

# MAMCD

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## MAMCD MISSION

*The Maryland Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (MAMCD) is devoted to promoting a greater understanding of culture and ethnicity to the counseling profession, while at the same time, improving on the clinical interventions for improving on the standards and practices*

## MAMCD BOARD MEMBERS

A warm welcome to this year's leadership.



PRESIDENT

Michelle L Chaney, LCPC, CAC-ADs, and is the current MAMCD president (2018-2019). She is a doctoral student (EdD) at Argosy University in Northern Virginia, enrolled in the Counseling Education and Supervision (CES) program. For over a decade, Michelle has provided substance abuse treatment services for youth and adults in milieus such as detention, prison, inpatient, detox, intensive outpatient and halfway houses. Most of her career has been dedicated to those suffering with opioid dependency. She is recognized in the state of Maryland as an Addiction Counselor Supervisor. Michelle has been a mentor for Johns Hopkins Student of Education (SOE) program since 2014 and is in private practice.



PRESIDENT - ELECT

Mikyala Akers, LCPC, is currently the program manager for a mobile mental health treatment team in Anne Arundel County for a nonprofit, People Encouraging People. For the past 10 years, Mikyala has worked in the mental health field as a case manager and program manager for multiple mobile mental health treatment teams in Maryland for People Encouraging People. Prior to her work with PEP, Mikyala obtained her Master's degree in Community Counseling from George Washington University, where she also completed her internship at the University Counseling Center. Mikyala served as an Emerging Leader for the Maryland Counseling Association for the fiscal year 2017-2018, as well as the Membership Chair for MAMCD. She is currently the President-Elect of MAMCD (2018-2019).



PARLIAMENTARIAN

Kevin Jackson, Ph.D., LCPC-S, NVCE is the CEO and Clinical Director of GraceCares Community Wellness Center. Dr. Jackson currently works as a Program Manager with the U.S. Department of Labor, an Adjunct Professor at Capitol Bible Seminary & Graduate School (Lancaster Bible College) in Greenbelt, MD, and Treasurer of the DOLFCU Board of Directors. He is also the Senior Pastor of Grace Life Bible Fellowship Church and CEO of GraceCares Community Development Corporation. Kevin formerly served as the Dean of Student Affairs at Carver College in Atlanta, GA.



RECORDING SECRETARY

Leslie Holley is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC - MD, IL) (LPC - MO, DC, VA) who earned her Masters in Community Counseling from DePaul University where she also taught Career Counseling and Supervision to graduate students, as an adjunct professor. Currently, she spends her time counseling college students at The George Washington University and working with clients at her private practice in downtown Silver Spring, MD.



TREASURER

Aaron B. Stills, Ph.D., is professor emeritus of Counseling Psychology in the Department of Human Development and Psychoeducational Studies at Howard University. Dr. Stills is the founding President of the Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development, and past president of the Maryland Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development. Currently, he serves as the treasurer of MAMCD.

## MAMCD CHAIRS

A warm welcome to this year's Chairs

### Advocacy Committee Chair

Linda has a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Mercyhurst University Erie Pennsylvania. She is a graduate student at Argosy University Northern Virginia where she is studying clinical mental health counseling. She has certification in child forensic interviewing, canine management & training, psychopharmacology, and train the trainer dual diagnosis mental health and intellectual disabilities. Linda has completed the Child Welfare Academy training in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. Linda L Bell has been a Child Protective Services investigator for 16 years. She has worked in the mental health field primarily in the deinstitutionalization of state-run mental health hospitals bringing individuals back into the community after lifelong hospitalization. She has worked in the mental health field working in child welfare, drug and alcohol and intellectual disabilities. She is the single parent of one child who took her life when she was 28 years old. Linda is currently very active in the awareness campaign. She has been a suicide advocate for mental health services both paid and unpaid positions. Her mission is to ensure that everybody that she has contact with has the necessary services in their lives to be as successful as possible.



### Program Planning Committee Chair

Dr. Lenese N. Stephens is a graduate from Argosy University with her most recent doctoral degree being in Counselor Education and Supervision. Dr. Stephens has had extensive experience within the counseling field with being a licensed counselor within Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia. The extent of her clinical experience includes providing counseling services to adults and adolescents within detention centers and community settings. Along with working within detention centers, Dr. Stephens does some consulting work with a local women's shelter and a child and family services agency, with all work conducted within the city of Baltimore, MD. Dr. Stephens has continued her volunteer participation within various counseling associations to include her most recent role with Maryland Counseling Association (she held the program planning committee position). She currently is operating her private practice and assisting neophyte counseling students with the clinical and counseling foundations to build upon.



