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*Heart of Our Community*



**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Members**





**Dr. Amanda Kelvey**  
**Family Medicine**  
**MOSAIC Committee Chair**

Amanda Kelvey is a family medicine physician interested in full-spectrum medicine including women's health, trans affirming care, and treatment of HIV and Hepatitis C infections. She's also a clinical assistant professor of family medicine at the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University. She's a first generation American born in Rhode Island and raised in a Portuguese speaking home. Her family immigrated from Terceira Island in the 1970s. Growing up, Amanda was a nationally competitive figure skater. Now, she's retired her ice skates for books and more sedentary activities like meditation and journaling. When she isn't reading, she can be found learning about bravery and strong-willed determination from her toddler son Owen.



**Jamie Ekstrom**  
**WIC Nutritionist**  
**MOSAIC Committee Co-Chair**

Hi! My name is Jamie, my pronouns are she/her, and I am a WIC nutritionist at HF and a Registered and Licensed Dietitian (RD, LDN). I love getting to know new people and being a part of something bigger than myself, and being involved with MOSAIC lets me do just that! Something you might not know about me is that I have an identical twin!



**Emily Stoddard**  
**HR Associate**

Emily grew up in Assonet and has lived in Massachusetts for her entire life. She received her bachelor's degree in Business from BSU in 2016 and her master's degree in HR from SNHU in 2018. Emily got married to her husband, Chase, in November of 2021 and they currently live in Taunton with their wonderful dog, April. During her spare time, Emily loves to read books, travel, play poker with her mom and her grandmother, and hang out with her friends. She is a proud aunt to her adorable nephew, Mason, who just turned 3 years old. Her favorite movie is The Parent Trap and her favorite tv show is Gilmore Girls.



**Fanny Tchorz**  
**Interpreting Services and**  
**Community Initiatives Director**

Fanny was born in Ecuador, South America. She has 4 sisters and 2 brothers. She is the mother of 2 children, and a happy grandmother of her pet granddaughter Stormy Child. Her favorite movie is "Love Story" and her favorite book is "Love You Forever." She often enjoys listening to songs by the Argentinian singer Leonardo Favio. She believes she knows how to dance, but friends usually let her know that she does not. She likes morning walks and owns her own little altar where she finds comfort at the end of the day. Fanny's bucket list is almost full, however there is one thing that she has not been able to achieve so far, which is to ride a bike even though she knows how to ride a horse! Community service is her passion. Fanny has been a member of the HealthFirst Family Since 2011. Fanny's favorite quote: "To be culturally competent doesn't mean you are an authority in the values and beliefs of every culture. What it means is that you hold a deep respect for cultural differences and are eager to learn, and willing to accept, that there are many ways of viewing the world." -Okokon O. Udo, PhD.



**James Hodson**  
**Family Nurse Practitioner**

I come from an old New England family of many siblings. Raised in Massachusetts, Maine, and Tennessee, I have lived overseas in places such as Thailand, India, Argentina, and Kenya. My extended family is heavily involved in the medical field; there are 12 of us that work as nurses. As a child I used to raise and breed canaries of all different colors along with my dad and grampa, and at one time I had 84 birds. My grandfather's family bred canaries at least 6 generations back as they used to be coal miners, who carried the birds into the mines to alert the miners when there were toxic gases. My hobbies include fly fishing, gold panning, hiking, and amateur geology. I worked in a lumber mill and as a logger in the mountains of Northern Georgia to pay for my college tuition, and I still work part time as a wood cutter to this day. My fiancée and I worship on Saturday, or as we call it, the "Sabbath". A nurse for 12 years, I really enjoy being a Family Nurse Practitioner. Previously I worked for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, helping immigrant families establish roots in the USA. I look forward to providing medical and social services in the greater Fall River area in the years to come.



**Dr. Karla Fuentes**  
**Pediatrics**

I am Dr. Karla Fuentes, and I am a Pediatrician at HealthFirst Family Care Center. I am from Nicaragua, where I did my medical school, and then completed my pediatric training in Omaha, Nebraska. I am married and have two beautiful young daughters, a dog and two cats. I love taking pictures, and through my photos, I see the beauty of God's creation through the smile of the children, or my family, my friends, and pets. If I was not a Pediatrician, I would be a photographer. I knew I wanted to be a Pediatrician since my school days. It was the right decision because I love to engage with children and their families. I enjoy the long-lasting relationships that we create with them and seeing their growth and changes through the years. Observing the details, carefully listening, and having patience are my strengths. Perfectionism is my worst weakness. It is hard to understand that things are not always perfect. I am also shy in crowded places or in a meeting, but I overcome it. Being a Pediatrician for me means being well aware of all factors that affect the wellbeing of children and their families. This includes acknowledging the role of racism and racial disparity and how it chronically affects the physical and mental health of those who suffer from it; proactively engaging in strategies to optimize the clinical care; and advocate for policies that advance social justice while making a difference in the lives of children, their families and the community.



**Ana De Santana-Chagas**  
**Medical Interpreter**

My name is Ana Paula Santana Brito. I was born and raised in Angola, a country located in the southwest of Africa. My primary language is Portuguese and due to my Cape Verdean background I'm also fluent in Cape Verdean Creole. In 1999 I got a job at the WIC program in Brockton where the majority of the participants were Portuguese and Cape Verdean speaking. There I began to utilize my language skills so much that I realized that I could be helping my community much more if I became a professional interpreter. I then decided to go for my Medical Interpreter Certificate at Bristol Community College. I have been a "passionate" medical interpreter for 16 years. I have been in the U.S. for 32 years and I have 3 children. A fun fact about myself that nobody knows is that I failed my first driving test.



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Mission: To learn, respect, and celebrate our differences to shape a welcoming healthcare community.

Purpose:

- To eliminate bias and create a workplace that is supportive and inclusive of all
- To embrace change and encourage innovation
- To support our local community and make an impact

Other members of our committee include: Julie Almond, CEO, Danielle Renzo, CHRO, and Nora Aswad, Registered Dietician.