



SNI2023 Biographical Sketches – SNI2023 Conference Planners

Rita Casper, MBA, RN, NCSN

Ms. Casper trained as a nurse at St. Bartholomew's Hospital London. She later settled in Massachusetts where she received her MBA at Simmons College in Boston and her National Certification in School Nursing. Ms. Casper has worked as a nurse in acute care hospitals and medical practices for over 40 years. She has been in her current position as Director of Nursing for Andover Public Schools for the past 17 years. Additionally, she continues to sharpen her clinical skills as an Urgent Care nurse for Atrius Health, Boston. Ms. Casper co-presented a podium presentation titled *Spotlighting the School Nurse Role Implementing an Adolescent Substance Use Prevention Program in Massachusetts, USA* with a group of Massachusetts school nursing leaders at the School Nurse International (SNI) 2019 conference in Stockholm, Sweden, and she presented a poster, "Development of a Health Curriculum for Older Students with Disabilities" at the 2019 SNI Conference in Sweden. Ms. Casper also attended the 2017 SNI Conference in San Francisco.



Jenny M. Gormley, DNP, BA, RN, NCSN, FNASN

Dr. Gormley is Director of the School Health Academy (NEUSHA) at Northeastern University (NU) in Boston, Massachusetts (MA). She is also Program Director for the NU School of Nursing, accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Together with Dr. Hassey, she has developed conferences, workshops and recorded educational activities for school nurses and other school health professionals since 2015. She received the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) 2022 Outstanding School Nurse Educator of the Year Award, the 2023 MA School Nurse Organization (MSNO) Anne Sheetz Leadership Award, and was inducted in July 2023 as a Fellow into the National Academy of School Nurses. Dr. Gormley has worked in school health since 2000 as an elementary school nurse and school nurse administrator prior to her work at NU. She received her Doctor of Nursing Practice from Northeastern University and her Master's degree in the Science of Nursing from the MGH Institute of Health Sciences. Dr. Gormley has been a Registered Nurse for 36 years. Dr. Gormley has taught leadership, law/ethics, and currently Autism Spectrum Disorder in the summer MEd program for school nurses at Cambridge College. Dr. Gormley co-presented a poster, *Continuing nursing education for Haitian immigrant student health and family communication: A quality improvement project*, at the 2019 SNI Conference in Sweden, and attended the 2017 SNI Conference in San Francisco.



Kathy Hassey, DNP, MEd, RN

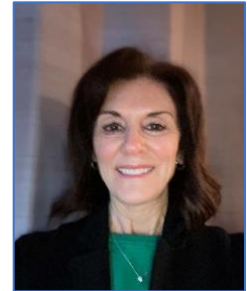
Dr. Hassey received a BA in Biology, then her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Boston University. She received her master's in education in School Health in 2001. She has been a Registered Nurse for 42 years and initially worked at Mount Auburn Hospital and Deaconess Waltham Hospital. She moved into the school health specialty in 1999 as the Director of Health Services for the Hudson Public School system until 2005. Ms. Hassey was the Director of the NEU School Health Institute at Northeastern University and is now the Director of the Northeastern University School Health Academy (NEUSHA), providing conferences and continuing education for School Nurses in all 50 states and 21 countries. She has taught graduate courses such as "Legal and Ethical Issues in School Nursing" and



"Leadership Skills for School Nurses" since 2003. She presently teaches *Leadership in School Health* for Cambridge College and taught *Leadership Skills in School and Community Health and Health Impacts on Academics* for Canisius College for several years. Dr. Hassey was President of the Massachusetts School Nurse Organization (MSNO) 2007-2009 and was the MSNO NASN Director for Massachusetts (2014-2016) and served on the NASN Executive Committee. She completed her DNP in 2018 and received the NASN School Nurse Educator of the Year in 2023. Dr. Hassey co-presented a poster, *Continuing nursing education for Haitian immigrant student health and family communication: A quality improvement project*, at the 2019 SNI Conference in Sweden, and attended the 2017 SNI Conference in San Francisco.

June Kazes, MSN, RN, NCSN

Ms. Kazes has practiced as a Registered Nurse since 1975. Her varied career experience led her to school nursing in 1998, where she has practiced until her retirement in 2021. She attended Northeastern University and Salem State University, where she was a member of Sigma Theta Tau. Ms. Kazes most recently served as the full-time District Nurse Leader for Beverly Public Schools. In this role, she coordinated the Comprehensive School Health Program for the district at all levels (Preschool-Gr.12). Ms. Kazes served on the Executive Board of the Massachusetts School Nurse Organization (MSNO) for 7 years, and currently is employed by the organization as the Strategic Consultant. Ms. Kazes attended the 2019 SNI Conference in Sweden .



Cathy Riccio, MS, MSN, RN

Ms. Riccio was Nurse Leader and Director of the three Massachusetts School Districts over 15 years, retiring in 2022. She served on the board of the MA School Nurse Organization as Liaison/Member of the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Safe and Supportive Schools Commission. Ms. Riccio received her Master's in Science in Environmental Health from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and her Master's degree in the Science of Nursing from Boston University. She presented a breakout session, *Spotlighting the School Nurse Role Implementing an Adolescent Substance Use Prevention Program in Massachusetts, USA* with a group of Massachusetts school nursing leaders at the School Nurse International (SNI) 2019 conference in Stockholm, Sweden.



Shanyn Toulouse, DNP, MEd, RN, NCSN

Dr. Toulouse has been a practicing Registered Nurse since 1995. As the Northeast Regional School Nurse Consultant, Shanyn provides support, training, technical assistance, and consultation for all public, charter, non-public, collaborative, and other school districts in Northeast Massachusetts. Dr. Toulouse served on Governor Baker's Children's Vision Commission as a subject matter expert and consultant to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) in the revisions of the MDPH Children's Vision Screening Protocols that were released August 2021. Shanyn currently serves on the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Safe and Supportive Schools Commission representing the Massachusetts School Nurse Organization (MSNO) and has been appointed to serve on the National Association of School Nurses Board of Directors. Shanyn also serves on the National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health Advisory Committee at Prevent Blindness. She also serves on several other local and state boards. Dr. Toulouse is a national and international speaker in school health including a podium presentation titled *Spotlighting the School Nurse Role Implementing an Adolescent Substance Use Prevention Program in Massachusetts, USA* with a group of Massachusetts school nursing leaders at the School Nurse International (SNI) 2019 conference in Stockholm, Sweden.

