

**Blueprint for the States
Hearing One, Santa Fe, New Mexico
Witness Biographies**

Nicholas Bakas, chief public safety officer for the City of Albuquerque

Chief Nicholas Bakas oversees the Albuquerque Police Department, Albuquerque Fire Department, Corrections, and Emergency Management. Throughout his career with the Albuquerque Police Department, he served as the coordinator of Community Policing efforts in the Southeast Area Command and pursued specialized training in areas such as domestic violence, race and cultural awareness, and crisis intervention. He also served as project manager of a recently completed elderly housing complex. Chief Bakas graduated from the University of New Mexico School of Law.

Christina Dye, MPH, chief, Bureau of Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention, Division of Behavioral Health Services, Arizona Department of Health Services

Christina Dye is the division chief for Clinical and Recovery Support Services within the Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health. She also served in the capacity of ADHS chief for Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Services for eight years, making her one of a handful of state substance abuse directors in the country to serve for that length of time. As the ADHS clinical division director, she is responsible for programmatic administration and clinical practice development for Arizona's publicly funded behavioral health system. Key themes that have marked Ms. Dye's tenure as the state's substance abuse chief include: a focus on collaboration and developing strategic partnerships to serve high-risk populations with substance use disorders; a focus on improving the quality and depth of substance use disorder treatment, including strategic implementation of evidence based practices and treatment approaches; and a focus on expanding access to care for vulnerable and high-risk populations.

Suzanne Gelber Rinaldo, MSW, Ph.D.

Suzanne Gelber Rinaldo heads the Avisa Group, a specialized substance abuse and mental health policy research, consulting, and evaluation firm. She has worked with SAMHSA, and both CSAT and CMHS, on projects related to organization and financing of care, buprenorphine and other medication-assisted treatments, screening and brief intervention, and other current policy issues. Dr. Gelber and her partners also work with several foundations, 12 states, several counties and cities, and with the private sector. She headed the national Towers Perrin employee benefits mental health and substance abuse practice for six years. Prior to that, she worked on managed care planning and development; and at the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation. Dr. Gelber is a founding member of the Washington Circle Group who has also held academic appointments at SUNY Stony Brook's Averell Harriman School and at Brandeis University's Institute for Health Policy. She and her colleagues work in collaboration with other policy research entities, academic centers, health plans, and large provider systems and professional societies in substance abuse and mental health. She has served on a variety of expert panels for US DHHS, at several foundations, and she is a CMS reviewer.

Arturo Gonzales, Ph.D., executive director, Sangre de Cristo Community Health Partnership

Arturo Gonzales manages a CSAT federally funded substance abuse screening, brief intervention, and referral and treatment (SBIRT) program implemented in rural primary care medical clinics throughout New Mexico, and in conjunction with the New Mexico Governor's Office and Department of Health. He also has professional expertise in health care planning, primary care practice management, rural health care delivery, managed care planning implementation, development of community collaborations, providing services to indigent and special populations, and facilitation and strategic program planning.

Pamela Hyde, J.D., secretary, New Mexico Human Services Department

Pamela Hyde has 25 years experience in management and consulting for public sector systems of healthcare and human services. She has held several key public sector management positions, including those of a state mental health director, state Medicaid director, and city housing and human services director. She was also the CEO of a private non-profit behavioral healthcare organization that both managed care and provided direct services. She has consulted with state or local authorities and/or provider networks in over 15 states and over 25 different jurisdictions. One of her more recent projects was leadership of the 18-member national consulting team that conducted the statewide Behavioral Health Gaps Analysis for New Mexico. As secretary of New Mexico's Human Services Department, Ms. Hyde is committed to improving access, quality, and accountability of health and human services programs for the residents of New Mexico.

Jon Morgenstern, Ph.D., vice president and director of Health and Treatment Research, National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, Columbia University, New York

Jon Morgenstern is also professor of clinical psychology in psychiatry and director of Substance Abuse Services at Columbia University Medical School. He is an expert in substance abuse treatment and health services research. His areas of interest include strategies to improve existing community-based substance abuse treatment.

