genetic testing and hereditary risk, improving access to these services, and ensuring patients feel empowered to make informed decisions about their care.

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### EDUCATION

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**Masters of Science: Genetic Counseling, 05/2023**  
**University of Utah - Salt Lake City, UT**

**BA: Psychology, 08/2019**  
**University of California Riverside - Riverside, CA**

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### CERTIFICATIONS

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American Board of Genetic Counseling, 12/2023

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### CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

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#### **Oncology Genetic Counselor**

Comprehensive Cancer Centers of Nevada 03/2024-present | Las Vegas, NV

- Independently managing a high-volume oncology genetic counseling practice, providing care to approximately 25-30 patients per week
- Founded and in process of implementing a high-risk gastrointestinal cancer genetics program to support risk assessment, surveillance, and management of patients with hereditary GI cancer syndromes
- Established a novel institutional process for performing skin punch biopsies to facilitate germline genetic testing in patients with active hematological malignancies
- Conduct ongoing educational initiatives for primary care, gastroenterology, and women's health practices in Las Vegas to integrate oncology genetic counseling into routine clinical referral pathways
- Co-led Nevada's genetic counseling licensure initiative, culminating in the successful passage of SB189 and the establishment of state licensure for genetic counselors

#### **Huntsman Cancer Institute, 6- week pediatric oncology rotation**

University of Utah 03/2023 – 04/2023 | Salt Lake City, UT

- Counseled and coordinated care in both the outpatient and inpatient setting for patients with childhood tumors as well as adults/children with hematological malignancies.
- Participated and improved clinical skills throughout the 6 weeks in various high-risk clinics (Breast, GI, PCC/PGL, Renal,BMF).

- Developed and presented an educational presentation on genetic testing methodologies to a molecular biology university course.

### **Huntsman Cancer Institute, 6-week general oncology rotation**

University of Utah 01/2023 – 03/2023 | Salt Lake City, UT

- Provided cancer genetic counseling services to patients in the Family Cancer Assessment Clinic and in specialty provider clinics for inpatients and outpatients (including Breast, Gastrointestinal (GI), Genitourinary (GU), and Pediatric).
- Attended Breast, GI, GU, and Pediatric Tumor Board Case Management Conferences.
- Observed screening procedures such as colonoscopies and mammograms.

### **Primary Children's, 6-week general pediatrics rotation**

University of Utah 11/2022 – 01/2023 | Salt Lake City, UT

- Provided genetic counseling and follow-up for patients and families with birth defects, neuromuscular conditions, growth disorders, developmental delays, and a wide range of genetic conditions and chromosomal abnormalities.
- Provided genetic counseling services in several multidisciplinary specialty clinics (hearing loss, NF, OI, skeletal dysplasia, and TSC) and department meetings, including weekly case conferences.
- Discussed and obtained informed consent for patients considering whole exome sequencing, chromosomal microarray, panel testing, predictive testing, FISH, and karyotype.

### **Primary Children's, 6-week pediatric cardiology rotation**

University of Utah 10/2022 – 11/2022 | Salt Lake City, UT

- Counseled and coordinated care in both the outpatient and inpatient setting for patients with inherited cardiovascular conditions, including congenital heart defects, aortopathies, arrhythmias, and cardiomyopathies.
- Collaborated and communicated patient information with the teams medical geneticists and cardiologists.
- Developed educational materials to improve patient counseling on complex genetic topics.

### **IMC, Maternal-Fetal Medicine Clinic, 6-week prenatal rotation**

Intermountain Healthcare 08/2022 – 10/2022 | Murray, UT

- Provided in person and telehealth genetic counseling in a fast-paced, dynamic clinic to patients facing a variety of high risk prenatal and preconception indications.
- Engaged with multiple health care professionals including perinatologists and general obstetricians to provide genetics education and coordinate effective patient care.

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### **Masters Research Project**

University of Utah 10/2021 – 04/2023

- Developed and executed an independent research project titled “Metabolic Parameters and Clinical Outcomes in patients with Argininosuccinate Acid Synthase and Lyase Deficiencies”
- Defended the project in April 2023 in a 45-minute formal Master's Research Defense
- Presented research at the University of Utah Graduate Program in Genetic Counseling Research Day in April 2023

### **Research Assistant- Life Events Lab**

University of California, Riverside 02/2019 – 09/2019

- Conducted research and data collection for Dr. Kate Sweeny's Life events Lab, including performing qualitative and quantitative statistical analysis.
- Communicated/collaborated with colleagues to gain insight on data, address research questions, and better understand the field of social psychology.

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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### **Clinical Advisory Council Genetics Subcommittee**

US Oncology, McKesson

- Selected to represent Comprehensive Cancer Centers of Nevada as a clinical advisory council member, collaborating with genetic professionals from cancer centers nationwide under US Oncology, McKesson to guide clinical strategy and program development/advancement

### **Genetic Counselors Association of Nevada**

Las Vegas, Nevada

- Co-founder of the Genetic Counselors Association of Nevada, leading statewide efforts to improve access to genetic services and advance public and provider knowledge of genetics

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## LABORATORY ROTATIONS

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### **Invitae Laboratory, 7- week variant interpretation rotation**

Invitae 06/2022 – 08/2022 | Remote

- Applied available gene-specific clinical and molecular data to classify/assist in classifying variant pathogenicity.
- Assessed computational, functional, population, and allelic data to classify variants for clinical genetic test reports.
- Learned the basic components of gene curation at Invitae and completed group mini-projects on gene curation specific to Invitae's internal platform.

### **Myriad Genetics Laboratory, 2- week laboratory rotation**

Myriad Genetics 06/2022 | Salt Lake City, UT

- Observed genetic counselors in telemedicine education and customer service roles.
- Presented an educational lecture on Next Generation Sequencing.

### **ARUP Laboratory, 3- week laboratory rotation**

ARUP 05/2022 – 06/2022 | Salt Lake City, UT

- Interpreted test results and determined the appropriateness of test orders in biochemical, cytogenetic, and molecular subspecialties.
- Delivered case presentations, including a description of test methodology and result interpretation to a multidisciplinary audience.

### **Pregnancy Risk Line, 1- week public health rotation**

Utah State Department of Health 05/2022 | Salt Lake City, UT

- Presented information on multiple different teratogenic agents after literature and database review.
- Participated in training seminars and call observations regarding occupational exposures, infectious agents, psychotropics, and substance of abuse.

AGENDA ITEM 3(f)

Julia Prinzi, MS, CGC

**From:** Julia Prinzi <jprinzi@chcnv.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 19, 2025 4:04 PM  
**To:** Sarah A. Bradley <bradleys@medboard.nv.gov>  
**Subject:** Genetic Counseling Advisory Board

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Good afternoon Sarah,

Thank you again for all your efforts on the genetic counseling licensure provisions. We truly appreciate how smoothly you have guided this process, and it was a pleasure meeting you in person earlier this week. After several years of work on SB189, it is exciting to be so close to achieving licensure and to the positive impact it will bring to genetics care in Nevada.

