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Julie Gnage has worked as an Infection Preventionist for over five years at Memorial Sloan Kettering and Moffitt Cancer Center. She obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Community Health Education from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 2014. She then completed her graduate certificate in Infection Control and her master's degree in public health concentrating in Global Communicable Diseases in 2016. Julie is an active member in multiple Infection Prevention and Control associations, professional organizations at the national, state and local levels since 2016. Julie has presented at NCSOPHE. Julie is also a Big Sister for the Big Brothers Big Sisters school to work program.

Linda R. Greene, RN, MPS, CIC, FAPIC, is the Director of Infection Prevention at the University of Rochester Highland Hospital in Rochester, New York. She has extensive experience in infection prevention in acute care, long-term care, and ambulatory surgery settings. She held leadership roles in her local Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) chapter before becoming a member of the APIC Board of Directors in 2010. She was secretary of the APIC Board in 2012-2013 and served as APIC president in 2017. Ms. Greene was also president of the board for APIC Consulting Services in 2015, and she continues to serve APIC and the IPC profession in myriad ways, including as an advisor and contributor to APIC position papers and implementation guides, APIC representative to the 2020 CDC Decennial Steering Committee, and frequent presenter at regional, national, and international conferences. The author of dozens of peer-reviewed publications, Ms. Greene is an expert on quality improvement, antimicrobial stewardship, and healthcare-associated infections. She served on the AJIC editorial board from 2015 to 2017. In 2020 APIC awarded her with the prestigious Carole DeMille award which is given annually to an IP with visionary leadership and extraordinary contributions to the profession. She has also received numerous awards in leadership and nursing.

Barbara S. Russell, RN, BSHSA, MPH, CIC, FAPIC, served as the Director of Infection Prevention and Control Services at Baptist Hospital of Miami for 40 years. She currently is employed by the Florida Department of Health as an Infection Preventionist working with healthcare facilities in preventing and controlling the occurrence of COVID-19 and other infectious agents then can be healthcare acquired. During her 40+ years Barbara has served as President of APIC and the Certification Board of Infection Control (CBIC), as a member and past Chair of APIC's Emergency Preparedness Committee, Vice President, South Region Director and Secretary of the Florida Nurses Association (FNA) and as Chair of the Clinical and Ethics Committee of the Miami - Dade County Hospital Preparedness Consortium. She is the recipient of numerous awards including the 2010 recipient of APIC's Presidents' Distinguished Service Award, the Carol DeMille Achievement Award and in 1988, Barbara was one of 14 nurses nationwide to receive a Certificate of Commendation from the Assistant Secretary of HHS for her work in AIDS. She was inducted into the FNA Hall of Fame in 2018. Barbara has served in numerous leadership roles in local and national healthcare organizations. She is a frequent lecturer and author.

Cheryl D. Love, BSN, RN, MBA, BS-HCA, CPHRM, CPHQ, is the Chief Clinical and Patient Safety Officer at the Florida Hospital Association. She has been a registered nurse for over 30 years, with more than 15 years of clinical experience in emergency services both in the field as a paramedic and in hospital emergency departments. In addition to her clinical experience, she has more than 20 years of hospital leadership experience and during that time has successfully lead organizations in their quality and patient safety efforts. She has served as the Director of Quality and Patient Safety with direct oversight and practice in the areas of infection prevention, quality, accreditation, risk management, and occupational health in both has been a registered nurse for over 30 years, with more than 15 years of clinical experience in emergency services both in the field as a paramedic and in hospital emergency departments. In addition to her clinical experience, she has more than 20 years of hospital leadership experience and during that time successfully led organizations in their quality and patient safety efforts. She has served as the Director of Quality and Patient Safety with direct oversight and practice in the areas of infection prevention, quality, accreditation, risk management, and occupational health in both multi-campus systems and community hospitals. As an assistant CNO, she held oversight responsibility for the emergency department, women's and children's services, medical, surgical, orthopedic and neuro-telemetry units. Ms. Love has also held specialty certifications in emergency nursing (CEN), infection control (CIC), and occupational health (COHN-S). She is currently a nationally Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management (CPHRM). Cheryl earned her bachelor's degree in Nursing from DeVry University based in Chicago, Illinois. She earned her bachelor's degree in Healthcare Administration and a master's degree in Business Administration from St. Leo University in Florida.

Kim Streit, FACHE, MBA, MHS, serves as the Senior Vice President for the Florida Hospital Association (FHA), a state association that represents over 200 hospitals and health systems. Through quality collaboratives, representation and advocacy, education, and informational services, FHA supports the mission of its members to provide the highest quality of care to all Floridians. In her role with FHA, Ms. Streit spearheads the Association's work on quality and patient safety, managed care issues, data analysis and reporting, community benefits, and physician gainsharing programs. She serves as the project lead on the Partnership for Patients Hospital Improvement Innovation Network (HIIN), a national collaborative focused on reducing patient harm by 20 percent and readmissions by 12 percent. Ms. Streit serves as Chair of the State Consumer Health Information and Policy Advisory Council of the Agency for Health Care Administration. She is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. Ms. Streit has been with the FHA since 1986 and holds a bachelor's in business administration from Stetson University and a Master in Business Administration and a Master in Health Administration from the University of Florida.

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