

New Mexico Medical Psilocybin Advisory Board



Brenda S. Burgard – is a Licensed Mental Health Practitioner, Art Therapist, and Addiction Specialist dedicated to fostering healing and connection across New Mexico's diverse communities. Certified in MDMA-assisted counseling and treatment, with extensive experience in psychedelic therapy, including work with psilocybin and other plant medicines. As President of Decriminalization for Psychedelics of New Mexico (DPNM), she leads efforts in education, advocacy, and policy to promote safe, ethical, and equitable access to psychedelic therapies. Guided by respect for Indigenous knowledge and cultural traditions, she strives to integrate modern therapeutic practices with cultural awareness and integrity. She also supports advancing medical research, safety, and the development of guidelines that ensure responsible use and protect public well-being. My goal as a board member is to help establish fair and evidence-based policies that enhance the health and resilience of the people of New Mexico.

Alanna Dancis, DNP - has been Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of the New Mexico Medicaid program since April 2022. She was the first Nurse Practitioner nationwide to hold the role of CMO within a Medicaid program. Within that role she supervises the Quality Bureau, the Policy and Program Bureau, the Exempt Services and Programs Bureau, and the Pharmacy team. Additionally, she acts as a liaison to other departments within state government, community stakeholders and provider groups, and works to bring new benefits forward. Previous to her work with the state, Alanna was the Medical Director and a primary care clinician at the Senior Health Clinic, part of the University of New Mexico Hospital (UNMH) system in Albuquerque, NM. She was also the first Nurse Practitioner to be the Medical Director of a clinic within UNMH. Alanna holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice from UNM, a Master of Science in Nursing from University of Pennsylvania, and a Bachelor of Nursing from Thomas Jefferson University. She lives in Albuquerque, NM with her son, her Corgi, and 25 houseplants.



Ian Dunn - is a nursing/psychology student and health policy advocate dedicated to advancing evidence-based approaches to mental health care. With experience in both clinical and community health settings, they bring a grounded nursing perspective to the Board's mission of ensuring safe, ethical, and patient-centered integration of medical psilocybin in New Mexico. His focus includes developing guidelines that balance innovation with accessibility, equity, and public trust. He is proud to play a role in expanding access to a revolutionary medicine while balancing the benefits of psilocybin with protecting patient safety.

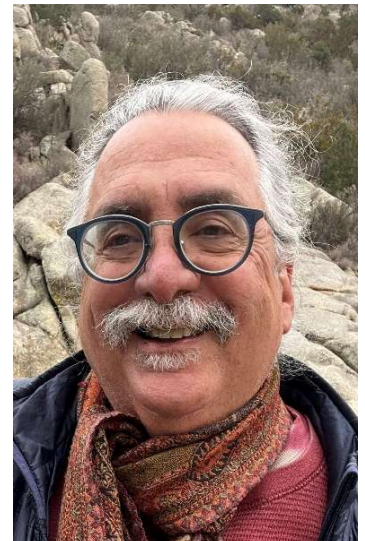
DezBaa' (Sharon Henderson) - is an Indigenous advocate, educator, filmmaker, and Licensed Massage Therapist. She earned a B.A. in Geology from Amherst College and holds two MFAs from the Institute of American Indian Arts in Screenwriting and Creative Nonfiction. Descended from a line of Navajo medicine men—her paternal grandfather was a hand trembler whose abilities aided him as a Navajo Nation Police Officer—she upholds a deep respect for traditional healing knowledge and its role in restoring balance and wellness. Her professional and creative work centers on integrating body awareness, cultural expression, and holistic approaches to healing. As a psilocybin advocate, DezBaa' has witnessed its transformative potential in addressing generational trauma and fostering resilience. Her background includes service with the Navajo Nation as a geologist, collaborating with tribal, state, and federal agencies on environmental and administrative initiatives. DezBaa' supports the Psilocybin Advisory Board's mission to establish safe, inclusive frameworks that honor Indigenous ceremonial practices and ensure equitable representation in future therapeutic applications.



Dan Jennings - is a community leader and long-time public servant from Hagerman, NM, bringing over 25 years of experience in system development, community health, and serving vulnerable populations. As the President and founder of HagermanForward, he has directly addressed community issues like youth homelessness and food insecurity, securing and managing over \$1.5 million in grants. His two decades of service in the education department at the Roswell Correctional Center provides valuable insight into the justice-involved populations. Dan's current leadership roles include the Rural/Frontier Community Representative for the New Mexico Social Drivers of Health Collaborative Steering Committee, and Lead Organizer for 100% Chaves County (Anna, Age Eight Institute). In this capacity, he focuses on strengthening systems of care to prevent social adversity and improve equitable access to the ten vital services necessary

for thriving. Dan's experience includes serving as a Town Council Member and work as a Board Member for Alianza of New Mexico, which provides harm reduction, supportive services, and housing assistance for individuals transitioning out of homelessness.

Larry Leeman MD MPH - is a Professor in Family and Community Medicine at the University of New Mexico (UNM) School of Medicine and board certified in Addiction Medicine. He graduated from UCSF Medical School and received his MPH from UC Berkeley. He founded and directed UNM's Family Medicine Maternal Child Health program from 1999-2024 and the Milagro Perinatal Substance use program since 2011. In 2020 he had a UNM School of Medicine supported sabbatical in the use of Psychedelic Assisted Therapies for Trauma and Addiction. He graduated from the California Institute of Integral Studies Program in Psychedelic Assisted Therapies and Research in 2021, His training in psychedelic assisted therapies includes certification in MDMA Assisted Therapy by MAPS, training in Ketamine Assisted Psychotherapy, two years of Hakomi Mindfulness-Centered Somatic Psychotherapy, Internal Family Systems and Holotropic breathwork. He is the site PI at UNM for two NIH funded studies in addiction. His current UNM psychedelic assisted therapies research at the



University of New Mexico includes the use of MDMA for postpartum women with PTSD and Opioid Use Disorder, psilocybin assisted therapies for depression and opioid use disorder, and the development of group psychedelic therapy models to improve access and equity.



Chris Peskuski - is a Marine Corps combat veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan before beginning a decade-long career as a Hydrologic Technician with the U.S. Geological Survey. He holds a Bachelor's degree in University Studies from the University of New Mexico, focused in communication and health sciences. After leaving federal service, Chris shifted his focus toward community advocacy and holistic approaches to wellness. His ongoing training and personal work center on healing, service, and connection, with a growing emphasis on supporting others through integrative and nature-based practices. As an aspiring herbalist and advocate, Chris has also collaborated with the Heroic Hearts Project, helping bridge the gap between veterans and access to psychedelic-assisted healing. He remains dedicated to expanding safe and equitable access to healing opportunities across New Mexico.