

Health Advisory Council Bios

Vincent Siasoco, MD, MBA, Chair

Dr. Vincent Siasoco is a Board-certified Family Physician. He is a Clinical Director for Special Olympics MedFest and Health Promotion programs. He was awarded the Special Olympics Golisano Health Leadership Award in 2019. He is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family and Social Medicine and Department of Pediatrics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine where he established a Student Chapter of the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry (AADMD). He is the Director of Primary Care at the Rose F. Kennedy Children's Evaluation and Rehabilitation Center at Montefiore Medical Center. He is the Medical Director at ADAPT Community Network (formally known as United Cerebral Palsy of New York City). He is a Board member of the AADMD and Board member at Mercy Home for Children in Brooklyn, NY. He is the Co-Chair of the Cerebral Palsy Associations of NYS Medical Director's Council and Co-Chair of their annual CP Associations of NYS MD Council Clinical Conference.



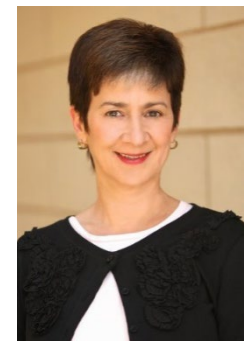
Mary Walsh Boatfield, President and CEO, Ability Partners, Inc.

Mary Walsh Boatfield is the President and CEO of Ability Partners, Inc. (CP Rochester, Happiness House, and Rochester Rehabilitation), the 40th largest employer in the Greater Rochester area and Ability Partners Foundation. Each agency offers an array of educational, therapeutic, recreational, residential, and family support programs and services for children and adults with and without disabilities. Boatfield received her B.S. degree from SUNY Geneseo and her M.S. in education/speech pathology from Nazareth College and has specialized in the field of developmental disabilities for more than four decades. She is a champion of change, creativity, and innovation, in developing services designed to meet the needs of individuals and their families in our communities, including noncertified transitional housing for individuals with disabilities, affordable housing options, and the creation of the Golisano Autism Center in which she serves as Board Chair.



Ann Costello, Executive Director, Golisano Foundation

Ann Costello is Executive Director of the Golisano Foundation, one of the nation's leading foundations dedicated exclusively to helping individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Under Ann's leadership for the past 20 years, the Foundation partners with pioneers and innovative organizations to build initiatives that serve as models of collaboration and embrace inclusion in health, education, employment and community life. The Foundation's partnership with Special Olympics, International has advanced access to quality health care and significantly improved the health of people with intellectual disabilities around the world.



**Dr. Abra Caroci, Pediatric Dentist in Rochester, Brighton & Pittsford, NY
Special Olympics NY Clinical Director, Special Smiles
Golisano Health Leadership Award 2018**

Dr. Abraham Caroci is a pediatric dentist committed to offering children and families high quality service and care for long lasting healthy smiles. He graduated from Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health at A.T. Still University and also received a certificate in Public Health. When he moved to Rochester in 2013 he found a passion in serving those with special needs and became the Special Olympics New York Special Smiles Clinical Director to help coordinate projects, locally and statewide. He is also a board member of the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry which focuses on integrating the medical and dental fields to serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Ron Kosinski, Clinical Director, NYU Oral Health Center for People with Disabilities
Direct All Care being delivered at the College in the Center. Advocate to create Centers like ours nationally and internationally. Got involved with Special Olympics because of Alan Wong and Steve Perlman.



Kathleen Maggi, Special Olympics NY Athlete

I have been a Special Olympics Athlete since 1993, training and competing primarily in long distance swimming and bocce. I also train and compete in floor hockey and basketball skills and play an active role in our Special Olympics NY Hiking Club. As part of the Special Olympics NY Athlete Leadership Program, I serve on the planning committee of the Special Olympics NY Athlete Input Council and am a certified Special Olympics Health Messenger.



Theresa Maggi, Special Olympics Coach

I am a retired teacher, having specialized in Early Childhood for 41 years. I have been coaching Special Olympics swimming since 1999. I also assist in coaching bocce, floor hockey and basketball skills. I am a Special Olympics Aquatics Clinician, training and certifying new coaches across New York. I assist athletes on the Special Olympics NY Athlete Input Council and help them implement their "Calls to Action." Most importantly, however, I am a parent of a Special Olympics NY Athlete.



Benjamin Margolis, M.D.

Dr. Margolis is board certified in neurology and psychiatry, having completed the combined residency program at Brown University. He specializes in neuropsychiatric care for adults with I/DD in the New York Hudson Valley. He attended medical school at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine after the post baccalaureate premedical program at Columbia University, and holds a BFA from the School of Visual Arts in New York City. An active member of AADMD, he is working to improve behavioral and mental health care of individuals with I/DD on local, state and national levels.



Joanne Florio Siegel, LCSW

With over 40 years of experience in the field of developmental disabilities, Joanne is currently the Co-Director of the Rose F. Kennedy University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (RFK UCEDD) and has dedicated her career toward enhancing the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families through clinical services, self-advocacy facilitation, community education and policy development. As Principal Associate in Department of Pediatrics at Einstein College of Medicine, she is championing an effort to infuse “IDD through the life span” into the medical school curriculum at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.



In 2017 she took her first Polar Plunge with Special Olympics at the Bronx Zoo! She sees Special Olympics Athletes as empowered self-advocates who can lead future efforts in breaking down barriers to full community participation and acceptance.

Dr. Steve Sulkes, Developmental Pediatrician, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry **Past President, American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry** **Special Olympics NY Clinical Director, MedFest** **Golisano Health Leadership Award 2017**

Dr. Stephen Sulkes is a Developmental Pediatrician and a Professor of Pediatrics at Golisano Children’s Hospital in Rochester, and Clinical Director for Healthy Athletes. Dr. Sulkes has been a health leader within the Special Olympics movement, in the Rochester region, and nationally among his peers for many years. He is Past President of the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry. He works to support Special Olympics athletes through pre-participation exams, he mentors medical students, residents, and fellows to improve healthcare delivery and outcomes for people with developmental disabilities, and he advocates at the state and national level to improve services for people with developmental disabilities. Dr. Sulkes founded the Rochester Student Chapter of the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry leading the training of medical and dental trainees in serving people with developmental disabilities.



Claire Watson, PhD, MS, MSPH

Dr. Claire Watson is the Founding Program Director for both the Public Health and Health Science majors at St. Bonaventure University. Her experience as a college professor, cardiovascular rehab specialist and public health practitioner have prepared her well for her work with Special Olympics athletes, combining the research and skills from clinical and preventive fields. Dr. Watson is a SONY Clinical Director for Health Promotion, having managed/participated in, 5 health screenings across New York State during her first year as Clinical Director. Most recently, she was chosen to be one of the first Directors to "Train the Trainer" for new Clinical Directors for Special Olympics International. Dr. Watson is also the proud Mom of an incredible high school junior, Alexander, who also wants to be an agent of change through an education and career in journalism.



Frederick Wetzel, PhD, CDP, NCC

Dr. Wetzel is the (retired) Downstate Director for the NY State OPWDD, Division of Quality Improvement. He currently provides Consultation on Health Care topics to numerous agencies supporting individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. He also volunteers for the OPWDD Central Office Mortality Committee