William R. Miller, Ph.D., distinguished professor of psychology and psychiatry, University of New Mexico

William R. Miller's publications include more than 30 books and 300 articles and chapters. He has focused in particular on the development, testing, and dissemination of behavioral treatments for addictions. He has served as principal investigator for numerous research grants and contracts, founded a private practice group, and served as a consultant to many organizations including the United States Senate, the World Health Organization, the National Academy of Sciences, and the National Institutes of Health. His work has been especially facilitated by a 15-year senior career Research Scientist Award from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, allowing him to focus full-time effort on clinical research. A fellow of both the American Psychological Association and the American Psychological Society, he has served as director of clinical training for UNM's APA-approved doctoral program in clinical psychology and as co-director of UNM's Center on Alcoholism, substance Abuse and Addictions (CASAA). Among other awards and honors, he has been listed by the Institute for Scientific Information as one of the "world's most cited scientists."

Donald Maestas, MSW, LISW, chief of prevention services, Prevention Services Bureau, New Mexico Department of Health

Don Maestas, is the bureau chief for the Prevention Services Bureau of the Behavioral Health Services Division in the Department of Health. A native of New Mexico, Mr. Maestas received his Masters Degree in Social Work from New Mexico Highland's University in June 1983 with a specialization in Policy, Planning, and Administration. For the past 21 years, he has held positions with the State of New Mexico in Child Protective Services, Adoptions, Adult Protective Services and, since 1992, with the Behavioral Health Services Division. Mr. Maestas is directing the Division's initiative to enhance the comprehensive Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Abuse (ATODA) prevention system, which he was instrumental in creating. Representing the state of New Mexico since 1994 in the National Prevention Network has given him the opportunity to apply both his professional and grassroots perspectives at the state and national levels.

Dennis McCarty, Ph.D., professor, Oregon Health and Sciences University

Dennis McCarty is a professor at the Oregon Health and Sciences University. He also directs the Center for Substance Abuse Research and Policy within the Oregon Health Policy Institute. He collaborates with policy makers and community-based programs to examine the organization, financing, delivery, and effectiveness of publicly funded treatment services for alcohol and drug disorders. Dr. McCarty also leads the national evaluation for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (Paths to Recovery) and Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (Strengthening Treatment Access and Retention) initiatives. Dr. McCarty's research and service activities focus on the intersection of policy, practice, and research. In Massachusetts, he worked closely with the Department of Public Health to evaluate legislative reforms in rehabilitation services for offenders charged with operating under the influence. He also monitored the implementation of a statewide system of prevention services and developed a statewide client information system.

Tom McLellan, PhD, director, University of Pennsylvania Treatment Research Institute

Thomas McLellan is a professor of psychology in psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania and co-founder and executive director of the Treatment Research Institute, a not-for-profit research and development institute in Philadelphia. Dr. McLellan is nationally and internationally recognized for his more than 30 years of research into treatment outcomes for substance abuse patients. He was principal developer of the Addiction Severity Index (ASI) and the Treatment Services Review (TSR), measurement instruments that characterize the multiple dimensions of problems confronting substance abusing patients, and the types and duration of treatment services offered in response. He has published more than 400 articles and chapters on addiction research and serves as editor in chief of the Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment. He has served as an advisor to many government and nonprofit scientific organizations, including the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Research, and Evaluation, the National Practice Laboratory of the American Psychiatric Association, the Swiss National Science Foundation, the World Health Organization, and the Greek government. He has received many honors and awards including the Life Achievement Award of the American Society of Addiction Medicine in 2003 and Innovator of the Year by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Harry Montoya, Santa Fe County commissioner for District 1; president and CEO, Hands Across Cultures Corporation

Working in prevention and treatment of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, Mr. Montoya developed a dual-diagnosis program (chemical dependency/mental health) while he worked at a psychiatric/chemical dependency hospital. His clinical work has included cognitive and interactive

experiential methods of community mobilization/organization, with major emphasis in intercultural participatory learning. As CEO, Harry's major responsibilities include the overall direction and management of the organization and the management of state and federal grants, as well as foundation contributions. Mr. Montoya has provided this training to local, state and international audiences. Harry currently serves as treasurer on the Board of Directors for the New Mexico Association of Counties (NMAC). He was also elected by the New Mexico Association of Counties, Board of Directors to serve on the National Association of Counties (NACO) Board of Directors. In addition, he serves as a member of the National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO).

