

## **Missouri Pain Initiative 2008 Board of Directors**

### **Bernard M. Abrams, MD**

Bernard (Bernie) Abrams is a Neurologist with special interest in pain. He has contributed numerous chapters (over 10 this year) to Pain Management texts and is a Course Director for the Pain Board Review Course given each year in August by the Dannemiller Memorial Educational Foundation, of which he is Vice President. He approves all programs for that organization related to Pain and Medical subjects (excluding anesthesia) and is an ACCME examiner whose charge is to avoid commercial bias in educational presentations. Over the course of his professional career, Bernie has given hundreds of lectures, almost all on pain.

### **Clara Applegate, MD**

Clara Applegate has been in the full time practice of clinical neurology for the past 16 years. She sees adults and children, and is the only neurologist within a 2-hour radius of West Plains, MO. She began taking on the treatment of pain not long after she started practice in West Plains, and expanded her practice further about 8 years ago when their anesthesia-pain physician left the community.

Clara believes in the importance of addressing emotional and spiritual issues, as well as the physical aspects of pain. She has been with the Missouri Pain Initiative for the past several years and is committed to the message that pain needs to be addressed and treated. Clara is in a waning role with MOPI and is glad that MOPI has so many enthusiastic new board members.

### **Barbara Barber, LPN, BS**

Barbara Barber has more than 20 years of experience in the healthcare field. She began as a Licensed Practical Nurse II and diversified her clinical experience by working as a hospital nurse, home care nurse, and a Director of Nursing in a Residential Care facility. For the past eight years, Barbara has worked in the pharmaceutical industry and in this capacity, has able to continue to impact patient education, physician education and new and effective programs for patient care. She is currently Clinical Development & Education Manager for Endo Pharmaceuticals.

Barbara received her BS from Park University, graduating Summa cum Laude. She has served on advisory boards for patient advocacy groups and continues to speak to women's groups. Barbara is a Kansas City native and stays active with her two young adult children in outdoor sports activities. Barbara plans to begin her MS program this spring at the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

### **John G. Carney, MEd**

John Carney is Vice President, Aging and End of Life at the Center for Practical Bioethics. With an undergraduate degree in philosophy and a masters in counseling, Carney has spent most of his career in the non-profit healthcare arena most notably as the executive of Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice (Wichita, KS) for 15 years. In 2000, John was named the chief operating officer for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in

Alexandria, Virginia and also worked for America's Health Insurance Plans and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (Washington DC) directing its educational programs until his return to the Midwest in August 2004.

In the early 1990s, John helped launch the LIFE Project in Kansas, a statewide effort to build citizen and community awareness on end of life and aging issues. He is well known regionally as a passionate spokesperson for patients and their families and caregivers facing end of life issues. His experience in advocacy, regulatory, and legislative initiatives, will strengthen the Center's work in coalition building, policy reform, professional education, and citizen engagement.

### **Robert W. Chandler, RPh**

Robb Chandler received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Chemistry from Missouri State University and a Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences from the University of Missouri - Kansas City. He has worked in both retail and hospital pharmacy, with the past eighteen years in hospital pharmacy with Cox Health Systems in Springfield, MO. During that time he served in various officer roles, including the Presidency, of the Ozark Society of Health System Pharmacists and the Missouri Society of Health System Pharmacists.

Robb has been active in numerous organizations including the Community Alliance for Compassionate Care at the End of Life and the Missouri Society of Health-system Pharmacists, where he is past president. He is also adjunct faculty of Ozarks Technical College where he teaches several pharmacy courses. In his spare time, Robb raises cattle on his Missouri Century Farm and has made ten mission trips to Guadalajara, Mexico.

### **Lori J. Levine, JD**

Lori J. Levine is a principal with the law firm of Carson & Coil, P.C., in Jefferson City and has been with the firm since 1979. She received her law degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, graduating with distinction in 1977. She was on the Board of Editors of the UMKC Law Review, received the Deacy Trial Advocacy Award, and was elected to the Bench & Robe. Lori concentrates her practice in family law and administrative law, representing licensed professionals before professional licensing boards and the courts. She was involved in drafting the original Missouri Collaborative Practice Act (§334.104, RSMo.) and the Intractable Pain Treatment Act (§334.105 & .106, RSMo.). She has represented many physicians charged by the Board of Healing Arts for over-prescribing pain medication.

