

Kenneth Barr,

Barr Consulting Group

Kenneth Barr is a governmental relations/public affairs consultant who works on projects primarily at the local and regional levels.

Kenneth was elected Mayor of Fort Worth four times, serving from 1996 until retiring in 2003. Before being elected Mayor he served three years as a member of the City Council.

Currently, he is an elected member of the Board of Trustees of the Tarrant County College and is Vice President of the board, and he represents TCC on the board of the TCC Foundation. TCC is a six-campus community college with almost 100,000 students enrolled annually.

From 2008 to 2019 he was a member and Chairman of the Board of the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA). NTTA operates more than 1,000 lane miles of toll roads, bridges, and tunnels across the Dallas/Fort Worth region.

Currently, he is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Medical City Fort Worth Hospital and the immediate past Chair of the board of the Real Estate Council of Greater Fort Worth.

Kenneth is a past chairman of the North Texas Commission and Fort Worth Sister Cities International; he has served as president of the Exchange Club of Fort Worth and the Rotary Club of Fort Worth.

Kenneth Barr, Principal

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Zelia Baugh,

JPS



Ms. Baugh has over 20 years' experience in mental healthcare. Currently, she is the Executive Vice President of Psychiatric and Correctional Health Services for JPS Health Network, where she is responsible for the oversight, strategic planning and business development of all psychiatric and correctional health in-patient and out-patient services.

Prior to joining JPS Health Network, she was Vice President of Behavioral Health at Brookwood Baptist Health System. Ms. Baugh served as Commissioner of Mental Health for the state of Alabama from 2011 to 2012. She also has extensive experience in psychiatric healthcare administration in the Birmingham area.

Ms. Baugh received her undergraduate degree from Birmingham-Southern College and her Masters of Social Work from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Zelia Baugh, MSW

Executive Vice President, Behavioral Health, JPS

Dr. Wayne

Carson, ACH



Wayne Carson has over 30 years of experience working with children and families in a variety of roles, the last 22 years as Chief Executive Officer of ACH Child and Family Services (ACH). With a focused mission to “Protect Children and Preserve Families”, and 700 dedicated staff, ACH operates 16 different programs in several counties providing a range of services that both prevent and treat child abuse, neglect, homelessness and family separation, and Our Community Our Kids, which delivers community based care for a seven county region in north Texas.

Wayne holds a bachelors degree in civil engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla, and masters and doctorate degrees in social work from the University of Texas at Arlington. He serves on the boards of the Mental Health Connection of Tarrant County and the Texas Alliance for Child and Family Services. Wayne was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni of the University of Texas at Arlington in 2009, Not-for-Profit CEO of the Year by the Fort Worth Business Press in 2015, and received the Founders Award from Texans Care for Children in 2018.

In 2019 Wayne was appointed by Governor Abbott to serve on the Transition Legislative Oversight Committee. He is cofounder of the Community Based Child Welfare National Symposium which hosts annual gatherings of national leaders in community based care.

He is the father of three fantastic kids, grandfather to the three smartest boys in Texas, and has been married to his wife Vickie for 34 years.

Wayne Carson, LCCA, Ph.D.

Chief Executive Officer, ACH

Representative

Nicole Collier



Nicole Collier is a practicing attorney, small business owner, grandmother and mother of three who has spent her life working to obtain the American Dream. As a single mother of two children before finishing high school, she was bolstered by both her faith and family to continue her education all the way through law school graduation. Nicole graduated from the University of Houston and married Gary Collier, shortly thereafter. Gary and Nicole established their home in Fort Worth, Texas, and for the last 20 years, Nicole has been a strong advocate for individuals and families, and has now taken her skills to the state Capitol.

Nicole is the first woman to represent House District 95, in Tarrant County, and in November 2020, she was re-elected to her fifth term in office.

Nicole's appointment as Chair of the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee during the 86th Legislature made her the first woman in Texas history to serve in that capacity since the committee's formation in 1879.

