



**Paula Bates, PhD**

Professor of Medicine | University of Louisville  
Co-Director | KYNETIC (an NIH REACH hub)  
Fellow | National Academy of Inventors

Paula J. Bates is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Louisville and the James Graham Brown Cancer Center. She also co-directs the Kentucky Network for innovation & Commercialization (KYNETIC), which is a statewide program that helps academic researchers turn their health-related discoveries or ideas into real-world products. KYNETIC provides research grants, entrepreneurial education, mentoring, and access to a network of relevant expertise; these opportunities are open to all faculty, staff, and students at Kentucky's public universities and community colleges. Bates was involved in the discovery and bench-to-bedside translation of AS1411, an aptamer (a synthetic DNA) that binds specifically to a cancer-associated protein called nucleolin. She co-founded a Louisville-based biotechnology company named Aptamera to develop AS1411, which culminated in it becoming the first anticancer aptamer to enter human clinical trials. Bates is a co-inventor on 14 issued US patents and more than 30 foreign patents. She was elected as Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors in 2016.



**Ruth Carrico, PhD, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, FSHEA, CIC**

Professor | Division of Infectious Diseases, University of Louisville  
Editor-in-Chief | Journal of Refugee and Global Health

Ruth Carrico is a Professor and Family Nurse Practitioner with the University of Louisville School of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, and director of epidemiological research in the University's Center of Excellence for Research in Infectious Diseases (CERID). Dr. Carrico has received training specific for healthcare epidemiology at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in conjunction with the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta and the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA).

Dr. Carrico is responsible for the clinical and research operations at the University of Louisville Vaccine and International Travel clinic. Her research has been funded by the CDC, HRSA, DHS, and industry.

In 2008, Dr. Carrico was appointed to the National Biosurveillance Subcommittee (NBS) Advisory Committee to the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and in 2010 became a SHEA Fellow. In 2011, Dr. Carrico was appointed by Secretary Sebelius, to the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) for an extended three-year term. In 2012, she was presented with the Carole DeMille Achievement Award by APIC, an honor for an Infection Preventionist. In 2013, Dr. Carrico was appointed to the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases as the Board's Nurse Planner and in 2014 became a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellow alumna. Dr. Carrico served as the 2016 president of the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (CBIC), the organization responsible for board certification for infection preventionists worldwide and is now enjoying the role of immediate past president. In 2016, Dr. Carrico co-founded the Infection Prevention Institute a virtual training site focusing on infection prevention education for all partners concerned with preventing infection in any setting. Then, in 2017, the University of Louisville's Journal of Refugee and Global Health was launched, with the first issue

to be released in April. Dr. Carrico serves as the Editor-in-Chief for this new open access journal. In 2018, Dr. Carrico assumed the position of president of the Kentucky Nurses Association and in 2020 was recognized as a Distinguished Fellow in the National Academy of Practices.



**Stephanie Clouser, MS**

Data Scientist | Kentuckiana Health Collaborative

Stephanie Clouser is the data scientist for Kentuckiana Health Collaborative, a non-profit organization that works with key healthcare stakeholders in the community for better health outcomes and delivery in Louisville, Southern Indiana and Kentucky. In her current role, Stephanie fulfills the data needs of KHC, including completing regional and statewide physician quality measurement reports, which KHC has distributed to physicians since 2006 and publicly reported since 2012. Stephanie earned her bachelor's degree in economics and communication from Bellarmine University in Louisville, Kentucky, in 2010. In 2015, she completed her master's in analytics, also from Bellarmine.



**Randa Deaton, MA**

President & CEO | Kentuckiana Health Collaborative

Randa Deaton serves as the President and CEO of the Kentuckiana Health Collaborative, a non-profit organization coalition committed to leading multi-stakeholder and employer-led initiatives that drive the triple aim goals of better health, better care, and better value in Kentucky and Southern Indiana. She is responsible for building, leading, and aligning multiple key healthcare stakeholders to drive innovative, systemic improvements to health status and healthcare delivery. She has 25 years of experience leading organizational change and development within human resources and healthcare benefits at Ford Motor Company. Randa serves on the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions Board of Directors, University of Louisville's School of Public Health and Information Sciences Advisory Board, and Norton Healthcare's Patient Advisory Board as a caregiver representative. Randa earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology from Indiana State University, and her master's in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from Middle Tennessee State University.



**Jenny Goins**

Commissioner | Dept. of Employee Insurance, KY Personnel Cabinet

Jenny is the Commissioner for the Department of Employee Insurance with the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet. She is responsible for the Kentucky Employees' Health Plan, and Group Life, Dental, and Vision Insurance options. Prior to her appointment as Commissioner, she served for seven years as the Deputy Commissioner.

