

Panel Discussion Bios

Karen Craft Bennett, Human Services Administrator, Greene County

Karen Craft Bennett is the Human Services Administrator, SCA (Drug and Alcohol) Director, Mental Health/Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Administrator, and Acting Children and Youth Administrator at the County of Greene. Prior to joining the County, Ms. Craft Bennett worked at The C.A.R.E. Center for 20 years in various roles, including serving as the organization's Chief Executive Officer for six years. Her work included the development of several innovative collaborative projects focusing on the coordination of a continuum of services with other agencies as well as coordinating programming across internal service areas. Ms. Craft Bennett is a certified Addictions Counselor, Clinical Supervisor, Alcohol and Drug Counselor, and CRN Evaluator. Ms. Craft Bennett holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Waynesburg College and a Master of Arts degree from West Virginia University.

Sherene Hess, Commissioner, Indiana County, Pennsylvania

Sherene Hess is a County Commissioner in Indiana County, Pennsylvania. Ms. Hess has an extensive professional background in environmental resource management. Prior to joining the County, Ms. Hess served as the president of the League of Women Voters of Indiana County for 14 years, guiding the organization through many policy studies related to national, state, and local issues such as agriculture, immigration, tax policy, water resources management, and natural gas development in Pennsylvania. In addition, Ms. Hess headed a statewide water quality education project, working with hundreds of communities across Pennsylvania on programs to protect local drinking water resources; and served as Indiana County's first executive director of the Solid Waste Authority, leading the relocation and expansion of the Indiana County Recycling Center. Ms. Hess has a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental resource management from Penn State University.

Diana Tiberi Heneks, Director of Social Work and Administrative Director of the LECOM educational program, Uniontown Hospital

Diana Tiberi Heneks is the Director of Social Work and the Administrative Director of the LECOM educational program at Uniontown Hospital. Ms. Heneks has a deep-rooted background in behavioral health, having worked on inpatient units at both Highlands and Brownsville Hospitals. Ms. Heneks has also worked in community mental health as a caseworker for the former Base Service Unit and as a therapist in the Partial Hospitalization Program operated by Chestnut Ridge Counseling Services Inc. She has served on the boards of the Fayette County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Mental Health Association, Crime Victims' Center, and Senior Life Advisory Plan Board. Most recently she was appointed to the board of the Fayette County American Heart Association. This year, the Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration Advisory Board presented her with their "Community Recognition Award" for her outstanding service and contributions to the citizens of Fayette County. Ms. Heneks has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work from West Virginia University.



**Beth A. Hutson, D.Ed., Assistant Superintendent,
Albert Gallatin Area School District**

Beth Hutson is the Assistant Superintendent at Albert Gallatin Area School District in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. Dr. Hutson has an extensive background in education including curriculum development and implementation, grant procurement, and instructor/professor. Prior to joining the School District, Dr. Hutson served as the Director of Curriculum & Instruction, K-12 at Laurel Highlands School District, where she procured and managed grant funding, coordinated the summer school program, afterschool tutoring program, and the reading program self-evaluation study. In addition, she served as the Assistant Professor of Special, Inclusive, and Gifted Education in the Department of Special Education and Clinical Services at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Hutson has also served as Adjunct Faculty of Graduate Studies at Immaculata University. Dr. Hutson earned a Doctorate in Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, a Master of Education degree in Mentally and/or Physically Handicapped from California University of Pennsylvania, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education/Early Childhood Development from California University of Pennsylvania.

**Bill Young, Director of Total Rewards, Talent Acquisition and Risk Management,
Sheetz, Inc.**

Bill Young is the Director of Total Rewards for Sheetz, Inc. Mr. Young has an extensive background in the insurance industry. Mr. Young has worked at Sheetz, Inc. for 15 years, overseeing compensation, insurance, risk management, talent acquisition and human resource administration. He has worked for State Farm for seven years selling personal lines insurance, and worked for CGI Consulting Group for eight years, designing and implementing employee benefit and retirement plans. Mr. Young currently serves on the Highmark Client Advisory Board and the Principal Financial Client Advisory Board. He is also a retired Army reservist with over 20 years of service. Mr. Young has a Master of Business Administration degree from Penn State University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Insurance from Penn State University.