In the 87th Texas Legislature, Nicole was re-appointed to serve as Chair of the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee and appointed to the Public Health Committee. The Texas Legislative Black Caucus elected Nicole as their Chair in 2020. She also serves on other caucuses in the House of Representatives, along with the Texas Indigent Defense Commission.

Nicole Collier

Texas House of Representatives
District 95

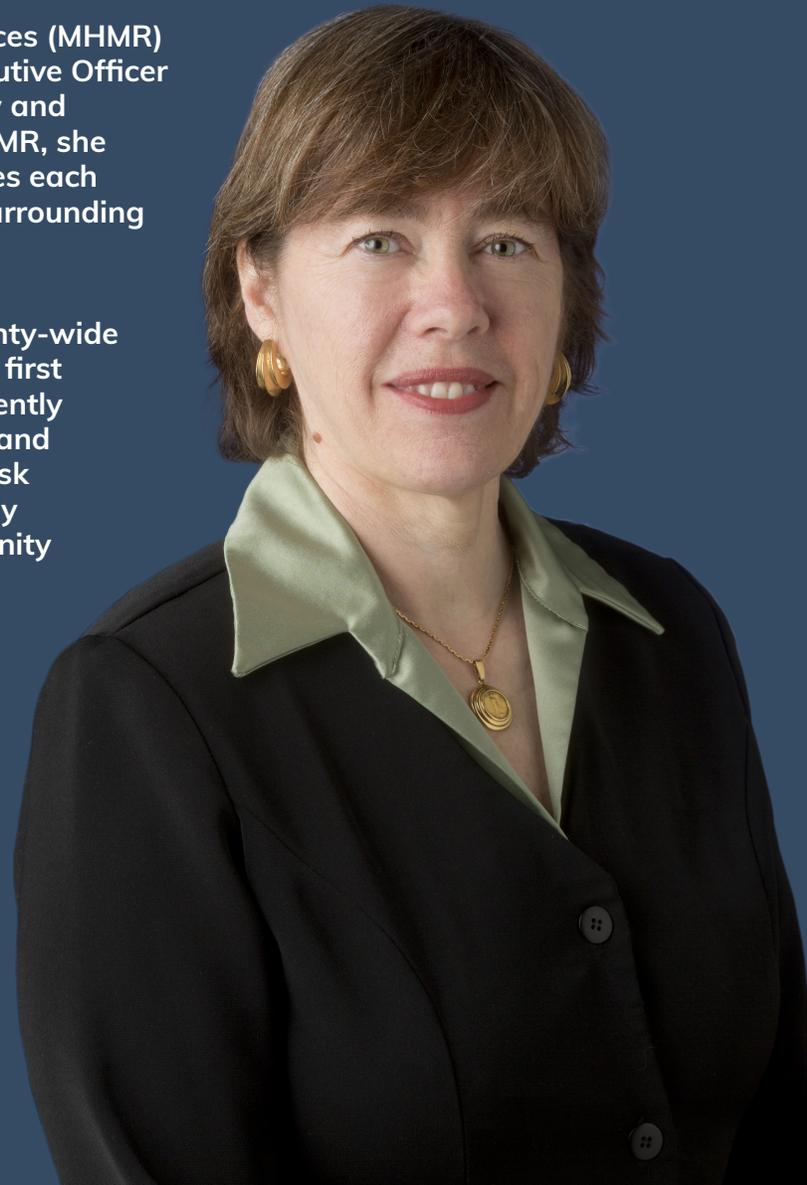


Susan Garnett, MHMR

Susan Garnett first came to My Health My Resources (MHMR) of Tarrant County in 1996 and became Chief Executive Officer in 2012. In her many roles, she has developed new and innovative ways of serving the community. At MHMR, she oversees nearly 2,000 employees providing services each year to more than 70,000 people in Tarrant and surrounding counties.