Richard Rawson, Ph.D., associate director, Integrated Substance Abuse Program, UCLA

Richard Rawson is involved with the evaluation of California's proposition 36 at UCLA. He has spent his career conducting research and developing treatment systems for substance abuse disorders. He oversees a portfolio of addiction research ranging from brain imaging studies to numerous clinical trials on pharmacological and psychosocial addiction treatments, to the study of how new treatments are applied in the treatment system. During the past decade, he has worked with the US State Department on large substance abuse research and treatment projects, exporting US technology and addiction science to Mexico, Thailand, Israel, Egypt, and the Palestinian Authority. Dr. Rawson has published 2 books, 15 book chapters and over 125 professional papers and has conducted over 1000 workshops, presentations, and training sessions.

Bill Richardson, Governor of New Mexico

In just over two years in office, Governor Richardson has improved education, cut income taxes and the tax on food, built a high-wage economy, developed a statewide water plan, and made New Mexico safer by getting tough on DWI, domestic violence, and sex crimes. Governor Richardson has been credited for implementing the most forward-looking clean energy agenda in the nation. As a result, New Mexico is now a national leader in job growth and economic momentum. The state has a balanced budget and one of the highest budget reserves in the country. Governor Richardson currently serves as chairman of the Democratic Governors' Association. Governor Richardson is also past chairman of Western Governors' Association, Border Governors' Conference, and 2004 Democratic National Convention. He served in 1997 as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and in 1998, he was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy. Governor Richardson has been nominated several times for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Dave Wanser, Ph.D., president, NASADAD; deputy commissioner, Texas Department of State Health Services

Dave Wanser's responsibilities include administration of contracted services for a wide range of mental health, substance abuse, primary and preventive care, and nutrition services; and oversight of the state mental health and public health facilities. Prior to his appointment as deputy commissioner, he served as executive director of the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA) for three years. TCADA purchases evidence-based prevention and treatment services, and is a national leader in the use of web-based data infrastructure for behavioral health services. As TCADA executive director, he chaired the statewide Drug Demand Reduction Advisory Committee which was comprised of 19 state agencies. Dr. Wanser also served a fifteen year tenure at the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (TDMHMR), served as the director of Behavioral Health Services and Director of NorthSTAR Behavioral Health Program, and has been a consultant to the Center for Mental Health Services Mental Health Performance Partnership Grant Program. He is president of the Board of Directors of the National Association of State Substance Abuse Directors and was previously the chairperson of the Adult Services Division of the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD).

Allan Wheeler, Santa Fe County DWI Planning Council; representative, Impact DWI

In 1993, Allan Wheeler retired to Santa Fe, NM. He began volunteer work in 1998 with the local chapter of MADD. In 1999, he co-founded Impact DWI, Inc. (a 501-c-3) to provide monthly DWI victim impact panels to court mandated offenders. Since then, he has been an active member (including chair and vice-chair) of the Santa Fe County DWI Planning Council which oversees an \$800,000. budget and reports to the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Wheeler was recently appointed to chair the steering committee for a five-year state funded DWI environmental prevention program focused on 15 through 24 year olds. He has been a citizen lobbyist for DWI-related matters such as the closing of drive-up liquor windows and the raising of the state alcohol excise tax. Mr. Wheeler has recently drafted a position paper which recommends and details the establishment of a state-level organization to coordinate alcohol abuse remediation efforts within New Mexico.

Joe Wiese, MS, LPC, CPS, director of the Southwest Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (SWCAPT)

E. Joe Wiese is director of the Southwest Prevention Center and CSAP's Southwest Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies. The Centers provide technical assistance and training services for nine states in the Southwest Region. Joe has served as the director of prevention at the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the State Director for the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program in Texas. He has extensive experience as a trainer and consultant on grassroots, state, national, and international prevention issues. Joe has served on numerous committees with the National Prevention Network, the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and the US Dept. of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools. In 2003, the National Prevention Network awarded Joe its Ketty Award for "Outstanding dedication to the field of prevention and the National Prevention Network