



Linda Wang, MD

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Candidate Bio

Linda Wang, MD is an addiction medicine physician at the REACH Program at Mount Sinai, a comprehensive primary care program for people who use drugs. At REACH, she leads a nurse care manager program providing longitudinal care for people who use drugs, which has expanded access to buprenorphine treatment across Mount Sinai Hospital. She is the Medical Director for the VOCAL-NY + Mount Sinai Cures Clinic, which provides low-threshold medical services such as hepatitis C treatment, buprenorphine, and wound care for people who use drugs that is co-located within VOCAL-NY's syringe service program. In her role as Medical Director for the Hepatitis C and Drug User Health Center of Excellence at Mount Sinai, she develops and coordinates state-wide training and conferences for NYS clinician to strengthen clinical practice and improve patient outcomes. At Mount Sinai Health System, she leads several efforts to improve addiction care across the care continuum, including advocacy for stigma-free care for people who use drugs. She is Chair of the NYS Drug User Health Working Group. She was formerly the NYSAM Education Committee Chair.

She is Associate Professor of Medicine & Medical Education at the Icahn School of Medicine. She received her medical degree from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and completed residency in the Primary Care and Social Internal Medicine Program at Montefiore Medical Center.



Judith Cole, MSN, AGPCNP-BC, WHNP-BC, CARN-AP

TREASURER

Candidate Bio

Judith Cole, MSN, AGPCNP-BC, WHNP-BC, CARN-AP is a dual-certified Nurse Practitioner and Senior Director of Medical Services within Harlem United's Integrated Harm Reduction Department in New York City. She launched and leads Harlem United's street-based medical program, delivering low-threshold care, including buprenorphine and hepatitis C treatment, for PWUD and those experiencing unstable housing. Previously, she practiced primary care in women's shelters across Manhattan and the Bronx. In her current role, Judith drives program development and systems change designing policies and clinical protocols, guiding operations, and managing contract-funded resources while collaborating with external research partners to evaluate program effectiveness. Judith is a prescribing provider with Ophelia Health and provides technical assistance through the Opioid Response Network. She serves on NYSAM's Education and Membership Committees, co-chaired NYSAM's 2025 and 2026 annual conferences, and delivers community-based trainings on harm reduction and trauma-informed care.



Zina Huxley-Reicher, MD

SECRETARY

Candidate Bio

Zina Huxley-Reicher is currently an addiction medicine fellow at Montefiore Medical Center after completing her Internal Medicine and Primary Care residency at Yale New Haven Health. Prior to medical school the Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai, she worked for the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on overdose prevention and naloxone distribution projects which was her introduction to caring for folks who use substances. Over the years her work has focused on providing care to those who use substances in a large variety of settings as well as the care of those returning home from jail and prison. She is passionate about improving access to substance use care, improving policies at all levels to allow our systems to better care for those individuals and partnering with communities to include and empower patients in their own care.



Mashal Khan, MD

AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER SEAT

Candidate Bio

Mashal Khan, M.D., is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medicine and an addiction-psychiatrist embedded within the Liver Transplant Program. In this role, he evaluates transplant candidates and living donors and provides integrated psychiatric care to support patients through the transplant process. His clinical work focuses on improving outcomes for individuals with alcohol-associated liver disease through evidence-based addiction treatment and multidisciplinary care.

Dr. Khan graduated from Xi'an Jiaotong University School of Medicine and completed his psychiatry residency at Maimonides Medical Center, where he served as Chief Resident. He went on to complete a fellowship in Addiction Psychiatry at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (Mount Sinai St. Luke's-West). He is board-certified in both General Psychiatry and Addiction Psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

At Weill Cornell Medicine, Dr. Khan serves as Associate Program Director of the Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship and Director of the Center for Alcohol and Liver Medicine. He is an active member of the NYSAM Board, and is committed to advancing evidence-based addiction treatment, reducing stigma, and strengthening collaboration across disciplines to improve care for individuals with substance use disorders.

Dr. Khan's academic work focuses on advancing care for substance use disorders through technology-assisted interventions and integrated medical-psychiatric treatment models. He is the author of *Technology-Assisted Interventions for Substance Use Disorders* and *From Stigma to Support: A New Vision for Alcohol Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery*, and has contributed to multiple book chapters and peer-reviewed publications.



Tricia Bautista, MD, FASAM

AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER SEAT

Candidate Bio

As the medical director of substance use services on Rikers Island, I manage a multidisciplinary team of addiction professionals in addition to providing direct patient care to a large population in the carceral setting.

As a recent addiction medicine fellow graduate from Montefiore Medical Center, I developed expertise in substance use care, community-based harm reduction and overdose prevention to a marginalized, publicly insured and uninsured patient population in a variety of settings including safety net hospital, bridge clinic model, Federally Qualified Health Centers, opioid treatment programs and low threshold models including overdose prevention centers. I led a multidisciplinary inpatient addiction medicine consult team, advised primary medical teams on medically complex substance use disorders in the acute setting, oversaw internal medicine residents and medical students, provided bedside and formal teaching, and collaborated with peer advocates for discharge planning and care coordination. And I spearheaded medical education efforts through didactic lectures, case-conferences, small-groups, and grand rounds to medical students, residents, hospitalists, and community physicians.