Under her leadership, Tarrant County initiated county-wide mobile crisis mental health services; developed the first Aging and Disability Resource Center in Texas; recently implemented a mental health jail diversion center; and implemented an innovative program for youth at risk of institutionalization. She continues to work closely with stakeholders to find solutions to meet community needs.

In addition to her work with MHMR, Susan serves on the board of Mental Health Connection of Tarrant County, the Health Steering Committee of National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Policy Committee of The Arc of the United States. She and her husband have three adult sons, one of whom has intellectual disabilities.



Susan Garnett, MSW

Chief Executive Officer, MHMR



Chris Gorrie, FWPD

I am Chris Gorrie and I'm a seventeen-year veteran of the Fort Worth Police Department. I was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in July of 2020 and I am currently assigned as a Lieutenant of the Community Alliance Section. This section within the police department houses the Crisis Intervention Teams, the Homeless Outreach Team, the Peer Support Team, Reserve Officers, and the new Civilian Response Unit. These units focus on providing police services in a more non-traditional manner.

I have had the privilege to serve as a patrol officer, a detective in Traffic and Internal Affairs, a sergeant in patrol, and then in the Chief's office. During this time, I took an interest in the mental wellness of our officers and assisted in the implementation of our Early Intervention Program. That passion translates into my current position as we seek ways to improve how we deal with mental health.

Chris Gorrie

Lieutenant of Community Alliance, FWPD



Virginia Hoft,

MHC

Virginia Hoft has provided leadership to Mental Health Connection (MHC) of Tarrant County as Executive Director since 2019.

She has Bachelor of Science degrees in both Business and Education from University of Louisiana at Lafayette and is a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor and National Certified Addiction Counselor. She has worked in the mental health and substance abuse field in Tarrant County for over three decades in the role of counselor, trainer, program developer, and executive.



Virginia Hoft

Executive Director, MHC



Lauren

King, TCHC



Lauren King is the Executive Director at Tarrant County Homeless Coalition and has been with the organization for over five years, first serving as the Director of Development and then being named Executive Director in December 2020. She is a social worker who bleeds purple, but also has a touch of burnt orange in her too.

For 15 years, Lauren has dedicated her career to serving in agencies serving those impacted by homelessness and poverty, spending most of her career prior to the Homeless Coalition with SafeHaven and Catholic Charities. She has always been and remains committed to providing service to those most in need. With the Homeless Coalition she is committed to realizing the shared community vision of a vibrant community where everyone has a place to call home.

Lauren grew up in Fort Worth and is committed to making the community she loves a better place for all. When she's not working to end homelessness, Lauren enjoys spending time with her large extended family, traveling as much as possible, and cheering the Frogs on at every opportunity.

Lauren King, MSW

Executive Director, TCHC



Lisa Farmer Koontz, Cook Children's Medical Center

Lisa Farmer Koontz holds a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from Baylor University and a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Texas at Arlington. She has worked in Pediatrics, Maternal/Child Health, and Psychiatry.

She has been with Cook Children's Department of Psychiatry for 18 years, for which she has held the position as director for the past 10 years.

Lisa is passionate about trauma-informed care and suicide prevention, serving as a TBRI™ Practitioner and a registered facilitator for suicide prevention with the American Psychiatric Nurses Association.

*Lisa Farmer Koontz, Lisa Farmer Koontz, BSN,
RN-BC, LMSW*

Director, Cook Children's Department of Psychiatry



Sonya Mosley,

Lena Pope



Sonya Mosley, LCSW, has been investing in children and their families through her work in the Juvenile Justice and/or Child Welfare systems at Lena Pope for more than 20 years. As the Director of School and Community Based Services, Sonya oversees state and county contracts, including Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP), as well as an array of community-based programs that provide in-home counseling, case management, and skills building services for at-risk youth and families.

Sonya is a licensed clinical social worker with a master's degree in social work from the University of Texas at Arlington. She has served on the Mental Health Connection Board and is the Chair of the Recognize and Rise Community Awareness Campaign. She's also a community trainer for California Brief Multicultural Competency Scale Training (CBMCS).

