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Speaker Bios

Liany E. Arroyo

Liany Arroyo is the Director of the City of Hartford's Department of Health and Human Services. In this capacity, she oversees five divisions whose aim is to improve and protect the health of the City's over 122,000 residents. She also serves as the Principal Investigator for Hartford's REACH program, a five-year, nearly \$4 million investment to connect communities of color with health and social resources to reduce the burden of chronic disease and improve health status of the community.

Currently, Liany is leading the city's public health response to the coronavirus pandemic. Her leadership has resulted in over \$1.4 million in foundation and federal grants to increase access to information and testing for vulnerable communities as well as a robust contact tracing effort.

Prior to coming to Hartford, she was the Senior Director for Health Equity at Power To Decide where she oversaw a three-year community health worker research project to prevent teen pregnancy on the U.S.-Mexico border. She also served as the organization's Director of Partnerships.

Liany has spent over 20 years working in the non-profit and government sectors developing programs and promoting public policies to improve the health status of communities of color across the nation. She has published several pieces on children and Latino health, and has been cited by Spanish and English media, including The New York Times and Univision.

Liany E. Arroyo (cont)

Originally from Bridgeport, Connecticut, Liany resides in Hartford with her husband and two daughters. She holds a BA in psychology from Wellesley College, an MPH from Columbia University, and is Certified in Public Health.

Beth Bye

Beth Bye was appointed as Commissioner for the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC) by Governor Ned Lamont in January 2019.

Bye, who served in the Senate from 2011 to 2019 and in the House from 2007 through 2010, leads an office created in 2013 to coordinate and enhance various early childhood development programs and create a cohesive early care system.

In 2013, Senator Bye actually led the effort to create OEC, one of the first such offices in the country. Her work as champion for the creation of the office is informed by her own long-term experience since 1980 as an early childhood professional.

Bye's experience includes leadership positions at Auerfarm/Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School, Great by 8, and the Capitol Region Education Council. She also helped to open 2 early childhood magnet schools. Bye was the director at both the Trinity College Community Child Center and the University of St. Joseph School for Young Children, which was named a State of Connecticut model preschool.

Commissioner Bye received her BA and MA in Child Development from the University of New Hampshire.

William Carbone

William Carbone is an expert on juvenile justice reform and reducing offender recidivism in the probation population.

During his tenure as executive director of the Court Support Services Division of the state of Connecticut's Judicial Branch, Professor Carbone led a multi-year effort to reform the state's juvenile justice system, leading to Connecticut achieving the greatest reduction in juvenile incarceration in the United States.

As executive director, he managed more than 1,600 employees in adult and juvenile probation, family services, juvenile detention, alternative sanctions, and pretrial release programs. He also supervised more than 55,000 adult probation cases and 6,000 juvenile detention and probation cases daily, with an annual budget of close to \$200 million. Under his leadership, Connecticut became a national model of juvenile justice reform, and he helped develop innovative strategies for offender assessment, technology, and programming.

Professor Carbone is an expert on the impact of prison sentences on youthful offenders as well as status offenders, diversion, recidivism reduction, the harm of institutionalization, and family dysfunction. He is frequently quoted in the media about juvenile justice issues as well as issues related to the adult prison population, including prison overcrowding, bail practices, domestic violence, and offender rehabilitation.

He is the executive director of the Tow Youth Justice Institute, a University, state, and private partnership established to advance juvenile justice reform through collaborative planning and policy development, training, research, and advocacy efforts. He oversees research, facilitates data collection from state agencies, and develops recommendations for better policies and practices in youth justice.

William Carbone (cont)

He developed the Institute's Leadership Development Program – for mid-level managers who are actively involved in youth justice, including people working in law enforcement/policing, state and local government, public and private agencies, and nonprofits, as well as middle and high school teachers, parents, advocates, and community and faith leaders – to further juvenile justice reform.