I am a board-certified family medicine physician who completed residency in Central California at Adventist Health Hanford where I provided comprehensive, longitudinal primary care to publicly insured and uninsured medically complex patients in a rural, underserved community. There I led administrative, educational and wellness initiatives as chief resident, managed a year-long didactic curriculum as didactic chair, served as resident substance use disorder champion, co-created an addiction medicine rotation, and facilitated resident Balint group. I advocated efforts resulting in state-wide policies focused on addiction medicine curriculum integration into family medicine training and community-based overdose prevention efforts.



Ruchi Shah, DO

EARLY CAREER MEMBER BOARD SEAT

Candidate Bio

Ruchi Shah, DO (she/her) is an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein School of Medicine. She provides primary care, including addiction medicine care and reproductive health outpatient, at Wakefield Ambulatory Care Center, and serves as faculty in the Montefiore/Einstein Addiction Medicine Fellowship Program. She is the Medical Director of the new Wakefield Addiction Medicine Consult Service, which started in January 2025. She is grateful for the privilege of partnering with and learning from PWUD in their care. Ruchi completed her family medicine residency training and addiction medicine fellowship training at Boston Medical Center. Her interests include health equity and advocacy to turn her big feelings into meaningful change.



Theresa Baxter, CARN-AP

ASSOCIATE MEMBER BOARD SEAT

Candidate Bio

Theresa Baxter is a Family Nurse Practitioner with experience in pain and substance use disorder management, acute and chronic. She started in 2005 as an RN on the Surgical ICU at Upstate, went on to complete a Master of Science in Nursing from SUNY Upstate College of Nursing in 2013, began working with the Department of Anesthesia on the Acute Pain Service. Realizing the gap in care for patients with Opioid Use Disorder she continued her training and went on to help create the Addiction Consult team, primarily specializing in medical management of alcohol and opioid use disorder, pain management. She is a board-Certified Addiction Registered Nurse- Advanced Practice: (CARN-AP).

Theresa remains committed to professional development and patient advocacy, regularly participating in continuing education, contributions to initiatives aimed at improving addiction management practices across healthcare settings. Providing evidence based and often “outside of the box” Substance Use Disorders treatment and empowering others to do the same has been a driving force for Theresa, as well as advocating for compassionate care, stigma and harm reduction.



Zakary Walizadeh, PA-C

ASSOCIATE MEMBER BOARD SEAT

Candidate Bio

Zakary Walizadeh, PA-C, is a physician assistant specializing in addiction medicine. He serves as a Clinical Manager at Ophelia Health, a telehealth opioid use disorder treatment provider, where he practices clinically while leading a team of clinicians caring for patients nationwide. He is deeply committed to harm reduction, expanding access to low-barrier addiction treatment, and championing compassionate, stigma-free care for people who use drugs.



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Briesny Tejada, MD

MEDICAL STUDENT/RESIDENT/FELLOW
BOARD SEAT

Candidate Bio

Dr. Briesny Tejada is an Addiction Medicine Fellow at NYU. She completed her residency in Family Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center, where she participated as a mentee in the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) Addiction Medicine Mentored Training Program. During this time, she designed and led a resident-focused quality improvement initiative to improve screening for unhealthy alcohol use in the primary care setting.

At NYU, Dr. Tejada currently serves as a mentor to scholars in the Multidisciplinary Addiction Training Scholarship Program. Her clinical and academic interests include reducing stigma in addiction care and expanding access to evidence-based treatment in community-based settings.

Dr. Tejada is committed to providing compassionate addiction treatment and comprehensive primary care to patients in underserved urban communities. She hopes to contribute to efforts that improve education, mentorship, and systems of care for individuals affected by substance use disorders. As a board member, she would be eager to support initiatives that strengthen mentorship, advance addiction medicine education, and expand access to evidence-based care for underserved communities.



Philip J. McFarland, MD

MEDICAL STUDENT/RESIDENT/FELLOW
BOARD SEAT

Candidate Bio

Philip J. McFarland, MD, is a PGY4 psychiatry resident at Montefiore Medical Center, where he serves as Administrative Chief Resident and is the founding member of the Community Psychiatry Concentration with a focus on addiction medicine. He earned his MD from Tufts University School of Medicine after completing a BS in Molecular Biology at Marquette University. Dr. McFarland is a participant in the OASAS-funded Addiction Medicine Mentorship Program and leads a multidisciplinary steering committee developing harm-reduction services for patients with substance use disorders at Montefiore Behavioral Health Center. He will begin an Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship at NYU Grossman School of Medicine in July 2026. His clinical and academic interests center on expanding community-based addiction treatment and integrating harm reduction approaches within public mental health systems.



Gabriel Baker

MEDICAL STUDENT/RESIDENT/FELLOW
BOARD SEAT

Candidate Bio

I am a third-year medical student at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. I grew up in San Diego, California, and attended the University of California, Berkeley, where I majored in molecular and cell biology. I plan to apply to internal medicine with a focus on primary care and hope to continue my training in New York.

Throughout medical school, I have been actively involved with the Einstein Community Health Organization (ECHO) Free Clinic, a student-run clinic in the Bronx dedicated to serving uninsured New Yorkers in a primary care setting. I have also worked with Dr. Littleton through the Homeless Outreach Program at Einstein (HOPE), a mobile medical van based out of the Living Room shelter, where providers support unhoused individuals in managing substance use disorders, particularly opioid use disorder.

More recently, I began working with Dr. Fox on a research project examining prior criminal-legal involvement as a predictor of engagement in buprenorphine treatment. Through these clinical and research experiences, I have developed a strong interest in addiction medicine, particularly in improving access to evidence-based treatment for vulnerable populations. I am excited to continue integrating addiction medicine, primary care, and research into my future career.