Sonya is a 30-year member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (the first African American Greek-letter service organization for women) and has actively served on projects aimed at improving the lives of community members.

Sonya Mosley, LCSW

Director of School and Community Based Services,
Lena Pope



Dr. Carol Nati, MHMR

Dr. Carol Nati is Board Certified in Child, Adolescent & Adult Psychiatry. She received her medical degree from Oral Roberts University School of Medicine and attended Baylor College of Medicine for her Psychiatry Residency. She completed a Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu.

As a practitioner, Dr. Nati has served patients at North Texas State Hospital's (NTSH) Maximum-Security Campus on the Competency Program and at the Wichita Falls Campus treating persons diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). She has further distinguished herself as the Medical Director for Behavioral Health at Cook Children's Hospital, and Vice-Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at John Peter Smith Hospital.

Currently, Dr. Nati is the Chief Medical Officer for My Health My Resources (MHMR) of Tarrant County, Pecan Valley Centers, and the Helen Farabee Centers. She has been in practice for more than 25 years and has been distinguished as a Top Doc in Fort Worth for more than a decade.



Dr. Carol Nati

Chief Medical Officer, MHMR

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Becky Tinney, RRC

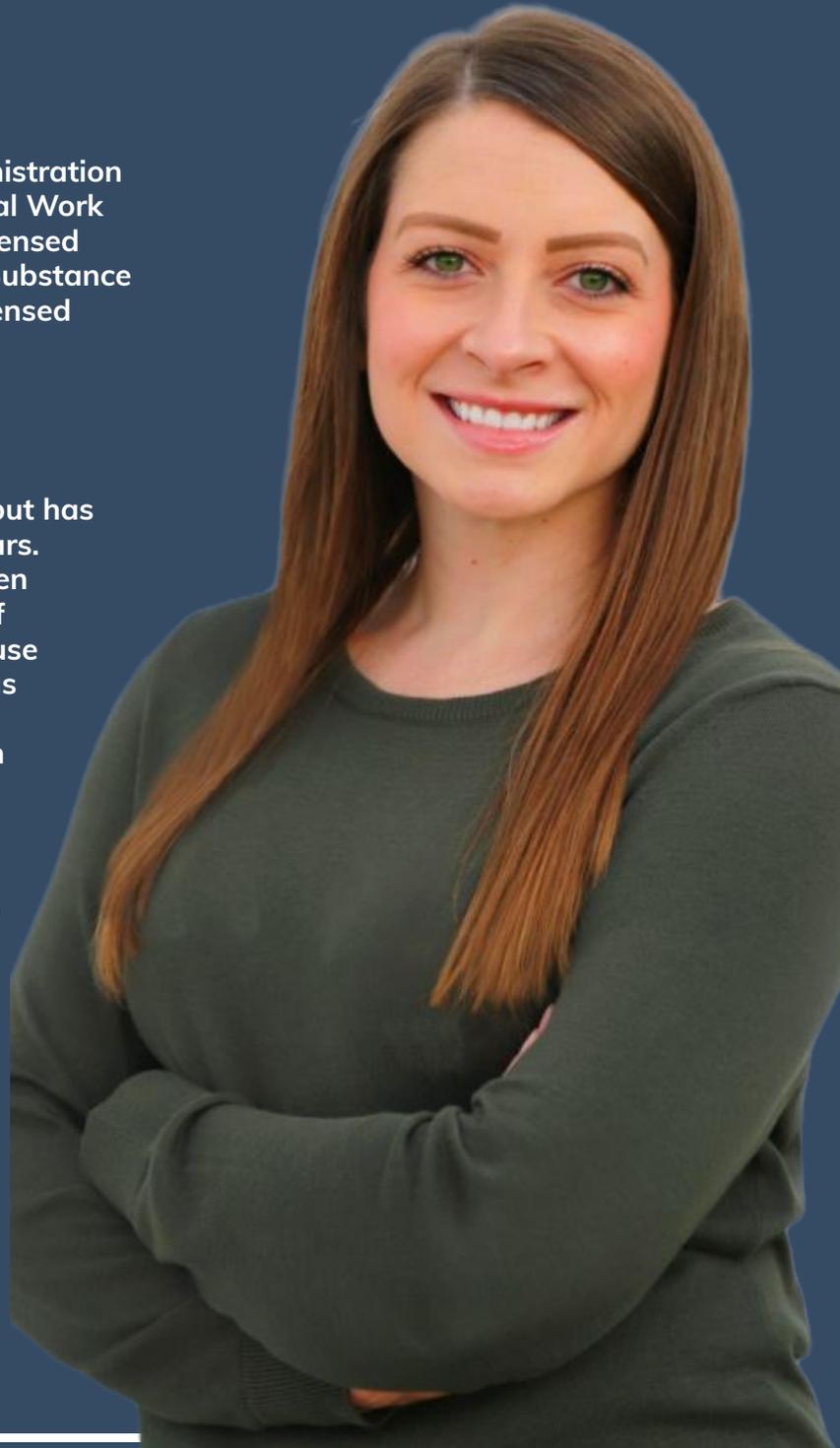
Becky Tinney holds a bachelor's in Business Administration from Northwood University and a master's in Social Work from the University of Texas Arlington. She is a Licensed Master Level Social Worker in Mental Health and Substance Abuse, a Certified Prevention Specialist, and a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor.

