

**Annual Training Conference**

**Speaker Biographies**



**Susan Cummins Caputo, BSN, MPA**, received her BSN at Molloy College and MPA at the New School for Social Research. She started her nursing career at Columbia Baby Hospital. She then went to MSKCC, where she worked in Pediatric Oncology. Ms. Caputo worked at North Shore Hospital as the Coordinator of the Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Department. With children's survival rates improving she became interested in moving complex care to the home setting. For the past 25 years, Ms. Caputo has worked in the homecare and hospice field. She has served in Clinical Sale and operations in leadership positions. Ms. Caputo is currently the Senior VP of Business Development at VNSNY.



**Peter Meacher, MD**, has been the Chief Medical Officer of Callen-Lorde Community Health Center since 2013. Callen-Lorde is a federally qualified health center in Chelsea providing primary, HIV, dental, behavioral health care & supportive services to 18,000 mostly LGBT New Yorkers. After residency at Montefiore's Department of Family Medicine, where he was then Chief Resident and Faculty Development Fellow, he worked for 14 years as an HIV and Primary Care Provider, then Medical Director of a federal qualified health center in the South Bronx developing programs in HIV & transgender care before joining Callen-Lorde. During his time in the Bronx, he was actively involved in LGBT community organizing and has worked in various roles with the AIDS Institute, American Academy of HIV Medicine (AAHIVM) and Community Health Center Association of NYS (CHCANYS) among others.



**Juan Mejia, MPH**, is Vice President of Operations at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell. In this role, he is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations and the capital and operating budgets for the Emergency Department, Diagnostic and Interventional Cardiology, Radiology Services, Radiation Therapy, Rehabilitation Medicine, and Clinical Lab Services. Juan is also the Chair of the NYPH LGBTQ Taskforce. Since joining the hospital in 2003, Mr. Mejia has served in several roles including Revenue Manager at the NYP/ Milstein Hospital, Director of Clinical Operations at the NYP/ Milstein Hospital, and Director of the Gastrointestinal Service Line at NYP/ CU. Most recently he served as the Vice President of Operations at the NYP/ Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital where he was responsible for managing the day-to-day operations on the campus. Prior to joining the Hospital, he worked as a consultant for the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene where he worked closely with community based organizations targeting the reduction of infant mortality. Mr. Mejia earned his Master's degree from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University and his Bachelor's degree in Physiological Science from the University of California in Los Angeles.



**Larry Tantai, MA**, (pronouns: they/them/theirs) has worked extensively in the LGBTQ community in NYC and Rockland County. Larry is currently the LGBTQ Health Equity Specialist at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and is the acting LGBTQ Liaison and Gender Equity Liaison for the agency. Previously, they were the Youth Pride Coordinator at CANDLE in Rockland County, NY where they managed services to LGBTQ youth, facilitated support groups, and provided LGBTQ cultural competency training for students and youth-serving professionals and organizations. Prior to CANDLE, Larry was the YMSM Project Coordinator at APICHA Community Health Center and provided sexual health workshops and services to the LGBTQ people in NYC. Larry is also an applied theatre artist and received their M.A. in Applied Theatre from CUNY School of Professional Studies.



**Tom Weber** has worked at SAGE for over 13 years. In his role as Director of Care Management Services, Tom oversees and is the administrator for SAGE's social services, case management, care giving, friendly visiting, HIV and veterans programs. He also currently represents SAGE in the NYS LGBT Health & Human Services Network and the HIV & Older Adults Coalition of NYS. He has presented on SAGE programs and an array of LGBT aging issues at a variety of organizations, conferences and workshops through the years, including the American Society on Aging. In his previous role at SAGE as Director of Community Services, Tom oversaw the launch of The SAGE Center, the nation's first full-time, municipally funded senior center for LGBT older adults. Tom also oversaw SAGE's programs in the LGBT Center, Harlem, and its volunteer and outreach programs, as well as coordinating SAGE's NYC Gay Pride efforts. Tom has spent more than 28 years working in LGBT human services. Prior to coming to SAGE, Tom worked for almost 15 years at Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC). In his last role there, he was Director of the Buddy Program, one of the agency's signature programs, pairing volunteers with home-bound people living with AIDS for companionship and emotional support. While at GMHC, Tom managed and coordinated volunteers, facilitated groups and trainings, and performed client intakes.