As requested, I am writing to formally express my interest in serving on the Genetic Counseling Advisory Council.

Both personally and on behalf of the Genetic Counselors Association of Nevada (GCAN), I would welcome the opportunity to support this next phase in any way that may be helpful. As mentioned, we will also continue to spread the word about licensure to both local and out-of-state genetic counselors who may be affected by the new legislation.

Please let me know if there are any additional ways we can assist.

All the best,

Julia Prinzi, MS, CGC  
Pediatric Cardiology Genetic Counselor  
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# Julia Prinzi

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**Professional Summary:** Board-certified genetic counselor, recognized for launching Nevada's inaugural pediatric genetic counseling program and leading legislative advocacy that secured state licensure. Founder of the Genetic Counselors Association of Nevada, a 501(c)(6) professional organization. Passionate leader dedicated to expanding access, building collaborative teams, and advancing evidence-based genetic services.

## EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION

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### University of Utah

*Masters in Genetic Counseling*

*Graduated: May 2023*

### University of California, San Diego

*Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biology*

*Graduated: June 2020*

Awards: Provost Honors (Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Winter 2019, Winter 2018, Winter 2017, Fall 2017)

### American Board of Genetic Counseling Certified Genetic Counselor

*Issued: 09/01/2023*

*Expiration: 12/31/2028*

## CLINICAL GENETIC COUNSELING EXPERIENCE

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### Pediatric Cardiology Genetic Counselor

August 2023-Current

*Children's Heart Center - Nevada, Las Vegas*

- Founded and launched Nevada's first pediatric genetic counseling program, expanding specialized services to over 1000 pediatric cardiology patients and families
- Co-led statewide advocacy for Nevada's genetic counseling licensure, collaborating with professional organizations and legislators; efforts resulted in passage of SB189 (2025), establishing licensure and regulation for genetic counselors in Nevada
- Serve on the Advanced Death Review Committee as a genetic consultant to medical examiners, forensic pathologists, and coroners, assisting with postmortem genetic evaluations and family counseling in cases of sudden or unexplained death
- Advocated for and implemented new genetic testing avenues at Sunrise Hospital, expanding diagnostic options and improving care for pediatric patients
- Develop clinical protocols and workflows for genetic assessment, counseling, and testing in pediatric cardiology
- Collaborate with multidisciplinary teams at Children's Heart Center and Sunrise Hospital to provide coordinated, family-centered care and genetic expertise for complex pediatric cases
- Educate patients and families about genetic conditions, inheritance, and implications for relatives, supporting informed decision-making
- Lead training sessions and provide ongoing education for healthcare providers on advances in genetic testing and counseling
- Increase access to genetic services for underserved pediatric populations across Nevada by initiating and leading outreach and community education efforts on the importance of genetics in pediatric cardiology

### Adjunct Faculty and Clinical Rotation Supervisor

September 2024-Current

*Boise State University, Virtual from Las Vegas, Nevada*

- Supervise and mentor genetic counseling graduate students during clinical rotations
- Provide structured guidance, support, and formal evaluation of student performance
- Collaborate with program faculty to enhance student learning outcomes

**Pediatric Cardiology Genetics Intern, 8-week clinical rotation**

February-April 2023

*Primary Children's Hospital, Salt Lake City, Utah*

- Provided genetic counseling to inpatient and outpatient individuals at risk for inherited cardiovascular conditions, including arrhythmias, aortopathies, and congenital heart defects
- Participated in structured mentorship focused on genetic counseling program development, gaining insight into curriculum planning and best practices
- Attended a variety of multidisciplinary high-risk clinics, including initial evaluation and follow-up for patients with 22q11.2 deletion syndrome, Noonan syndrome, and Marfan syndrome

**Rare Disease and Cancer Genetics Intern, 6-week clinical rotation**

January-March 2023

*Genome Medical, Remote*

- Pre and post-test counseled a diverse patient population with personal/family history of rare disease including X-ALD, Amyloidosis, EDS, Ectodermal dysplasia, etc
- Completed prior authorization and returned results for cancer history referrals
- Worked with a multidisciplinary team of genetic counselors, geneticists and other MDs to collaborate on recommendations and form a differential for rare disease patients

**Oncology Clinic Genetics Intern, 6-week clinical rotation**

November 2022 - January 2023

*Huntsman Cancer Institute, Salt Lake City, Utah*

- Provided genetic counseling, risk assessment, and follow-up for patients with personal or family histories suggestive of a variety of hereditary cancer syndromes
- Attended breast, gastrointestinal, and gynecological tumor boards
- Provided genetic counseling and risk assessment in multidisciplinary high-risk clinics, including VHL, Li-Fraumeni syndrome, and SDH specialty clinics

**Perinatal Clinic Genetics Intern, 6-week clinical rotation**

June - August 2022

*High Risk Pregnancy Center, Las Vegas, Nevada*

- Provided prenatal and preconception genetic counseling to high risk patients (48 total cases in 6 weeks)
- Educated patients using accurate risk assessments and flip book style tools to facilitate effective learning

**MotherToBaby, 1-week public health rotation**

May 2022

*Utah Department of Health, Salt Lake City, Utah*

- Presented information on multiple different teratogenic agents after literature and database review
- Participated in training seminars and call observations regarding occupational exposures, infectious agents, psychotropics, and substances of abuse

**Prenatal Genetics Intern, 8-week shadowing opportunity**

July - August 2020

*Jacobi Medical Center, Bronx, New York*

- Shadowed prenatal sessions discussing topics such as: screening/diagnostic testing for AMA patients, genetics of Autism, Thalassemias/Hemoglobinopathies, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Cystic Fibrosis, and Trisomy 13, 18, & 21
- Researched relevant terms, conditions, and procedures to present to my supervisor before each case

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**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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**Author:** "Diagnosing X-Linked Adrenoleukodystrophy after Implementation of Newborn Screening: A Reference Laboratory Perspective." Julia Prinzi, Marzia Pasquali, Judith A Hobert, Rachel Palmquist, Kristen N Wong, Stephanie Francis, Irene De Biase. *International Journal of Neonatal Screening*. 2023.

**Presenter: American College of Medical Genetics 2023-** Poster presentation: “X-linked Adrenoleukodystrophy After Implementation of Newborn Screening: A Reference Laboratory Perspective”

**Panelist:** Women Decision Makers sponsored by Young Law Group. Meeting panelist. 2024.

**Co-author:** "Decreased excitability of leptin-sensitive anterior insula pyramidal neurons in a rat model of compulsive food demand." Dean Kirson, Samantha R. Spierling Bagsic, Jiayuan Murphy, Hang Chang, Roman Vlkolinsky, Sarah N. Pucci, **Julia Prinzi**, Casey A. Williams, Savannah Y. Fang, Marisa Roberto, Eric P. Zorrilla. *Neuropharmacology*. 2022.

