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Dr. Joseph G. D'Ambrosio, PhD JD, LMFT, CSW, Assistant Professor and Director of Health Innovation and Sustainability is responsible for multifaceted duties to support, develop and expand the Institute efforts. This includes research, community engagement, grant writing, compassion work, student supervision, philanthropy and identifying new research, business and community opportunities. Dr. D'Ambrosio also directs the innovative and sustainability efforts at the Institute and ensures that team dialogue is focused on improving meta-cognitive self-regulatory capacity so that innovative solutions are developed. He has conducted teaching activities that included a transdisciplinary focus where gerontology, mental health, medical family therapy and care coordination formed a part of the curriculum housed within the Institute. He has provided seminar/workshop training in mental health for medical and dental students as requested and has been the lead supervisor and small group facilitator to students doing placements and internships at the Institute. His research activities included research development at the Institute ensuring a steady stream of federal, state and foundation research dollars into the Institute. Over the past several years, Dr. D'Ambrosio co-wrote two HRSA-funded grants, specifically, a 4-year, \$3.4 million Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) Grant and a 4-year, \$1.92 million Behavioral Health Workforce Enhancement Training (BHWET) Grant. He also assisted in the writing of two HRSA supplemental grants including one with an opioid focus and a small networking focus. He has co-written a number of additional proposals and letters of intent that have not been funded including requests for funding from the Humana Foundation, Research Retirement Foundation, Mather Lifeways Institute of Aging, and RSVP. He also has disseminated grant activities through scholarly journal articles and peer reviewed conference presentations.

Dr. D'Ambrosio has also performed clinical services including therapeutic support for the Psychological Non-Epileptic Seizure program at the Department of Neurology and has led the behavioral health grant mental health team for patient care, as well as care of the team. He has performed community service activities that have included the promotion of the Institute in all public forums by leading and executing outreach efforts, developed, managed and actively participated in strategic community outreach plans and managed three employees in the Institute's Kentucky Coalition for a Health Kentucky. He has worked with University, community and business leaders to develop transdisciplinary research and innovative teams and served on the Leadership Team for the SOM Health Care Leadership School. Dr. D'Ambrosio philanthropy efforts have secured over \$5M dollars in donations to the Institute.