

REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – REGION 2

County Board of Health Representative

Recommended by the Georgia Department of Public Health

Shannon Hart

Chairman

Board of Health (Twiggs County)



Shannon Hart, a native of rural middle Georgia, was educated in Georgia, and pursued further study in Texas and at Christ Church, Oxford. She had the pleasure of working with communities in Florida, Texas, and Georgia, a full career cupboard, before engaging in an encore career in public service as mayor of her small hometown. She joined the Twiggs County Board of Health in January 2012, serving as chairman since February 2014.

Community Service Board Representative

Recommended by the Georgia Association of Community Service Boards

Tammy Conlin, LCSW

Chief Executive Officer

Advantage Behavioral Health Systems

(serving Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe and Walton counties)



Tammy Conlin is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Advantage Behavioral Health Systems. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) with over 20 years of experience leading behavioral health service delivery systems in Ohio, Illinois, New York and Georgia. She has served in multiple leadership positions within the Georgia public safety net system.

Prior to joining Advantage, she had the opportunity to serve as the Chief Operating Officer, Corporate Compliance Officer, Clinical Director, and Director of Quality Assurance at View Point Health. While living in New York, she served as the Manager of Acute Services of an inpatient and partial hospitalization program at Rochester General Health Systems.

She is a passionate advocate for the individuals and families she serves. She promotes optimal client care and an environment that supports excellence and promotes both client and employee satisfaction. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Association of Community Service Boards (GACSB) and Jackson County School District's Local Advisory Board for Project AWARE. She also is a participant in the Walton County Mental Health Task Force. She earned her Master of Science in Social Administration (M.S.S.A.) from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio and a Bachelor's degree in psychology from Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio.

Sheriff's Office Representative

Recommended by the Georgia Sheriffs' Association

Butch Reece

Sheriff
Jones County



Sheriff Butch Reece has nearly served nearly 50 years in local law enforcement. He was elected Sheriff in 1981 served as a deputy prior to that from 1972 – 1976. He also served in the U.S Army Reserve. He holds degrees from the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and the University of Georgia.

University System

Dr. Aaron Johnson

Director
Institute of Public & Preventative Health
Associate Dean for Research and Community Engagement
Augusta State University (Richmond County)



Dr. Aaron Johnson is a tenured professor at Augusta University. He serves in multiple leadership roles including Interim Associate Dean for Research for the School of Public Health, Interim Chair of the Department of Community and Behavioral Health Sciences, and Director of the Institute of Public & Preventive Health (IPPH). He is responsible for developing the vision and strategy for research growth for the new School of Public Health, providing oversight of the Department of Community and Behavioral Health Sciences, and directing research, education, and service initiatives for the IPPH. Dr. Johnson's research is focused on the implementation of evidence-based practices for the prevention and treatment of substance use disorders. He has worked with populations in addiction treatment facilities; medical settings including primary care, emergency department, trauma unit, and urgent care; as well as with justice-involved populations (jails, prisons, transitional centers, drug courts, probation/parole). He holds PhD and MA in Sociology from the University of Georgia and a BS in Sociology and Political Science from Presbyterian College.

Provider

Recommended by the Opioid Treatment Providers of Georgia

Adriana Chiknas

Program Director

Medicine Wheel Clinic (Barrow County)



Adriana Chiknas is the Executive Secretary for Opioid Treatment Providers of Georgia and the Program Director for Medicine Wheel Clinic in Auburn, Georgia. She holds 11 years of experience in the Medication Assisted Therapy field. She also has a background in corporate project management. Chiknas is an IC&RC certified CADCI Addictions Counselor and an HRS Harm Reduction Specialist. She is mentored by her mother, Rev. Jennie Leyva, M.Div, learning from her 30+ years of experience in the field of addiction.

Lived Experience

Recommended by the Georgia Council for Recovery

Jennifer Langston

Executive Director

Reboot Jackson (Jackson County)



Jennifer Langston has been in recovery from opioid use disorder for over 10 years. She serves as Executive Director of Reboot Jackson, a recovery community organization based in Jefferson, Georgia. She received her CPS-AD in 2018 and subsequently has earned a MATS certification as well as an FPM certification. She holds a BS in Psychology from Brenau University.

Over the past 5 years as Executive Director of Reboot Jackson, she has developed strong collaborative relationships within her county, region, and across the state. She has served as board chair for the Jackson County Family Connection since 2022. She also has served as a board member for Jackson County DFCS since 2022. Service to these boards, as well as her community, has taught her the ability to objectively collaborate while looking out for the best interests of the community as a whole.

She was named the Jackson County Citizen of the Year in 2021 and Jackson County Woman of the Year in 2023. She also serves on the Community Impact Committee for the Georgia Recovers Campaign, a position which allows her to effectively combat the stigma which surrounds substance use disorder while providing hope for people who may be seeking recovery. She assists other recovery community organizations in strategic planning and resource development and understands the gravity and complexity of making regional decisions that will impact the services offered to Georgians who are in need of prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm-reduction services. The most important people to Langston are the ones who are directly impacted by the opioid crisis and their families, and her goal is to ensure that they are given the most equitable opportunities to recover.

Judiciary

Recommended by the Georgia Council of Accountability Court Judges

Brenda Trammell

Judge

Oconee Judicial Circuit Superior Courts

(serving Baldwin, Green, Hancock, Jasper, Jones, Morgan, Putnam and Wilkinson counties)



Judge Brenda Holbert Trammell grew up in Morgan County, Georgia, attending Morgan County High School. After graduating from Tift College in Forsyth, Georgia, she attended the University of Georgia Law School, graduating in December 1977. After graduation, she began her law career as a sole practitioner in the Atlanta area, where she remained until returning to Madison in 1993. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Trammell had a successful solo practice in Madison, Georgia, litigating in all of the eight counties in the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit - both civil and criminal. She also had a busy appellate practice.

Governor Nathan Deal initially appointed Judge Trammell to the Superior Court bench on January 14, 2015, and she is presently serving as the Chief Judge of the Ocmulgee Circuit. Her office is located in Eatonton, Georgia.

Judge Trammell has been involved in accountability courts since her appointment to the bench, and presides over the Ocmulgee Circuit Adult Treatment Court, Mental Health Division. She has served on both the Certification Committee for CACJ, and for several years, and currently, serves on the Funding Committee. Judge Trammell also serves as the Chair of the Georgia Board of Court Reporting.