**Association of Utah Genetic Counselors Journal Club Presentation:** “Informing Integration of Genomic Medicine Into Primary Care: An Assessment of Current Practice, Attitudes, and Desired Resources.” June C Carroll, et al. *Frontiers in Genetics*. 2019.

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## LABORATORY GENETIC COUNSELING EXPERIENCE

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**Laboratory Genetic Counselor Intern, 2-week laboratory rotation** June 2022

*Myriad Genetics, Salt Lake City, Utah*

- Developed an understanding of the laboratory workflow and quality assessment of genetic tests
- Observed genetic counselors in variant classification, telemedicine education, and customer service roles
- Presented an educational lecture on chromosomal microarray

**Laboratory Genetic Counselor Intern, 3 and 6-week Laboratory Rotation** May-November 2022

*ARUP Laboratories, Salt Lake City, Utah*

- 3 weeks spent rotating through biochemical genetics, cytogenetics, and molecular genetics. Additional 6 weeks spent focused on perinatal genetic test orders
- Interpreted test results, assessed the clinical appropriateness of biochemical, molecular, and cytogenetic tests, and communicated with providers
- Engaged and practiced variant classification and CMA report writing, 6 reports total
- Delivered educational lectures and case presentations on genetic test methodologies and result interpretation to multidisciplinary audiences
- Created carrier testing algorithm for providers to decide on most appropriate carrier testing

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## RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Graduate Research Project** August 2021-May 2023

- Designed and implemented an independent research project, entitled “What is the Impact of Newborn Screening on Early Detection of X-ALD?”
- Obtained and maintained IRB approval

**University of Utah Student Interest Group, President** May 2022-May 2023

- Organized and coordinated community outreach events and information sessions for prospective genetic counseling students.

**Research Assistant** September 2017 - August 2019

*Scripps Research Institute- Zorrilla Laboratory, San Diego, California*

- Investigated neural substrates of motivated behavior—including binge eating, addiction, obesity, and post-traumatic emotional disorders—by independently conducting operant behavior studies and molecular analyses (Southern blot, PCR); presented findings weekly to the research team

**Laboratory Intern.** June - August 2018

*Institute of Basic Research, Staten Island, New York*

- Conducted research on the pathomechanisms leading to neurodegeneration in neuronal ceroid lipofuscinoses (NCL's) and Down syndrome

**Additional Training and Experience:**

- Amplify Gender Affirming Care Training Certificate January 2023
- Campus Advocacy, Resources, and Education at the Sexual Assault Resource Center certificate workshop: Supporting Survivors (focus on LGBTQIA) September 2019
- The Art of Inclusive Communication Workshop June 2019

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**ADVOCACY AND COUNSELING EXPERIENCE**

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**Behavior Interventionist (ABA Therapist)** July 2019 - March 2021

*Center For Thoughtful Lasting Change, San Diego, California*

- Created and implemented individualized behavior plans for 1:1 therapy with children diagnosed with Autism spectrum disorder and/or ADHD under guidance of a case supervisor
- Counseled and trained parents on the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis while providing ongoing support and feedback with a focus on working within families' own culture, belief system, and level of medical understanding to advocate for the child's best interest

**Sexual Assault Response Team Member** May 2020 - August 2021

*Women's Resource Center, San Diego, California*

- Supported and empowered victims of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault through empathetic listening, providing information/referrals, helping to find shelter, and being physically present for support during the evidence collection process
- Successfully completed 65.5 hours of training focused on victim empowerment, safety planning, implicit bias, use of culturally appropriate resources, and dismantling rape culture

**Companion Intern** January 2020 - August 2021

*Alzheimer's San Diego, San Diego, California*

- Provided direct support for individuals with dementia and their caregivers
- Assisted with facilitating support/discussion groups for individuals and their caregivers

**Crisis Counselor** May 2019 - August 2021

*Crisis Test Line, Virtual*

- Supported individuals in crisis, providing resources for self-harm, abuse, suicidal ideation, and depression
- Successfully completed 30 hours of Crisis Intervention Training including building rapport, reflective listening, collaborative problem solving, and crisis management

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**CONFERENCES**

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- **University of Utah Prenatal Case Conference** - attended weekly from August 2021-January 2022 to review cases with a multidisciplinary team of MFM's, radiologists, and prenatal genetic counselors
- **University of Utah Case Management Conference** - attended weekly from August 2021-May 2022 to discuss pediatric cases with a multidisciplinary team
- **University of Utah Exome Case Review** - attended twice a month from September 2021-June 2022 to observe the process of reviewing and classifying variants on exome reports
- **American College of Medical Genetics 2023**
- **National Society of Genetic Counselors Conference 2022, 2024, 2025**
- **Frontier's in Pediatric Genomic Medicine 2024**

## AGENDA ITEM 3(g)

Amber E. Schreiber, MS, CGC

**From:** Amber Schreiber <[aschreiber@cure4thekids.org](mailto:aschreiber@cure4thekids.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 6, 2026 3:40 PM  
**To:** Sarah A. Bradley <[bradleys@medboard.nv.gov](mailto:bradleys@medboard.nv.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Interest in Genetic Counselor Licensure Advisory Board

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Happy New Year Sarah!

Hope you are doing well and thank you for all of the updates. 😊

Absolutely - please see my attached resume. I will also be attending the 01/16 hearing in person in Las Vegas, which I am looking forward to.

Thank you again,



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**Amber SchreiberMS, CGC**  
Genetic Counselor

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# Amber E. Schreiber, MS, CGC

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## Summary

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Certified genetic counselor dedicated to increasing awareness and accessibility of genetic counseling through clinical, educational, and leadership roles. Experience in clinical genetic counseling, mentorship and teaching, and healthcare administration. Seeking opportunities to pursue my passion for engaging, teaching, and mentoring the next generation of genetic counselors in my home state, Nevada.

## Education

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AUGUST 2022 - MAY 2024

**Master of Science in Human Genetics and Genetic Counseling** - *Keck Graduate Institute*

- Thesis: *Developing a Genetic Counseling Training Program: Experiences, Lessons Learned, and Pearls of Wisdom*

AUGUST 2018 - MAY 2022

**Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Chemistry, Psychology Minor** - *Kansas Wesleyan University*

- Independent Research: *Multidrug Resistance in Enterobacter Species from the Smoky Hill River*

## Certifications

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AUGUST 2024

**American Board of Genetic Counseling** - *Active Certification, #22617*

## Work Experience

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FEBRUARY 2025- PRESENT

**Cure 4 The Kids Foundation, Las Vegas, NV** - *Genetic Counselor*

- Provided comprehensive in-person genetic counseling services for a variety of indications, including pediatrics, oncology, and rare disease
- Contributed to the development and successful implementation of a genetics clinic at the organization
- Coordinated communication between multiple departments to ensure seamless collaboration and optimized workflow during program development and maintenance