She was appointed to chair the Supreme Court and Missouri Bar Joint Commission to Review Pro Se Litigation in 2002 and remains in that position to date. She is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and has been listed in the *Best Lawyers in America* since 1987. She was recognized by *Super Lawyers* as one of the top 50 women lawyers in Missouri and Kansas. Lori was a member of the State Board of Law Examiners from 1986 to 1996, and served as its president from 1995 through 1996. She is a consultant and teacher for the National Conference of Bar Examiners. Lori has been the recipient of numerous awards for her service to the Missouri Bar and community.

## **Wayne Little**

Wayne Little retired from AT&T as Vice President of National Account Sales responsible for marketing to the largest companies headquartered in the Midwest. Prior to his last assignment, he was the Vice President of Business Marketing at Southwestern Bell responsible for business marketing strategy and operations companywide. Following his retirement from AT&T, he was Vice President of Technology at the Kansas City Area Development Council.

Wayne earned a Business Management Degree from the University of Tulsa and a Masters Degree in business management from Oklahoma City University. He also attended the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and the AT&T Advanced Management Program at the University of Illinois.

Now retired, Wayne continues to be active in civic affairs serving as a Trustee of The Village of Loch Lloyd, Missouri, Commissioner of the Northwest Cass County Water and Wastewater District and is a Past President of the Loch Lloyd Homes Association.

## **Guy L. McCormack, PhD., OTR/L, FAOTA**

Guy L. McCormack received his BS degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Puget Sound, his MS degree from Ohio State University and his PhD from Saybrook Graduate School in Human Science. He is currently a Clinical Professor and Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science in the School of Health Professions at the University of Missouri- Columbia. He is the author of *Pain Management for Health Professionals and Therapeutic Use of Touch for Health Professionals*, and the lead editor for the American Occupational Therapy text the *OT Manager*.

Guy's current research involves a Pew Grant project with the Center for Religion and Spirituality, and studies which investigate Complementary and Alternative therapies for the elderly persons with pain syndromes in residential care facilities. Dr. McCormack has recently returned from China where he studied aspects of Traditional Chinese Medicine. He has contributed to the National Education Dialogue to Advance Integrated Health Care at Georgetown University.

## **Rebecca Rengo-Kocher MA, MSW, LCSW, ACSW**

Rebecca Rengo-Kocher received her Master of Arts degree in Public Administration and her Masters in Social Work from The Ohio State University. Rebecca is also certified in gerontology from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. Rebecca has held numerous positions in health care settings (i.e. long term care, home health, and hospice) and was on full time faculty at Washington University in the School of Medicine, Memory and Aging Project. Rebecca was also an adjunct professor at St. Louis University, School of Psychiatry. Rebecca continues to serve as an adjunct professor in the Schools of Social Work at: Washington University, St. Louis University and the University of Missouri-St. Louis

Rebecca has served on numerous committees and boards throughout her career. She has received several awards for her community service, including the Sister Pat Kelley

Award from the National Association of Social Workers-eastern unit, Woman of Worth Award from the Older Women's League, and the Paul Harris Fellow from Rotary International. Rebecca has recently released a book "Beyond Chronic Pain" and provides tele-seminars, coaching and professional speaking on topics related to chronic pain and quality of life issues.

### **Rebecca Sudholt , BSN**

Rebecca (Becky) Sudholt received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Maryland in Baltimore, Maryland. She worked in the U.S. Army Nurse Corp for 5 years in Combat Medicine and Pediatrics. During her time in the Army she became aware of the undertreatment of pain. After her time in the Army she worked as a Certified Registered Nurse Infusionist (CRNI) doing Pain Management for a home IV therapy company. She is currently retired from nursing.

Becky comes to MOPI as a chronic pain patient. She has lived with chronic pain secondary to Chronic Intestinal Pseudo-obstruction for 36 years. She has seen many changes in the treatment of acute and chronic pain during those years and hopes to offer to the group the "personal side" of the issue of pain.

### **Brian L. Valentine**

Brian Valentine studied Marketing and Finance at Central Missouri State University. In his current position as community outreach worker for the Lincoln University Paula J. Carter Center on Minority Health and Aging, Brian is responsible for building collaborative partnerships with private and public health entities in the underserved communities of central Missouri.

Brian has participated in positions of leadership for several social organizations: IMPACT Association, Callaway Action Network, Concord Baptist Association, Baptist Student Union, GETAWAY, and Missouri Re-Entry Steer Committee.