Project Ujima: Changing Lives by Reducing the Reoccurrence of Violence for Victims of Violence

SPEAKER BIOS

Marlene Melzer-Lange, M.D.

Marlene Melzer-Lange is Professor of Pediatrics at the Medical College of Wisconsin and has been an attending physician in the Emergency Department at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin for the past 39 years and served as the emergency services medical director for 9 years. She serves as chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics Subcommittee on Violence Prevention. Dr. Melzer-Lange serves as medical director of Project Ujima, a violence intervention/prevention program at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin that provides community aftercare services to youth and their families following violent injuries. Her research interests include youth violence intervention, firearm prevention, and care of adolescents in the emergency setting. She is married, has 2 children, and 4 grandchildren.

Bridget Clementi, MBA

Passionate about building, supporting and maintaining healthy communities which provide the foundation for all children to realize their fullest potential, Bridget Clementi dedicates her professional and personal time and talents to leading and engaging with a wide variety of community health initiatives. Serving as Vice President for Community Health at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, Bridget has over 17 years of experience in improving child health outcomes for all children with an emphasis on population health and health equity. She has successfully launched and led innovative and evidence-based prevention practices, programs and education initiatives that gain statewide recognition. Bridget actively engages in collaborative partnerships with government and community-based organizations, community residents, philanthropic community and elected officials across the greater Milwaukee community. As an established professional in the greater Milwaukee community, a lifelong learner and an advocate for change, Bridget serves on advisory boards, community-focused committees and task forces, and learning collaboratives. Bridget has a bachelor’s degree in communications from University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and masters of business administration from the University of Phoenix.