MAY 2024- JANUARY 2025

**Clover Genetics, Remote** - *Genetic Counselor and Clinical Administration Manager*

- Provided comprehensive genetic counseling services via telehealth for a variety of indications, including prenatal, preconception, oncology, cardiogenetics, and rare disease
- Managed and mentored genetic counseling applicants by providing guidance on clinical practices and professional development
- Demonstrated leadership by driving workflow improvements, team collaboration, and process optimizations to enhance patient experience and clinic operations

MARCH 2022 - MAY 2024

**Clover Genetics, Remote** - *Genetic Counseling Assistant*

- Acted as patient point of contact regarding scheduling, billing, and any other clinical concerns
- Created educational materials on health insurance and psychiatric genetic counseling for patients

## Academic Experience

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SEPTEMBER 2025- PRESENT

**Keck Graduate Institute, Remote** - *Student Evaluator and Standardized Patient Actor*

- Provided experienced feedback to first year genetic counseling students practicing various aspects of a genetic counseling session
- Acted as standardized patient for training second year genetic counseling students in simulated scenarios

OCTOBER 2025- PRESENT 06/30/2028

**Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, UNLV, Las Vegas, NV** - *Community Faculty, Adjunct Instructor*

*Lectures*

- 28 AUGUST 2025  
*What a Pediatrician Needs to Know about Prenatal Diagnosis and Family History* presented with Dr. Mark E Nunes, MD, FAAP

FEBRUARY 2025- PRESENT

**College of Medicine, Roseman University, Las Vegas, NV** - *Adjunct Faculty*

MARCH 2024- MAY 2024

**Keck Graduate Institute, Claremont, CA** - *Program Leadership Intern*

- Assisted program leadership and mentored and tutored first-year genetic counseling students

DECEMBER 2023- PRESENT

**Keck Graduate Institute, Claremont, CA** - *MSGC Curriculum and Admissions Committee Member*

- Collaborated with committee members on curriculum development, reviewed personal statements, and conducted interviews with prospective students

## Professional Affiliations

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AUGUST 2025 - PRESENT

**Genetic Counselors Association of Nevada** - *Founding Member*

AUGUST 2025 - PRESENT

**National Society of Genetic Counselors** - *Active Membership, #1154818*

## Skills

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- Teaching • Mentoring • Curriculum Development • New Program Development • Public Speaking
- Marginalized Patient Care • Advocacy • Applied Ethics
- Health Insurance Navigation • Medical Coding
- AllScripts, Epic, Veracity, Simple Practice EMR Systems
- Healthcare Administration • Workflow Optimization

## AGENDA ITEM 3(h)

Georgene Glass

**From:** DREAMSICKLE KIDS <[info@dreamsicklekids.org](mailto:info@dreamsicklekids.org)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 7, 2026 2:40 PM

**To:** Sarah A. Bradley <[bradleys@medboard.nv.gov](mailto:bradleys@medboard.nv.gov)>

**Subject:** Letter of Interest – Public Representative, Genetic Counseling Advisory Council

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Dear Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in the public (non-medical) representative position on the Genetic Counseling Advisory Council. Attached please find my letter of interest and resume for your review and consideration.

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to apply. I would be honored to contribute my perspective and experience in service to the Council.

Sincerely,

Georgene “Gina” Glass

Las Vegas, Nevada

702-419-0548

[georgeneglass918@gmail.com](mailto:georgeneglass918@gmail.com)

January 07, 2026

**Dear Members of the Selection Committee,**

I am writing to formally express my interest in serving as the public (non-medical) representative on the Genetic Counseling Advisory Council for the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners. This role strongly aligns with my professional leadership, policy experience, and lived experience as a caregiver and patient advocate in Nevada.

I currently serve as **Vice Chair of the Nevada Rare Disease Advisory Council (RDACNV)** and as a **board member of the Nevada Minority Health and Equity Coalition**, where I work alongside state leaders and community stakeholders to address systemic gaps in healthcare access, equity, and outcomes. I am also one of **only three Board-Certified Patient Advocates in Nevada**, as well as a **Certified Community Health Worker**, roles that uniquely position me to translate complex medical, genetic, and regulatory information into patient-centered, culturally responsive perspectives.

I am the **Founder and Executive Director of DreamSickle Kids Foundation**, the **first sickle cell organization established in the state of Nevada**. I launched the organization in direct response to the lack of coordinated care, education, and support for individuals and families affected by sickle cell disease—a genetic blood disorder that disproportionately impacts Black and Brown communities. Through this work, I have supported countless families navigating genetic diagnoses, medical decision-making, long-term care planning, and interactions with complex healthcare systems.

My commitment to systemic change is reflected in my role as a **champion of AB254**, the **first piece of legislation in Nevada specifically dedicated to people living with sickle cell disease**. I actively contributed to the language contained in the bill based on extensive firsthand experience working with patients, caregivers, and advocates across the state. This policy work reinforced the critical importance of ensuring that regulatory and advisory bodies include voices grounded in lived experience and community impact.

As the **mother and primary caregiver of a child with sickle cell disease**, my understanding of genetics and genetic counseling is deeply personal and ongoing. Genetic counseling often represents a pivotal moment for families—when life-altering information is delivered, future decisions are shaped, and trust in the healthcare system is either strengthened or strained. Representation on this Council matters because patients and caregivers experience genetic counseling through the lens of culture, health literacy, access barriers, and historical medical bias. A strong public voice helps ensure that counseling standards prioritize clarity, ethics, compassion, informed consent, and equity.

I bring a perspective rooted in governance, advocacy, and lived experience, with a deep commitment to public protection, ethical oversight, and patient-centered care. I would be honored to serve as the public representative on the Genetic Counseling Advisory Council and to help ensure that the voices of patients, families, and communities are meaningfully reflected in its work.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I welcome the opportunity to contribute and am happy to provide any additional information as needed.

Respectfully

  
**Georgene "Cina" Glass**  
Las Vegas, Nevada

# GEORGENE' GLASS

## Sickle Cell Advocate, Board Certified Patient Advocate & Nonprofit Consultant

Nonprofit Executive with special focus on Sickle Cell and Rare Disease advocacy in Nevada and throughout the US. Experienced in nonprofit, SCD and Rare Disease education, training, and support within the community, agencies, organizations and educational institutions. Guiding nonprofit in the establishment of sustainable, impactful organizations focused community service and advocacy.