### Volunteer Committee Chair

Ebonie Hawkins manages all elements of volunteering either within the association or on behalf of the association for recruiting volunteers. The role involves assessing and meeting MAMCD's needs through the recruitment, placement and retention of volunteers. She keeps list up-to-date ensuring key people are active in all positions—contact volunteers regularly. Works closely with Membership Committee ensuring they are aware of changes to list; ask them for volunteer needs.

### Newsletter Committee: Editor

Leilani is a graduate student at John Hopkins School of Education, where she is studying to be a Clinical Counselor. She graduated from the University of Maryland with a BA in Communications and then Graduated from UMBC with a BA in Psychology. She has participated in volunteer activities with Women Who Care, MANNA and the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Leilani is honored to be able to work with AmeriCorps VISTA and P20 CONNECTS as a member assisting in the growth of opportunity for students in K-12 and in college to become better members in society. Education is the key to better living, better people and better communities.

### Social Media

Gloria Mensah is a newly minted LGPC (Maryland) after receiving her MA degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology (DC) last Fall. She currently works at the DC Department of Behavioral Health as a Provider Relations Specialist and works as a contractor at a private practice in Silver Spring. Her passion is having existential/philosophical conversations, cooking, dancing, and eating great food!

## MAMCD CHAIRS

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Webmaster

Michelle L. Chaney, President of MAMCD.

Emerging Leaders and Graduate Student

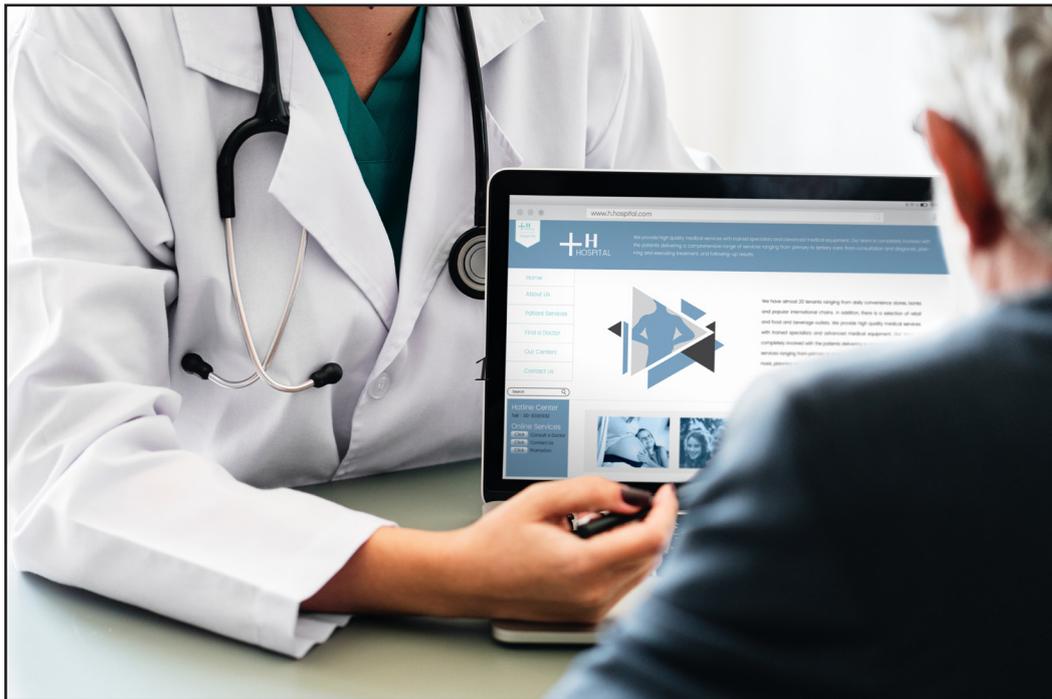
Adrienne Vyfhuis has degrees in Biomedical Engineering, and Clinical Psychology. She is an award-winning public speaker, and a veteran of the US Army. She is a serial entrepreneur, who has run a training business called Get-A-Grip Tutoring for many years, which specializes in math and study skills tutoring. Prior to that, she toured the world as a soloist and ensemble castmember, performing a variety of gospel, contemporary jazz, rhythm and blues, and soft rock music. Having opened

shows for world-renowned recording artists, each performance is tailored to the audience and event. She has taught college classes in STEM subjects of advanced math, the sciences, and career development. She has worked with a diverse range of clients, from kids in foster care through well-established business owners. Adrienne's primary business 5House LifeSkills Boot-Camp, focuses on developing successful transition strategies for her clients. The 5House systems teach clients to dig deep on their self-affirming journeys for success.