She currently serves as the Director of Community Engagement at Recovery Resource Center (RRC), but has worked in the social services field for nearly 10 years. RRC is a behavioral health nonprofit which has been serving North Texas since 1946 with the mission of promoting wellness and recovery from substance use disorders and trauma through programs for various at-risk populations including veterans, chronically homeless, at-risk youth, and adults struggling with mental health and substance use disorder.

Becky is attributed with the agency's recent success in launching the Overdose Response Team program across four counties in North Texas and has recently begun work on building an Overdose Fatality Review committee for Tarrant County.

*Becky Tinney, LMSW,
LCDC, CPS*

Director of Community Engagement, RRC





Vicki Warren, LMSW

A licensed social worker since 1993, Mrs. Warren has occupied a variety of positions within the field of human services, public health and education. From direct client services to program administration to community development, Mrs. Warren has valuable experience working with a variety of populations.

Mrs. Warren worked for 10 years at Catholic Charities, Fort Worth, first providing direct client services to families impacted by abuse and neglect to managing several case management and community outreach programs. From there she transitioned to the Fort Worth Public Health Department, serving as Clinical Director for a 6 year system of care grant from SAMHSA.

Currently Mrs. Warren works for the Fort Worth Independent School District as the Director of Intervention Services, overseeing a department of licensed counselors and social workers who address the social, emotional and behavioral needs of students to support their academic success.

Mrs. Warren participates in a variety of community groups, co-chairs a county-wide collaboration, and serves on the Tarrant County Crime Stoppers Board of Directors.

Vicki Warren, LMSW

Director of Intervention Services, FWISD



Dr. Eric Wood, TCU

Dr. Eric Wood currently serves as the Director of Counseling & Mental Health at Texas Christian University. He has over 13 years of experience in college mental health, including previously serving on the governance board of the National College Depression Partnership and being a peer reviewer for the Journal of American College Health.

He's a frequent presenter at national conferences, provides consultations with various colleges and universities, and a former diversity scholar of the Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors. He successfully authored two federal grants with the Department of Health & Human Services, and has helped secured over \$800,000 in external funding to TCU in order to expand clinical programs and services on campus.

Dr. Wood founded TCU's Comprehensive Collaborative Care Model and helped trained over 100 colleges and universities to implement various aspects of this model. He has been mentioned in publications such as the Texas Tribune, the Fort Worth Star-telegram, US News & World Report, The Chronical of Higher Education, Insider Higher Education, Harvard Business Review, and the New York Times.

Dr. Eric Wood

Director, TCU and Counseling and Mental Health

