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## ***Introducing Our Health Care Transition Team!***

### ***Resources and Opportunities for the Maternal and Child Health, Education and Workforce Development Communities***

The Center's Health Care Transition team brings extensive state and national leadership together to address your needs as you work to enhance and improve the outcomes of children and youth with special health care needs and/or disabilities. Staff and consultants from the Center for Self-Determination, Health & Policy at Syntiro each bring more than 15 years of progressively responsible experience working collaboratively with, and providing leadership to, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) and state Title V programs on health care transition at the local, state and national levels, rendering this team the best for continuing responsive and progressive leadership.

#### ***We can assist you to...***

- ...realize positive and productive outcomes for youth!
- ...address vexing problems facing your agency!
- ...plan for the future!
- ...secure resources for new initiatives!

#### ***Please contact us for support with:***

- Strategic planning.
- Contract and RFP writing.
- Grant writing.
- Development of materials and resources.
- Meeting facilitation.
- Professional development.
- Capacity-building activities.

#### **Our Team**

##### **Deborah Gilmer, M.Ed., Director ([gilmer@maine.edu](mailto:gilmer@maine.edu))**

Ms. Gilmer serves as Director of the Center for Self Determination, Health & Policy and Director of Development at Syntiro. Debbie served as Project Co-Director of four MCHB-funded initiatives including Maine's Integrated Services initiative (D70), HRTW Phase I and II projects and the HRTW National Resource Center (2006-2010). She worked collaboratively with the Maine CYSHCN program to support and sustain the first-in-the-nation Youth Advisory Committee and has provided technical assistance to state CYSHCN programs across the country to support youth leadership efforts. Ms. Gilmer has served as director or co-director of many state and federally-funded research, technical assistance and personnel preparation projects in the areas of education, health care, employment and college access funded by the U.S. Departments of Education, Health & Human Services, Labor and the Maine Departments of Education and Health & Human Services. In the last twenty years, she has been awarded in excess of 20 million dollars in state and federal grants and contracts. Ms. Gilmer directed

the Champions for Progress Inclusive Communities mini-grant on medical home and served as team leader on Maine's NICHQ Medical Home Learning Collaborative Team. She has worked in partnership with the Maine Chapter of AAP on health care transition and other issues facing CYSHCN and their families, and has served on their conference planning committee. She has extensive experience in grants management, the provision of technical assistance and professional development including using a variety of distance strategies. She is widely recognized for her work in building interagency partnerships and breaking down silos of service delivery on behalf of youth with special health care needs and disabilities in transition. She has been involved in transition systems change efforts since the early 1980s in Maine and has presented on transition and health care transition throughout the U.S. for many years. She currently serves on the national APSE Public Policy committee (a national organization committed to promoting employment for individuals with disabilities), is president of the Maine Chapter of APSE and a member of the Maine Disability Rights Center board. She represented the HRTW National Resource Center on the Autism Expert Workgroup and the Autism Family Forum reviewing medical home guidelines for children and youth with autism.

**Kathleen Blomquist, Ph.D., R.N., Consultant (Kathy@syntiro.org)**

Dr. Blomquist served as a co-director and a Title V consultant for the Maternal and Child Health Bureau-funded Healthy & Ready to Work (HRTW) National Center (2002-2006) and the HRTW National Resource Center (2006-2010). Kathy is a public health nurse with a doctorate in educational psychology. Previous work experiences include grant manager for Kentucky's MCHB-funded HRTW Phase I project and co-coordinator for the MCHB/Shriners Hospitals-funded CHOICES and CHOICES Transition Projects. She has over 12 years of teaching experience at undergraduate and graduate levels in colleges of nursing and has participated in national aging, homelessness, and occupational health projects. She serves as a peer reviewer for the *Journal of Adolescent Health* on transition papers.

**Theresa Glore, M.S., Consultant (Theresa@syntiro.org)**

Ms. Glore served as project liaison to State Title V CYSHCN programs for the HRTW National Resource Center (2006-2010). She formerly served as a deputy with the Kentucky Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs responsible for the Title V Block Grant, community partnerships, and other grants and program development, and was a team member of the Kentucky HRTW Phase II project. She has worked in various capacities in the Kentucky Department for Public Health, directing health education and community health status assessment, HIV prevention and services, the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant, and the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System; served as chief procurement/contracts officer for the department; and acted as a liaison to the state's federally funded primary care centers. She has a master's degree in community development and a certificate in health care negotiation and conflict resolution. Ms. Glore has worked extensively at the state and community levels in assisting collaboratives to address critical health and human services needs and promote citizen engagement in public policy development. Currently Ms. Glore is serving as a consulting public health subject matter expert, technical writer, and member of the E-Health Project Team in the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Governor's Office of Electronic Health Information where she led development of the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement funded by the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology. Her primary interest is in developing community capacity to fully utilize health information technology, especially as it relates to the chronic care model and the meaningful use of health information technology in primary care practice to support chronic disease management and population health.