Professor Carbone runs the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences' internship and service-learning programs. He is a past recipient of the Center for Children's Advocacy's Champion for Children Award. He received his MPA from the University of New Haven and his B.A. from Providence College.

Tiffany Donelson

Tiffany Donelson is president and CEO of the Connecticut Health Foundation, overseeing the independent health philanthropy's work in grantmaking, policy advancement, strategic communications, and leadership development. She brings to the role a deep knowledge of health care systems and policy, extensive experience in grantmaking, and a commitment to equity. Tiffany previously served as the foundation's vice president of program.

Before joining the foundation 2014, Tiffany held several leadership roles at Aetna, including as the deputy chief of staff for Aetna's National Businesses Office and as a director in corporate strategy. Before joining Aetna, Tiffany was a consultant at Ingenix Consulting and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Tiffany is a member of several boards and advisory committees, including the boards of the United Way of Connecticut and the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy.

She is a graduate of Georgetown University and received her MPH in health policy and management at Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health.

Karla Fortunato

Karla Fortunato is the president of the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy. Fortunato came to CCP with deep experience in philanthropy, funder collaboration, systems change, and public policy.

Prior to CCP, Fortunato served as director of the Health and Environmental Funders Network (HEFN) where she worked to mobilize philanthropy nationally around solutions to environmental health and justice problems. Before joining the philanthropic arena, she managed policy campaigns for Health Care For All, a Massachusetts-based advocacy group best known for the passage of the 2006 health care insurance reform law.

Fortunato serves on the Board of the Connecticut Nonprofit Alliance. She holds an MBA from the George Washington University and a BA from Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

Fortunato regularly writes, and has been published in Health Affairs and the Connecticut Mirror.

Clinton Lacey

Clinton Lacey is the president and CEO of the Credible Messenger Mentoring Movement (CM3), which focuses on supporting Credible Messenger Mentors who share similar life experiences with current justice-involved young people, and are poised to have transformative impact on an individual, family, community, and systemic level.

Clinton Lacey (cont)

Previously, Lacey served as Director of the District of Columbia Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) and Deputy Commissioner of the New York City Probation Department. Other positions held by Lacey over his 30-year career include project manager with the W. Haywood Burns Institute, director of the Youth Justice Program at Vera Institute of Justice, and associate executive director of Friends of Island Academy, which serves 16 to 24-year-olds at Riker's Island in New York City.

Lacey is an experienced trainer, writer, and keynote speaker on such issues as racial disparity, comprehensive re-entry services, gang intervention strategies, and overall youth development.

Edward Lamont

Edward Miner "Ned" Lamont, Jr. was sworn into office on January 9, 2019 as the 89th governor of Connecticut.

Lamont got involved in public service shortly after college, founding a weekly newspaper in a town hit by the loss of its largest employer. Covering town meetings and the Board of Selectmen, he helped to bring voice and transparency to a community working to recover from job losses and reinvent itself. Later, as a member of both the Greenwich Board of Selectmen and the Board of Estimate and Taxation, Lamont worked in a bipartisan effort to safeguard a multimillion-dollar budget and deliver results for constituents. For four years, Lamont also served as Chairman of the State Investment Advisory Council, overseeing a multibillion-dollar state pension fund.

Lamont started his own company, taking on the large and established giants of the telecom industry. Under his vision and stewardship, the company grew to serve over 400 of America's largest college campuses and 1 million college students across the nation.

Edward Lamont (cont)

As a volunteer teacher, Lamont sought to give back to his community by volunteering at Harding High School in Bridgeport. In an effort to spark entrepreneurship, Lamont taught students about the inner-workings of small businesses, bringing in local businesspeople to share their own experiences, and helping to place students in local internships. Lamont is on the faculty of Central Connecticut State University as an adjunct professor of political science and philosophy, where he also helped to found a popular business start-up competition. In early 2009, he helped lead an initiative to bring together Connecticut leaders from across the business, nonprofit, and labor sectors to unite in a strategy to create new jobs in the state.