## What's New?

### MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR ADDICTION RECOVERY EXPANSION ACT



In September the President of MAMCD, Michelle Chaney, reached out in the spirit of advocacy to the office of Senator Benjamin Cardin (MD Dem.) concerning supporting the Medicaid Coverage for Addiction Recovery Expansion Act.

The two issues the president focused on in a conversation with State Director, Carleton Atkinson, was to bring attention to the needs of youth and pregnant women in addiction treatment delivery. She expressed a need for the expansion to assist youth to reduce the rate of detainment and for pregnant women to increase their participation in treatment.

The president expressed the need to recognize these two groups as vulnerable and at risk for being overlooked and their challenges to be underestimated. She was informed that these two groups were not identified in this manner and the State Director mentioned this will be discussed in future meetings with the senator and staff. The State Director requested to be invited to MAMCD scheduled events in the future.



## MAMCD ESTABLISHES ANNUAL AWARDS

The MAMCD Executive Board has established four annual awards. These awards will be presented annually in recognition of members who have contributed extraordinary service to the field of multicultural counseling. Three of the awards are devoted to professionals in the field, and the fourth is scholarship award that will be awarded to a deserving graduate student majoring in counseling with a focus on counseling individual from diverse backgrounds.

The four awards have been named to honor our founding presidents who contributed to the foundation, service and lasting qualities of the organization.

The Dr. Clemmie Solomon Professional Development Award who served as the founding president of MAMCD. The Dr. Carl S. Barham Lifetime Achievement Award who served as the second president. The Dr. Rita L. Robinson Multicultural Counseling Award who served as the fourth president, and The Aaron B. Stills Graduate Scholarship Award who served as the fifth president, and all four of these pioneers were instrumental in establishing the national Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development in 1985.

All four of the awards were presented at the Annual Awards Ceremony at Bowie State University on June 9, 2018 with the nominees being the recipients of the first three awards. The ceremony was well attended by former MAMCD officers, members, students, family and friends. Immediate Past President, Tonya Mackin and the MAMCD Awards Committee indicated that "they are all very proud of the very specific accomplishments of the award recipients, and their expertise in maintaining and expanding the role of multicultural counseling in the state and nation."

Anyone interested in applying for the awards or to obtain nomination/submission materials should contact the awards committee chair, Dr. Aaron B. Stills at [astills68@gmail.com](mailto:astills68@gmail.com). In addition, a description of the awards along with nomination instructions will be posted on the MAMCD web page.

# MAMCD 2018 FALL WORKSHOP:

## Breaking Into Private Practice: For the Minority Professional Counselor & Strengthen the Integrity of Counseling Professionals

WHERE: JOHNS HOPKINS  
UNIVERSITY  
6740 ALEXANDRIA BELL DR.  
ROOM 218  
COLUMBIA, MD 21046

DATE: OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>  
TIME: 8:30AM– 1:00PM

Join us for this amazing workshop!!



- GUEST SPEAKERS:
- DR. KEVIN JACKSON
- Ms. LESLIE HOLLY
- Mr. RODNEY HAWKINS
- Dr. S. MOORE REYNOLDS

**REGISTRATION FEES:**  
STUDENTS: \$20.00  
PROFESSIONALS: \$40.00  
**3 NBCC CLOCK HOURS EARNED**

- REGISTRATION:
  1. [WWW.Eventbrite.com](http://WWW.Eventbrite.com)  
(search workshop title)
  1. Or PAY AT THE DOOR

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This workshop will help to:

- Take your professional career to another level
- Understand the Pro's and Con's of private practice
- Avoid mistakes made from not knowing
- Diversify yourself
- Get answers to your questions and more!

**Breakfast provided while available.**