Jenny retired from the United States Air Force/Air National Guard as a Chief Master Sergeant after a 25-year career that included duties related to combat communications, public speaking, journalism, human resources and education. Her last 10 years in the Air Force were spent teaching leadership, supervision and communication skills to military leaders and managing the teaching staff.

After military retirement, Jenny spent 10 years in the corporate world as both an organizational development manager and senior HR leader before joining the State. She also provides training and motivational presentations for various non-profit groups and corporations.

In 2015, Jenny was inducted into the Kentucky Military Hall of Fame. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Management and a Master's Degree in Adult Learning from Tusculum College, Greeneville, TN. She is certified as a Senior Professional in Human Resources through the HR Certification Institute and serves on the Executive Committee for the Kentuckiana Health Collaborative.



**Larry Gray, MHA**  
President | Baptist Health Louisville

Larry W. Gray is president of Baptist Health Louisville, a 519-bed hospital serving residents of Central Kentucky and Southern Indiana. The hospital is a member of the Baptist Health System in Kentucky. He served on the executive team of Baptist Health Lexington for 27 years and as president of Baptist Health Corbin for seven years before moving to Louisville in 2018.

Mr. Gray holds a B.S. in philosophy from the University of Kentucky, an MDiv from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and an MHA from the University of Kentucky, where he continues to serve as adjunct faculty.



**DeAnna Hall, RN**  
Manager Corporate Health and Wellness, LG&E, KU

DeAnna Hall is the Corporate Health and Well-being Manager for LG&E and KU. She has been with LGE- KU since January of 2014.

DeAnna has nearly 20 years of nursing and health management experience, including service as a registered nurse for Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Clark County Hospital in Jeffersonville, Ind., and Kleinert, Kutz and Associates in Louisville. Her health and wellness management work includes developing and overseeing employee disease management, vaccination, and counseling and wellness programs for Jewish Hospital and St. Mary Healthcare and for KentuckyOne Health statewide.

Programs that she has managed have won numerous accolades, including the 2011 and 2012 Business First Healthiest Employee Award (5,000+ employees), the 2012 IHPM Corporate Health and Productivity Award, and the 2012 American Heart Association Work Place Innovation Award. DeAnna also has been involved with the Louisville Mayor's Healthy Hometown Wellness Committee, the Kentucky Health Collaborative, and she is a founding member of the American Heart Association Mission Committee.



**Mike Lorch**  
Regional Vice President | Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kentucky

Mike Lorch is Regional Vice President of Kentucky Provider Solutions. In this role, he has statewide responsibility for Anthem's contractual relationships with physicians, hospitals and other medical professionals.

He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and earned his MBA from the University of Louisville School of Business (1999).

Mr. Lorch is on the Board of Directors of Health Kentucky, Health Enterprises Network and is past-chairman of the Portland Neighborhood House board. Mr. Lorch is also a member of the Kentucky Health Information Exchange Coordinating Council and the WLKY Spirit of Louisville Foundation.

He resides in Louisville.



**Natalie Middaugh, MPH, CHES**

Community Health Program Manager | **Kentuckiana Health Collaborative**

Natalie Middaugh is the community health program manager at the Kentuckiana Health Collaborative, a nonprofit multi-stakeholder organization that works to improve the health status and healthcare delivery system in Greater Louisville, Kentucky, and Southern Indiana. In her current role, she is responsible for facilitating multiple projects in partnership with the Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE), including educational initiatives around Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), and addressing opioid use disorder in the workplace. Natalie earned her bachelor's degree in public health from the University of Louisville in 2016. In 2018, she completed her master's in public health with a concentration in health promotion and behavioral sciences, also from the University of Louisville.



**Michael Thompson**

President and CEO | **National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions**

Michael Thompson is the President and CEO of the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions (National Alliance), an association of approximately 50 regional coalitions collectively supporting over 12,000 healthcare purchasers providing health coverage to more than 45 million Americans. The National Alliance helps to lead improvements in health, wellbeing and value for our companies and communities across the country.

Prior to joining the National Alliance, Mike was a Principal at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) for 20 years. Thompson is a nationally recognized thought leader for business health strategies and health system reform. He has worked with major employers and other stakeholders on sustainable cost reduction, integrated health, wellness and consumerism, retiree health, private health exchanges and health reform. Known for developing and promoting collaborative cross-sector health industry initiatives, Mike participated on the steering board of the World Economic Forum's "Working towards Wellness" initiative and co-founded the Private Exchange Evaluation Collaborative (PEEC). Prior to PwC, Mike served as an executive with diverse roles with Prudential Healthcare for over 17 years.

Mike is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, serving on the Health Practice Council, and chairs the Medicare Sub-Committee of the American Academy of Actuaries (AAA). He is also widely recognized as a leading national advocate for mental health and wellbeing and was Past President of the New York City chapter of the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI). Mike previously was an active member of the board of the Northeast Business Group on Health for 11 years.