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## SKILLS

- Board Certified Patient Advocate
- Community Engagement
- Patient Advocacy
- Pharmaceutical Advisory/Consultant
- Executive Management
- Technical Writing
- Public Speaking
- Event Planning/ Coordination
- Training & Development
- Public Relations

## REFERENCE

**Jerry Fox**

CFO, HTCNV/Sickle Cell Center of Nevada (SCCNV)

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## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### Executive Director

Dreamsickle Kids Foundation, Inc| Jan 2018 - Present

- Established the first organization with specific focus on SCD with specific focus on supporting those affected in Nevada and addressing the disparities experienced by the SCD community in efforts to improve health equity for minorities with disabilities becoming the leading organization for SCD education, awareness and advocacy on a community and legislative level
- Developed new programs that raised Sickle Cell Awareness in the Southern Nevada region by almost 100%
- Liaised with over 50 community organizations on 200+ projects addressing social issues affecting disadvantaged populations in Las Vegas

### Speaker/ Consultant/ SCD Subject Matter Expert/Health Equity & Rare Disease Advocate

The Glass Ceiling Group dba Glass Ceiling Consulting| Jan 2019 - Present

- **Speaker/Consultant:** Delivered compelling presentations and workshops on Sickle Cell Disease (SCD), health equity, and rare diseases at national and international conferences engaging diverse audiences and driving actionable insights.
- **SCD Subject Matter Expert:** Provided expert advice and consultation to healthcare organizations, policymakers, and community groups on best practices for managing and supporting individuals with SCD, contributing to improved patient outcomes and policy changes.
- **Author:** Published articles and educational materials on SCD and health disparities, including co-authoring a comprehensive guide on advocacy strategies for rare disease communities, recognized for its impact on raising awareness and promoting health equity. Authored children's SCD book, "The Tale of the Cell"
- **Health Equity and Rare Disease Advocate:** Championed initiatives to address health disparities, securing funding and support for programs that enhance access to care for underrepresented populations, and actively participating in legislative advocacy to influence policy and systemic change.

## EDUCATION BACKGROUND

### BS Business Management

University of Phoenix | September 2025

Certificate in Healthcare Leadership

Duke University / Common Spirit| October 2022

Certified Community Health Worker w/ Special SCD Training  
Nevada / November 2019- Present

Vice Chair Nevada Rare Disease Advisory Council 2021-Present

Board Certified Patient Advocate (BPCA),2024

## AGENDA ITEM 3(i)

Dolores Hauck

**From:** Dolores Hauck <[hauck.consulting2025@gmail.com](mailto:hauck.consulting2025@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 8, 2026 11:23 AM  
**To:** Sarah A. Bradley <[bradleys@medboard.nv.gov](mailto:bradleys@medboard.nv.gov)>  
**Subject:** LOI - Non-medical Representative To Serve On NSBoME Genetic Counseling Advisory Council

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Greetings, Ms. Bradleys -

I am submitting my name for consideration for the public open seat opportunity as a lifelong advocate for equitable access to high-quality healthcare, education, and affordable housing.

My attached resume reflects my focus on community building, and I personally represent as follows:

- Caregivers who understand the human impact of clinical decisions
- Community leaders or advocates focused on health equity
- Nevadans who believe public trust is strengthened through inclusion

My husband of forty-eight years and I navigated through five years of conflicting diagnosis and care. His passing continues to motivate me to use my lived experiences to support others.

In his memory, and many others that I have served, it would be the highest honor to serve as a voice of reality, reason, and change.

As a volunteer, I have been building bridges of communication with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities with the Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Prior, I was selected to serve on the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council under three Governors, and I understand the value of public voice in creating public policy.

Please see my attached resume, and I look forward to the evaluation and decision-making process.

Respectfully,  
Dolores Hauck  
702.496.4961  
[Hauck.Consulting2025@gmail.com](mailto:Hauck.Consulting2025@gmail.com)

## **DOLORES HAUCK**

Email: Hauck.Consulting2025@gmail.com

C: (702) 496-4961

PO Box 93844, Las Vegas, NV 89193

Open To Work – Remote/Hybrid

**Executive Profile:** Nonprofit leader on a mission to strengthen communities through advocacy, education, and ensuring underserved populations have equitable access to needed resources.

- ✓ Focused on helping organizations and individuals to challenge the status quo and drive meaningful change through implementation of thoughtful data-driven strategies.
- ✓ Dedicated to engaging with diverse community groups and individuals who will navigate through sensitive issues and support the development of culturally appropriate and inclusive solutions.
- ✓ Experienced in conducting community needs assessments, data collection/analysis, program evaluations, fundraising, and managing compliance reports for federal, state, and private grants.

### **Employment History**

#### **United Way of Southern Nevada (UWSN) (March 2020 – September 2024)**

Contracted as Consultant with strong experience in innovative solutions for community engagement, financial equity, and sustainable programming. Deliverables included securing major funding, implementing diversity and inclusion strategies for increased private-public funded partnerships, and youth development programs.

- Secured \$1M federal appropriation grant for nonprofits' Language Access Plans, inclusive of ASL.
- Designed conceptual model for the \$850,000 federal Appropriations Community Project grant proposal for multicultural Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) clinics; funding awarded and currently on hold.
- Supported expansion of the DEI Task Force with connections to local and national DEI experts across multiple sectors.
- Developed Community Development Strategic Plan to obtain CRA funding locally and nationally.
- Co-authored grant proposals to foundations, state and federal agencies totaling \$118M.

#### **Nevada Office of Science, Innovation, Technology (OSIT) (January 2023 – June 2024)**

Contracted to support development of Nevada's five-year Digital Equity Plan.

- Nevada is awarded \$416M, of which, \$20M is allocated for funding nonprofits to increase equitable access to the digital world for their clients and provide training and equipment.
- Developed the RFP and scoring matrix tools for nonprofit grant applications.
- Organized the statewide schedule for the OSIT Director and team to hold meetings and town halls with community members and elected officials.
- Engaged community leaders and elected officials to support the launch of Nevada's Affordable Connectivity Plan that will increase broadband internet access for all, including on tribal lands.

#### **AmeriCorps National Grant Peer Reviewer (October 2024 – May 2025)**

- Led peer review panels evaluating grant applications to ensure proposals met compliance with requirements and demonstrated fiscal stability and budget accuracy.
- Trained participants on innovative sustainable program management strategies and implementation plan.

**The Smith Center For The Performing Arts, Las Vegas, NV**

**Development Officer - (October 2016 – July 2020)**

- Sole grant writer and administrator for Smith Center, supporting a \$45M+ budget and securing five- to seven-figure funding from public and private sources.
- Obtained grants to foster interdepartmental collaboration needed to increase the ADA accommodations, donor investments for new equipment, ASL-interpreted performances, and sensory-friendly performances.
- Created targeted marketing strategies for people with sensory sensitivities, disabilities, memory loss, PTSD, and autism to attend performances.
- Managed all administrative functions related to private, state, and federal grants, tracked compliance, and maintained local and national partnerships to analyze program impact overtime and in multiple settings.

**United Way of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, NV**

**Senior Director of Community Relations and Grants - (December 2005 – October 2015)**

- Developed relationships with volunteers and donors to advance the community-based initiative aimed at increasing high school graduation rates by enrolling young children in quality school readiness programs.
- In 2016, Nevada's Department of Education adopted this privately funded school readiness program model which is now funded under Nevada Ready PK scholarships.
- Collaborated with CCSD to create five onsite Family Engagement Resource Centers staffed by AmeriCorps, parents, and student alumni.
- Communities In Schools began managing these first centers as part of their expanded model.

