



### September 27, 2018 Meeting - Bios

**Meredith Rowland** received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Binghamton University in 2009. She completed her internship at the Rural Appalachia Consortium in Hazard Kentucky, an area highlighted as a center of the opiate epidemic. Following internship Dr. Rowland joined the VA Medical Center in Salem, VA as a staff psychologist on the residential substance abuse treatment. During that time she also worked as a staff psychologist with the Mt. Regis Center, a residential substance abuse treatment facility serving the surrounding community. Dr. Rowland then joined the VA Medical Center in Salisbury, where she serves as the Substance Abuse Services Coordinator overseeing a 35 bed residential treatment unit as well as outpatient and intensive outpatient programs in Charlotte, Salisbury, and Kernersville.

**Lillie Armstrong** is the Community Overdose Consultant with the North Carolina Division of Public Health. She leads the North Carolina Safer Syringe Initiative, overseeing and supporting syringe exchange programs and other harm reduction-based health services for people who use drugs. Ms. Armstrong has been involved in harm reduction since 2008 and has worked with programs in North Carolina, New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. She joined the Injury and Violence Prevention Branch in September 2016 following the legalization of syringe exchange programs in North Carolina. Ms. Armstrong received her Master of Public Health degree from the UNC Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health.

**Kurtis Taylor** is a person in long-term recovery. Mr. Taylor serves as the executive director of the Alcohol Drug Council of NC, where he is committed to making their services the best in the country. He is committed to eliminating the stigma attached to the subject of recovery.

**Meredith Comer LCSW** is currently a Care Coordination Manager with Vaya Health LME-MCO in Western North Carolina as well as Vaya Veteran's point of contact. Meredith has been working in the community mental health field for the past 21 years, twelve of which have been with the local LME-MCO in customer services and emergency services, crisis management, and now care coordination. Meredith's father served in the Air Force and stepfather served in Vietnam in the Air Force. Helping veterans get the support and services that they deserve is near and dear to her heart.

**Dr. Tad Clodfelter** is a licensed, clinical psychologist in the state of North Carolina and an addictions specialist. He completed his undergraduate work at Wake Forest University, Master's at Emory University, and doctoral degree at the Georgia School of Professional Psychology in Atlanta. He completed a two-year post-doctoral fellowship in Addiction Medicine at Columbia University in New York and remained there as an assistant professor. Dr. Clodfelter is the President & Chief Executive Officer for SouthLight Healthcare, a private not-for-profit, behavioral healthcare provider. Prior to his appointment as President of SouthLight Healthcare, he served as Director of Research and Clinical Supervisor for the organization.