As a candidate for United States Senate in 2006, he stood up for his convictions and challenged the political establishment. Taking on long-time incumbent Joe Lieberman for the Democratic nomination for United States Senate, Lamont campaigned on the platform that wars in the Middle East were draining resources and attention that could be better focused on pressing domestic issues like the economy, education, and healthcare. As a private citizen, he fought for the issues in which he believes, serving on the boards of Mercy Corps and the Conservation Services Group, non-profits which seek to make a difference in the humanitarian and renewable energy fields, respectively.

Lamont was born on January 3, 1954, in Washington, D.C. to Camille Helene and Edward Miner Lamont. The eldest of three children, he attended Phillips Exeter Academy, and served as president of the student newspaper, The Exonian. After graduating Phillips Exeter in 1972, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in sociology from Harvard College in 1976 and a Master of Business Administration from the Yale School of Management in 1980.

Lamont married his wife Annie on September 10, 1983. They have three children: Emily, Lindsay, and Teddy.

Judy McBride

Judy joined the staff of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving in 2006 and served as director of grants and partnership investments from 2017 to 2020. In this role, she supported the development of grant-making policy for the Foundation's responsive and strategic outcome grants and oversaw the review of grant requests with the team of community investment officers.

As her current role, Judy focuses on and building effective private/public partnerships to achieve collective impact on shared strategic interests as well as supporting the development of grantmaking policy and the foundation's public policy work.

Previously, Judy served as vice president of program investments for YouthBuild USA and as deputy director of administration for the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. She has also served as senior advisor to the assistant attorney general at the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, assistant for governmental relations at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Department, and as a legislative assistant at the District of Columbia City Council.

Her experience also includes directing the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Standards Project, its Gun Violence Project, and work with state courts to implement the ABA Guidelines for the Evaluation of Judicial Performance.

Judy earned her master's degree in developmental psychology from George Washington University, her juris doctorate from the Georgetown Law Center, and her bachelor's degree in English and psychology from Wellesley College.

Paul Mounds

Paul Mounds was appointed chief of staff in the Office of the Governor in February 2020. Mounds previously served as the state's chief operating officer since the beginning of the Lamont administration in January 2019. Prior to joining the governor's office, Mounds was vice president of policy and communications for the Connecticut Health Foundation, where he was responsible for the foundation's work to inform and educate policymakers on issues related to health equity, as well as its policy and communications activities.

He also served as senior director of public policy and government relations for Governor Dannel P. Malloy, during which he managed public policy development and the legislative program for the administration. He also previously worked for U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal as deputy state director for outreach, and began his career in public service as the federal grants coordinator and press assistant, and eventually communications director for Congressman John B. Larson.

He earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Trinity College. He was born in Hartford, raised in East Hartford, and lives in Glastonbury.

Diane Sierpina

Diane joined The Tow Foundation in 1998 and currently serves as a program director. Prior to joining the Foundation, Diane was a newspaper and magazine journalist covering government, politics, and social issues. Diane is primarily responsible for the Foundation's criminal justice reform strategy and investments, which average more than \$5 million a year.

Diane Sierpina (cont)

Diane has been an advocate of evidence-based, youth-centered justice system reform in Connecticut, New York and nationally for more than 20 years. She holds leadership roles with the Connecticut Justice Alliance, Strengthening Organizing Work in Connecticut (SOW) Funders Group, New York Youth Justice Initiative, Justice Reform Working Group of Philanthropy New York, and the Youth Transition Funders Group (YTFG). Diane is a steering committee member of YTFG, board member of the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy (CCP) and was a founding chair of CCP's Program Officers Network. In May 2017, Diane was honored by her peers with CCP's Martha S. Newman Award in recognition of her exemplary service to the philanthropic sector in the state.

Diane earned a B.S. in journalism summa cum laude from Boston University.

Michael D. Thompson

Mike Thompson has spent more than 25 years leading and advising nonprofit, government, and philanthropic organizations. He is currently an independent consultant whose clients include large nonprofits, private foundations of different sizes, national membership associations, and major academic institutions. Executives in these organizations draw on Mike's successful experience fundraising, managing nonprofits, and working with elected officials across the political spectrum in all 50 states.