**Saint Rose Dominican Hospitals, Henderson, NV**

**Supervisor, Community Programs & Mission Integration - (August 2000 – November 2004)**

- Cultivated partnerships with volunteers who provided medical, dental and supportive services which benefited over 250,000 uninsured families.
- Increased program funding for uninsured and underinsured clients by 400% through grants.
- Facilitated collaboration among the business, nonprofit, health, and education sectors, resulting in the establishment of school-based healthcare services, mobile vision labs, and dental clinics at Title I schools.
- Created R.E.D. ROSE (Responsible Early Detection) breast cancer program for uninsured/underinsured clients ages forty and younger.
- Appointed as Western Regional Auditor for the Consumer Product Safety Commission to research injury-related accidents leading to product recalls.

**Appointed Positions:**

- Currently serving as volunteer advocate and ally for Deaf/HH Communities in alignment with the Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Speech Impaired.
- In 2013, appointed by Governor Sandoval to serve on the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council representing all nonprofits in southern Nevada, continuing through January 2020 under Governor Sisolak.
- Served as the sole UWSN representative on various committees and initiatives including the Nevada 211 Task Force, Clark County Nevada Social Services No Wrong Door, Choice Neighborhoods, Promise Neighborhoods, NeighborWorks America, Southern Nevada Strong, My Brother's Keeper, Alliance for Nevada Nonprofits, and Federal Reserve Las Vegas Healthy Communities Steering Committee.

**Education:**

- 1999 - UNLV – Non-Profit Management Certification
- 1980 - UCSC - Early Childhood Education/Montessori/Special Needs Certification
- Accessed certifications as needed to accelerate professional skills and personal development.

AGENDA ITEM 3(j)

Carrie Ostrea, MBA

**From:** Carrie Ostrea <[carrie.ostrea@gmail.com](mailto:carrie.ostrea@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 25, 2026 11:41 AM  
**To:** Sarah A. Bradley <[bradleys@medboard.nv.gov](mailto:bradleys@medboard.nv.gov)>  
**Subject:** Application for Public Representative – Genetic Counseling Advisory Council

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Dear Ms. Bradley,

I'm writing to apply for the public representative seat on the Genetic Counseling Advisory Council. I've attached my statement of interest and resume.

I'm a Henderson resident, rare disease parent, and patient advocacy professional. My daughter Hannah was diagnosed with an ultra-rare genetic disorder in 2008, and her journey led me to co-found the Little Miss Hannah Foundation, which served Southern Nevada families for thirteen years. I've known Annette Logan-Parker since Hannah was a patient at Cure 4 The Kids, and her post about this opportunity encouraged me to apply.

I'd welcome the chance to discuss my background further. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carrie Ostrea, MBA  
Henderson, Nevada  
(702) 336-2488  
[carrie.ostrea@gmail.com](mailto:carrie.ostrea@gmail.com)

## **CARRIE OSTREA, MBA**

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### **Statement of Interest**

*Public Representative, Genetic Counseling Advisory Council  
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners*

I am a rare disease parent, advocate, and Henderson resident applying for the public representative seat on the Genetic Counseling Advisory Council. My daughter Hannah had an ultra-rare genetic disorder, and that experience launched a sixteen-year journey in rare disease advocacy that I'd like to bring to this Council.

#### **Why This Seat Matters to Me**

In 2008, my daughter Hannah was born. Two days later, her bloodwork came back wrong. After months of specialists and dead ends, she was diagnosed with Neuronopathic Gaucher Disease Type 2/3, an ultra-rare genetic metabolic disorder affecting fewer than 50 children in the country at any given time.

When Hannah was eight months old, we sat across from a genetics physician who told us there was nothing to be done. "Take her home and love her," he said. That's when I became a mom on a mission. We contacted every specialist we could find and even sent Hannah's cells to researchers in Canada and Israel who were studying the disease. I shared our story with anyone who would listen, and Hannah's journey was featured in publications including Time Magazine, Boston Globe and The Scientist, helping bring national attention to the challenges facing rare disease families.

We moved to Las Vegas to be closer to family, and the team at Cure 4 The Kids Foundation became Hannah's medical home. I've known Annette Logan-Parker since those early days, first as Hannah's mom, then through our work at the Little Miss Hannah Foundation, and through our shared commitment to improving rare disease care for Nevada families. Hannah lived three years, four months, and nine days - longer than her original prognosis.

After Hannah died in December 2011, Robert and I started the Little Miss Hannah Foundation in Southern Nevada. For thirteen years, we served over 350 families raising children with rare, life-limiting, or undiagnosed conditions. We provided medical equipment that insurance wouldn't cover. We built community where there was none. We created a college scholarship for siblings who grew up alongside medically complex brothers and sisters. The Foundation closed in December 2025. We'd done what we set out to do.

The posting for this seat asks if you've ever navigated a diagnosis for a loved one or found yourself asking, "How will this affect families?" I have. That question shaped the last sixteen years of my life and turned my personal advocacy journey into a professional career.

## **What I Do Now**

I'm Director of Patient Advocacy at Catalyst Pharmaceuticals, a company focused on developing therapies for people with rare debilitating neuromuscular and neurological diseases. My job is building relationships between patient communities and our internal teams so that when we make decisions about therapies and programs, we're hearing from the people affected.

Before Catalyst, I supported patient engagement for gene therapy programs at Passage Bio. Before that, I spent four years at Global Genes, one of the largest, rare disease advocacy organization in the country, where I coached over 1,000 patient group leaders and family advocates. Much of that work centered on helping families understand and communicate about genetic diagnoses, developing patient groups that focus on support and research, as well engage with researchers studying genetic conditions and biopharma industry colleagues. I trained advocates to participate in FDA processes, including Patient-Focused Drug Development meetings and listening sessions, and I've testified at FDA meetings myself. Robert and I also met with Nevada legislators for many years during Rare Disease Week events on Capitol Hill.

I hold an MBA in Healthcare Management from Western Governors University.

I mention this background because it means I understand how regulatory and advisory processes work. I've sat in rooms where policy gets made. But my real value to this Council comes from what I learned as a rare disease parent fighting for my daughter.

## **What I'd Actually Do on This Council**

The public seat exists to balance clinical expertise with lived experience. That means asking different questions than the licensed professionals. Questions like: Will a family understand this? What happens when they leave the appointment? Does this regulation help them or add barriers?

Through the Little Miss Hannah Foundation, I spent thirteen years learning what Nevada's rare disease families need and where the gaps are. Through my work at Global Genes and in my current role, I've helped advocates across the country navigate genetic diagnoses and work with regulatory bodies. I'd bring that perspective to this Council as a partner to the clinicians, not a competing voice.

Nevada is where my family's rare disease journey began and where we built something to help other families. Serving on this Council would be a meaningful way to continue that work.

**Disclosure:** I currently work in pharmaceutical patient advocacy at Catalyst Pharmaceuticals. If selected, I'll coordinate with my employer's compliance team before accepting.

