

# NECHA 2015-2016 Board of Directors Candidates



## President-Elect

### Jessica Greher Traue, EdM [MA]

Senior Assistant Director, Wellness & Prevention  
Bentley University

#### *Health Promotion*

It has been a privilege to serve as Member at Large for the NECHA Board of Directors these past two years. I would be honored to serve our membership in a larger capacity as President Elect. With great enthusiasm, I present my candidacy for this position. As member-at-large I have assisted with various projects including annual awards and grants, social media presence, Tobacco Free Campus Initiative, and credentialing options for members of my section. I am familiar with the organizations' financials and operational management. Our colleagues on the board would describe me as creative, energetic and a visionary leader. I have been involved with college health for 11 years and have a proven record of leadership and innovation. I was the 2007 recipient of the New Affiliates Professional Award and a three-time recipient of the Prevention Excellence Award. Most recently, a program I manage received top honors as the Grand Gold recipient in the 2014 NASPA Excellence Awards. My professional involvement beyond NECHA includes serving as a Commission Chair for ACPA and as a representative for CoHEASAP, a national coalition of professional organizations for substance abuse prevention. In addition to these roles, I have valuable program planning, conference planning and operation management experience including the coordination of local arrangements for ACHA Boston.

My dedication to college health, our association and professional development along with my leadership experiences provide a solid foundation and the necessary skill set to lead my peers and strategically propel NECHA ahead. Thank you for your consideration!

## Treasurer

### Margaret Higham, MD [MA]

Medical Director  
Tufts University

#### *Clinical Medicine*

I have been a member of the NECHA Board for 9 years, and have held all of the leadership positions. I have been the Treasurer for the past 2 years and would like to continue for another year. Since Board membership turns over regularly, there is a need for institutional memory, particularly around budgeting and expense. As the member with the longest tenure, I provide that memory for the organization. I am also deeply involved in program planning for our annual meeting, and bring that skill and expertise to the organization. Thank you for your confidence!

## Secretary

### Martha Coulter, MALS, MEd [VT]

Director, Wellness Center  
Castleton University

#### *Mental Health*

I have enjoyed serving on the NECHA board as a Member at Large from 2012 -2014 and as Secretary for the Board from 2014-2015. I am hoping to continue to serve on the board with which is committed to providing exceptional education and leadership for college health professionals.

My experience includes working as the Director of the Castleton College Wellness Center for the past five years. Our Wellness Center integrates services in Health, Counseling, Health Education and Promotion, and violence prevention and advocacy.

My prior professional experience includes private practice in psychology and working as school psychologist. I currently serve on the Vermont Psychological Association Ethics Committee and as a board member of the Community Health Centers of the Rutland Region, an FQHC providing primary care to 90% of the population of my region in Vermont.

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## Member at Large ~ Three 2-year positions

### Cherry Baker, MSN, FNP-C [ME]

Director of Student Health  
University of New England

#### *Advanced Practice Clinicians*

I am experienced as a primary care provider of 19 years, 10 of those in college health. I have assisted in creating the Student Health Services Health Center at UNE from its infancy. I served on the NECHA Conference Planning Committee 2 years ago. I have served on the planning committee for Maine College Health Association for 3 years and hosted the annual meeting at UNE 2 years ago. I have served on other boards of directors and currently serve on the board for a free health center.

### Elizabeth Drexler-Hines, MPH, MCHES [MA]

Director, Student Health Services  
Assumption College

#### *Health Promotion*

I have been involved in college health for my entire professional career. I have worked on multiple campuses, all very different from each other. I have come to understand the diverse health and wellness needs of many types of students and how their needs are directly correlated with their success. As a health educator, I enjoy addressing those needs through research and evidence-based programming. In addition, I am an administrator for the clinic on campus and understand the needs, importance and struggles of a college health clinic. I believe that I can come to the NECHA board with both of these perspectives and contribute in both areas. I am incredibly passionate about college health and would like to contribute more to the field by being involved on the NECHA board. Thank you for your time and consideration.

### Cheryl Flynn, MD, MS, MA [VT]

Medical Director, Student Health Services  
University of Vermont

#### *Clinical Medicine*

As a family physician with a degree in epidemiology & family therapy, and a background in primary care, teaching, research and public health, what drew me to college health was an opportunity to combine my diverse experiences in a single relevant professional role. I am privileged to apply my clinical and administrative skills to support students at a "ripe" time in their lives, in ways that can impact their health and success now and for many

years to come. As an academic, evidence-based medicine junkie, and a systems thinker, what drew me to NECHA and ACHA administratively was an opportunity to help support our organizations, our specialty, and hopefully impact our colleagues and students in even larger ways.

I have served as secretary of clinical medicine section of ACHA; I have served on two cycles of NECHA conference planning; I serve as a reviewer for JACH; I have served on the ACHA benchmarking committee and am now co-chair; I have given several presentations at regional and national college health meetings. Despite my introverted stressors of public speaking and networking, I am enriched by it all.

I wish to be of service still. I am running for member-at-large as a way to further serve without assuming more responsibility than is reasonable for me to manage. Thanks for your consideration of my candidacy.

### Charles Morse, MA, LMHC [MA]

Assistant Dean for Student Development  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

#### *Mental Health*

I had the very good fortune to be invited to speak at and attended several recent NECHA conferences wherein I found the group to be welcoming, energized and committed to improving student well-being on college campuses. These values match very closely with my own as an Assistant Dean and Director of Counseling. I've directed energy and leadership in developing and implementing innovative programming for students at WPI while evolving progressive approaches to supporting students clinical needs as well. I shared these innovative approaches at conferences throughout the country with a passion for doing my part to help improve student health and well-being on other campuses as well. I believe my service on the NECHA board would provide yet another opportunity to support growth in the field of college health in the context of working with so many other individuals committed to the same end.



**Current ACHA individual members are encouraged to vote in the 2015-16 NECHA Election.**

**Voting is open October 1 – 20**

**Voting link will be available on the Web site October 1:**

**[www.NECHAonline.org](http://www.NECHAonline.org)**

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