From 2017 to 2022, Mike was at the Pew Charitable Trusts. Over a five-year period, he rose to the level of senior vice president, charged with overseeing much of that organization's domestic policy work. His accomplishments included securing board commitments for more than \$100M in new project initiatives on topics such as public health, modernizing the civil legal system, improving access to broadband, housing affordability, and suicide prevention.

Michael D. Thompson (cont)

He also oversaw a multi-faceted effort that introduced new efficiencies to his department, which increased resources available for grantmaking and made his department more diverse and inclusive.

Before his time with Pew, Mike worked for 20 years at the Council of State Governments, a nonpartisan membership association representing governors, legislators, and judges from the 50 states. At CSG, Mike founded the Justice Center, growing it from a staff of one person to a national organization with four offices across the US employing 120 people and generating more than \$25M in annual revenues. Projects Mike designed and led at the CSG Justice Center focused on increasing public safety, supporting youth, and strengthening communities.

These efforts resulted in landmark legislation championed by Republicans and Democrats in Congress and in states across the US.

Mike's career in public service began in Puerto Rico, where he worked for three years for the US District Court, serving as an interpreter and monitoring conditions in the Commonwealth's prisons and jails.

Mike has been quoted extensively in the national and local media, testified frequently before Congress and state legislatures, lectured for various graduate school programs, and authored countless reports and articles. He is fluent in Spanish.

Mike received his BA from Middlebury College, where he graduated with honors.

Betty Sugerman Weintraub

Betty Sugerman Weintraub has over 25 years of philanthropic, nonprofit management, community organizing, and banking community development experience.

As the Manager of Grant Programs and Philanthropic Outreach at the CT Health and Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA), previously as Associate Director of the Liberty Bank Foundation, and Campaign/Recruitment roles with the United Way and American Red Cross Blood Services both in Boston and Hartford areas, she has deep contacts and relationships with nonprofit groups and philanthropy throughout Connecticut.

Her experience successfully implementing public-private partnerships focuses on addressing systemic issues in the fields of workforce, college/career readiness, childcare, healthcare, and parent engagement to name but a few. She is continually focused on strategic grantmaking and board Grant Committee development.

Betty is the Chair of the CT Council for Philanthropy Workforce Affinity Group, serves on the Governor's Workforce Council Equity and Access Committee, sits on the statewide Advisory Boards of the Working Cities Challenge, 2Generation Legislation (where she Co-Chairs the Workforce Sub-Committee), and the Campaign for Working CT, she also sits as a member of the CT Council for Philanthropy's Early Childhood Funders Collaborative.

She has a Bachelor of Science in Speech Degree from Emerson College in Boston MA, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude. She resides in West Hartford with her husband Alan and has two grown children, Justin and Lia.

Jay Williams

Since July 2017, Jay Williams has served as president of the Hartford Foundation. He is currently leading the Foundation's commitment to dismantle structural racism, achieve equity and improve social and economic mobility in our region, in partnership with nonprofit organizations and community stakeholders. In his role, Jay serves on the boards of the MetroHartford Alliance, AdvanceCT, and is a member of the Governor's Workforce Council.

At the national level, he is a member of the Community Foundation Opportunity Network, is on the board of the Council on Foundations, and board vice chair of the Center for Community Progress.

Prior to coming to the Foundation, Jay served as U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development where he led the federal economic development agenda for the United States. He also served as Deputy Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at the White House where he was the principal liaison between the President of the United States and local elected officials.

Previously, Jay served as the executive director of the federal Office of Recovery for Auto Communities and Workers. He arrived in Washington, DC after serving as Mayor of the City of Youngstown, Ohio where he helped lead regional economic development initiatives to improve the city's global competitiveness. Prior to being elected Mayor, Williams led a Community Development Agency in Youngstown.