

Virtual Summer Academy 2020

Bio Sketches

In order of Presentation

Tuesday August 11, 2020: Critical Roles for School Nurses

Bill Marrapese MSN, RN

Bill Marrapese has served as the School Nurse of the Greenfield Commonwealth Virtual School (GCVS), a public school of choice in Massachusetts, since January 2017. GCVS has approximately 750 students across more than 170 towns in Massachusetts, and is a pioneer for personalized learning across grades, K-12. Prior to joining GCVS, Bill practiced hospital based nursing for 9 years, and worked extensively with school age children, with a focus on preventive care and health education. Bill earned his BA in Psychology from Rhode Island College, his RN from Bristol Community College, and his MSN in Nursing, with a concentration in Education and Leadership; from Walden University. He lives in South Deerfield, Massachusetts with his family, in their deep energy retrofitted ranch.

Jackie Brady PhD, RN, NCSN

Jackie Brady is currently working as a school nurse for Boston Public Schools at the Bradley Elementary School in East Boston. She has worked for Boston Public Schools for 13 years. Before that, Jackie worked for Quincy Public Schools for 7 years. Jackie graduated with her Ph.D. in Nursing at Northeastern University in May of this year. Two years ago, Jackie presented her Literature Review at our Summer Health Academy. Today Jackie will follow up and tell us about the results of her study: ***Experiences of School Nurses Caring for Newly Arrived Immigrant and Refugee Children.*** Jackie recently received news that her manuscript for this study was accepted by the *Journal of School Nursing*.

Mary D. Kelly PhD, CAS, MSN, CPNP, RN

Mary has worked in pediatric health care for over 40 years in a variety of nursing roles; PNP, CNS, RN. She has worked as both as an inpatient nurse and an outpatient nurse. Mary has worked with children with complex medical needs in the Complex Care Program for Boston Children's Hospital, caring for the most medically fragile children on a local, national and international level. For 12 years

Mary worked as a Primary Care PNP in the Primary Care Program at Boston Children's Hospital and recently resigned believing that, after 40 years, it is okay to have only one full time job and follow academic pursuits! She is honored to be one of the school nurses at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School working with a student population that is 65% English Language Learners who are immigrants of first-generation immigrants. Both the children and their families inspire her daily. She misses them so much during this Pandemic.

Isabel Rivera

Isabel has been working as the Community Based Program Manager overseeing the domestic violence and rape crisis units for Voices Against Violence since 2009. Prior to this position, she was the Shelter Manager for our confidential residential program from March 2002-2009. Isabel has great passion and compassion for survivors and often says how honored she feels to be doing this work. Isabel is a bilingual Latina and with her skills has been able to provide direct services to countless survivors, the majority Spanish-speaking, as well as mentor her bilingual, bicultural staff.