Respectfully,

**Carrie Ostrea, MBA**  
Henderson, Nevada

AGENDA ITEM 3(k)

Jenica Yurcic Westerman, Esq.

**From:** Jenica Yurcic <[jenicayurcic@gmail.com](mailto:jenicayurcic@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2026 1:20 PM  
**To:** Sarah A. Bradley <[bradleys@medboard.nv.gov](mailto:bradleys@medboard.nv.gov)>  
**Subject:** Public Representative Genetic Counseling Advisory Board

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Ms. Bradleys,

The purpose of this email is to inquire about the position for public representative on the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners Genetic Counseling Advisory Council. I am an attorney by profession; however, my interest in the position stems from personal experience.

Unfortunately, I am very well qualified to address the impact of cancer on families. I spent my twenties advocating for my mother as she navigated Medicaid and liposarcoma for eight years. Ultimately, I lost both parents within three months of each other to cancer. I also experienced cancer through a cousin who I also lost at five years of age as the result of a rare cancer related genetic disorder known as TP53. I am a cancer survivor myself.

As a public representative I professionally bring a commitment to accountability and high standards and personally bring the lived experience necessary to help others understand the impact of professional and legislative decision-making. My current CV is attached and I would be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Best,

Jenica Yurcic Westerman

702-379-6706

# JENICA YURCIC WESTERMAN

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## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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### YURCIC PLLC, LAS VEGAS, NV

03/2010 - PRESENT

*Private Practice.* Representing Nevada businesses in contractual matters, including commercial transactions and a wide range of real estate matters. As the Manger of the firm, I represent Nevada businesses, primarily with respect to their interests in Las Vegas.

### BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK, LLP, LAS VEGAS, NV

10/2002 - 01/2010

*Senior Associate.* Member of the firm's corporate and business practice groups, focusing on real estate, finance, commercial, corporate and regulatory law. Extensive experience with commercial real estate acquisitions, development and land use as well as local, State of Nevada and multi-state general, regulated and privileged (liquor and gaming) licensing. Represented publicly traded companies, closely held businesses, private equity firms and individuals in the management of major projects, strategic acquisitions and regulatory matters, including the negotiation, review and drafting of purchase agreements, loan documentation, commercial contracts, leases, management agreements and regulatory applications.

### DELAWARE SUPREME COURT Justice Randy J. Holland, GEORGETOWN, DE

SUMMER 2001

*Intern.* Wrote bench memoranda, attended oral arguments and events of the Delaware Bar.

## EDUCATION

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### VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, NASHVILLE, TN

JD., May 2002. Dean's List, Spring 2001, Fall & Spring 2002

*Publication:*

"Co-productions: The Future Feature" Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment Law and Practice

*Activities:*

Articles Editor, Journal of Entertainment Law and Practice

Moot Court Board

Stipend Director, Lega1 Aid Society

President, Spanish Legal Society

### POMONA COLLEGE, CLAREMONT, CA

B.A., International Relations and Literature/Film, 1999. GPA: 3.84

*Honors:*

Pomona College Scholar

Phi Beta Kappa

The Cordell Hall Prize: Best Thesis in International Relations

Los Angeles Philanthropic Foundation Scholarship

## ADMISSION TO PRACTICE

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NEVADA (2002) and CALIFORNIA (2002)

## AGENDA ITEM 3(1)

Alicia Dhalla, MSHRM, SPHR, SHRM-CP

**From:** Alicia Dhalla <[aliciaroselewis@gmail.com](mailto:aliciaroselewis@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026 3:11 PM  
**To:** Sarah A. Bradley <[bradleys@medboard.nv.gov](mailto:bradleys@medboard.nv.gov)>  
**Subject:** Genetic Counseling Advisory Council Letter of Interest

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Hi Sarah,

Please see attached for my letter of interest and resume to be considered for the open Genetic Counseling Advisory Council board role.

Thank you,

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Alicia Dhalla  
562.965.0859  
[aliciaroselewis@gmail.com](mailto:aliciaroselewis@gmail.com)

Statement of Interest – Genetic Counseling Advisory Council

Dear Ms. Bradley,

I am writing to express my interest in serving as a public member on the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners Genetic Counseling Advisory Council. As a Nevada resident and parent of a child who received treatment for leukemia at Cure 4 The Kids Foundation, I have seen firsthand the critical role genetics plays in balancing treatment options with quality of life.

Through this experience, I developed a deep appreciation for how genetic insights guide personalized care and improve outcomes. Additionally, as a mother who has given birth to two children in Nevada, I have become familiar with the importance of programs such as the Nevada Newborn Screening Program, which identifies genetic conditions early and helps families make informed decisions.

In both pediatric oncology and newborn health, genetic knowledge can be life-changing. I believe my perspective as a parent and advocate for patient-centered care will help ensure transparency and accountability as Nevada implements new licensure regulations for genetic counselors under SB189.

In my HR leadership role, I have extensive experience in policy development, compliance, and ethical decision-making—skills that support the Council's work in licensure, regulation, and accountability. I am committed to ensuring transparency and patient-centered practices as Nevada implements these important regulations.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be honored to contribute to this important work and represent the voice of Nevada families. Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Alicia Dhalla  
562.965.0859

**ALICIA DHALLA**  
**MSHRM, SPHR, SHRM-CP**  
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**HUMAN RESOURCES LEADER**

Master's degree-educated Human Resources strategist with over 17 years of progressive experience, including 12+ years in management and 8 at the senior leadership/executive level. Proven track record of multi-site leadership and tenure with Fortune 500 companies. Expertise in managing mergers and acquisitions, and adept at cross-functional collaboration across diverse disciplines.

Skills

HR Best Practices	Organizational Development	FMLA Management
Employment Law Application	Strategic Leadership	Compliance and Risk Management
Employee Relations	HR Policy & Process Design	HR Technology and Systems
Employee Engagement	Change Management	Learning and Development
Talent Acquisition Management	Compensation and Benefits	Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Brightline West | Las Vegas, NV**  
**Sr. Director of People & Culture**

**3/2025- Present**

Executive HR leader for Brightline West, a \$21 billion, first-of-its-kind high-speed rail initiative connecting Las Vegas to Southern California. Responsible for designing and leading the People & Culture strategy to scale a mission-driven workforce that supports one of the most ambitious transportation and sustainability projects in U.S. history.

**Strategic Leadership & Organizational Design:** Serves as a key member of the executive leadership team, shaping organizational structure, workforce strategy, and culture to align with enterprise goals and project milestones. Designed and implemented scalable HR infrastructure to support multi-phase expansion and long-term operational readiness.

**People & Culture Oversight:** Leads a multidisciplinary People & Culture organization encompassing HR Business Partners, Employee Engagement, Learning & Leadership Development, and Employee Relations. Establishes the overarching people strategy to enhance culture, engagement, and leadership capability across all levels.

**Growth & Workforce Planning:** Directs workforce planning and talent acquisition strategies that doubled headcount in 2025, emphasizing critical infrastructure roles and specialized technical talent. Partnered with operations, finance, and engineering executives to anticipate future workforce needs and ensure alignment with project phases.

**Culture Architect & Engagement Champion:** Spearheads culture and engagement programs designed to foster belonging, accountability, and performance in a high-growth, mission-driven environment. Partners with communications and leadership teams to shape the employee experience and reinforce organizational values.

**Budget & Financial Stewardship:** Serves as a strategic advisor to Finance on the People & Culture budget, including headcount forecasting, talent management investments, and workforce cost modeling. Provides guidance to the executive team on optimizing organizational structure and return on talent.

**Global Talent Strategy:** Leads international hiring initiatives and oversees employer-of-record partnerships, visa processes, and compliance with U.S. and international labor regulations. Ensures seamless onboarding of expatriate and cross-border employees.

**Governance, Risk & Compliance:** Oversees compliance with multi-state labor laws and Department of Transportation standards, implementing proactive risk mitigation strategies and policies to sustain regulatory integrity and organizational resilience.

INVNT GROUP | International, based out of Las Vegas

11/2022- 1/2025

**Head of Human Resources (Director) – ITP LIVE/INVNT Group**

Top HR executive for a global brand storytelling agency collective operating across 8 international offices.

Directed the global People & Culture function through rapid scale, acquisitions, and cultural transformation.

**Leadership:** Led a high-performing team of senior HR professionals, ensuring the delivery of full-spectrum HR services across the organization.

**Organizational Redesign & Change Management:** Orchestrated the integration phase of ITP Live, optimizing reporting structures and leadership utilization. Designed and implemented a major reorganization in the third year, enhancing operational efficiency.

**Efficiency Projects:** Partnered with Finance to execute projects that significantly reduced overtime costs and streamlined staffing processes, achieving multimillion-dollar cost savings.

**Employee Relations:** Expertly handle escalations of complex HR issues, providing strategic consultation to business leaders. Developed innovative solutions that align business needs with employee experience.

**System Implementation:** Led the rollout of a new HRIS system, integrating finance cost centers and reporting metrics to enhance financial reporting quality. Leveraged technology to automate numerous company practices.

**Leadership Development & Education:** Delivered essential HR training and education, fostering a culture of continuous learning. Develop internal communications to keep employees well-informed on HR practices and policies. Collected data to show which initiatives had the most impact.

**Multi-State Compliance:** Ensured rigorous compliance with employment laws across all operating states. Regularly update the employee handbook and other compliance documents to reflect state-specific regulations.

**Talent Acquisition:** Oversaw the recruitment process, ensuring timely filling of key positions and meeting operational needs. Lead the talent acquisition team in solving complex recruitment challenges and maintaining best practices, including recruiter-to-requisition ratios and accountability metrics.

**Benefits Management:** Lead the selection and implementation of competitive benefit programs, balancing employee satisfaction with company budget constraints.

**Diversity & Inclusion:** Championed diversity and inclusion initiatives, organizing events and educational sessions to promote an inclusive workplace culture.

**Total Compensation:** Conducted thorough compensation analysis, utilizing benchmarking tools to ensure competitive and equitable wages. Perform quarterly audits to maintain internal equity.

UNIVERSAL HEALTH SERVICES (THE VALLEY HEALTH SYSTEM) | Las Vegas, NV

2/2017- 10/2022

**Human Resources Director**

Led a team of HR professionals, overseeing Human Resources and Talent Acquisition functions for multiple acute-care facilities. Drove HR due diligence and M&A activities to ensure seamless company acquisitions.

Established HR processes, procedures, and departments from scratch, aligning them with company goals.

**Senior Leadership:** Directed a wide range of strategic and tactical HR activities, including employee engagement and retention, talent acquisition, organizational development, employee relations, compensation, and training.

**Disaster Management:** Provided HR leadership for multiple facilities during the COVID-19 crisis, playing a key role in regional incident command.

**Project Management:** Developed and implemented HR practices and programs impacting over 10,000 employees. Led and participated in committees with nationwide implementation.

**Strategic Leadership:** Collaborated with executive leadership to drive process and culture change, using engagement surveys to provide relevant HR guidance.

**Employee Relations:** Recommended and implemented practices to foster positive employer-employee relationships, boosting morale and motivation. Advised management on complex employee issues and handled escalations.

**Labor Relations:** Provided consultation and mediation during the collective bargaining process, addressing work-related issues, conflicts, and disciplinary policies.

**Compliance:** Ensured adherence to HR legal requirements and healthcare accreditation standards (Joint Commission & CMS). Conducted gap analysis audits to identify and address potential shortcomings.

**HR Education:** Coached and educated leaders on HR management, covering recruitment, selection, orientation, engagement, retention, employee relations, change management, benefits, compensation, policies, procedures, and performance management.

**Compensation Analysis:** Ensured competitive and compliant wages and salaries. Advised on salary budget allocation to support organizational goals.

**FMLA Management:** Oversaw FMLA utilization, collaborating with third-party administrators and managers to ensure compliance.

**Committee Work:** Led and participated in multidisciplinary teams to support hospital initiatives, including leading the Employee Events and Employee Recognition Committees.

**Community Involvement/Corporate Social Responsibility:** Engaged in community events such as food drives, youth job shadowing, and charity auctions to enrich local communities.

## **HILTON GRAND VACATIONS | Las Vegas, NV**

**9/2013- 2/2017**

### **Employee Relations/Talent Acquisition Manager**

Oversaw all full-cycle recruiting and employee relations activities for the sales and marketing regional office. Project managed the expansion of the regional office, scaling the Las Vegas facility from 250 employees to over 1500.

**HR Leadership:** Managed a team of 6 HR and TA professionals. Facilitated an organizational redesign to align departmental duties with the expansion goals of the regional office.

**High-Volume Recruiting:** Directed high-volume recruiting efforts, successfully filling over 120 positions per month during the expansion phase. Implemented strategies to reduce turnover and collaborated with managers on employee selection, retention, and compensation methodologies.

**Workforce Planning:** Developed succession planning and implemented specialized training and mentorship programs for high-performing employees. Created multi-year workforce plans to support company growth.

**Investigations:** Conducted thorough investigations into Ethics Line complaints and allegations of unfair treatment, providing actionable recommendations to leadership.

**Compensation Design:** Collaborated with operations leadership to develop a compensation plan that aligned with the volume-driven business model.

**Onboarding:** Coordinated all onboarding requirements for new hires, including background checks, licensure verification, health and drug screenings, and new hire paperwork.

## **EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS**

**Masters of Science in Human Resources Management (MSHRM)** – University of Southern California (USC)

**Bachelors of Arts** – California State University Long Beach

**Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR)**

**SHRM Certified Professional – (SHRM-CP)**

## **PROFESSIONAL HR AFFILIATIONS**

Member – Society of Human Resources Management (SHRM)

Member – Human Resources Certification Institute (HRCI)