

ADDICTION MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FACULTY



Michel Sucher, MD, DFASAM
Program Director

Dr. Sucher was educated at Wayne State University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1968 and a Medical Degree in 1972. Dr. Sucher's internship was at Sinai Hospital of Detroit in Detroit, Michigan and he underwent residency training at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. From 1974 through 1994 Dr. Sucher practiced emergency medicine and served as emergency department director at two Honor Health facilities in Scottsdale (Osborn and Shea). He served as President of the Medical Staff of Scottsdale Healthcare (now Honor Health)

Osborn during 1994.

He practices addiction medicine and served as the medical director of the physician health program/professional health programs for the Arizona Medical Board and the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners from 1992 until November, 2019 when he transferred those programs to Community Bridges, Inc. He was also President of the California Physicians Health Program from its founding in 2008 until May 2020. He has served as the President of the Nevada Professional Assistance Program since August 2017. Additionally, he serves a consultant in addiction medicine to most other healthcare regulatory agencies and boards in Arizona.

He has served as the Acting Medical Director of the Division of Behavioral Health at the Department of Health Services, State of Arizona (2005-2006). Additionally, he served as the Acting Medical Director of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services at the Department of Health Services, State of Arizona (2002-2004).

He served as the Chief Medical Officer for Community Bridges Inc. which is a community-based substance abuse and mental health treatment program in the greater Phoenix area and throughout the state of Arizona from 2002 until April 2020. He was appointed to the CBI Board of Directors in April 2020 upon his retirement as CMO. He was also appointed as a member of Board of Directors of the Community Bridges Foundation in 2020.

He also served as the medical director for Community Medical Services from 2011-2016, which is the largest opioid treatment program in Arizona and has OTP programs in 10 other states. He remains as a medical advisor to the CEO and an attending addiction medicine physician for Community Medical Services in their Arizona facilities.

Presently, as a consultant to Community Bridges, Inc. he serves as senior medical director of the CBI Professional Medical Monitoring Program and as Program Director of the CBI/Honor Health Addiction

Medicine Fellowship. Dr. Sucher directed the formation of the first Addiction Medicine Fellowship program in Arizona in 2018 as a collaboration between CBI and Honor Health.

As of May 2019, he became the Executive Medical Director of Meadows Behavioral Healthcare which is a nationally known treatment facility network for substance use disorders, sexual compulsivity, trauma and eating disorders. In that role he also is the Clinical Architect of the Meadows Malibu Health Professionals Treatment Program. Meadows Malibu is a wholly owned Meadows Behavioral Healthcare facility in Malibu, California.

In 2021 He became a Medical Advisor to Grace Sober Living Homes in Phoenix, AZ. In 2022 he was appointed as a member of the Board of Governors of Via Linda Behavioral Health Hospital. VLBHH is a joint venture between Honor Health and Universal Health Services.

Dr. Sucher is a member of the medical staffs of Honor Health Osborn, Shea and Thompson Peak Hospitals as well as Banner Behavioral Health Hospital all in Scottsdale, Arizona. He is the medical director of physician health for Honor Health and the consultant for physician health for the Banner Health system.

He holds teaching positions throughout the greater Phoenix metropolitan area. These include Midwestern University, AT Still University and the University of Arizona Medical Schools.

Dr. Sucher is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Society of Addiction Medicine. He was granted Diplomate Status by the American Board of Addiction Medicine in 2009. He is also certified as a Medical Review Officer by ASAM. Additionally, he is a Past President of the Arizona Society of Addiction Medicine. He is a nationally known speaker on addiction medicine and professional health issues.



Eric S. Lott, MD, FASAM
Associate Program Director

Dr. Eric Lott is the acting Medical Director of the Physician's Health Program of Arizona, Professional Medical Monitoring Program. He underwent Internal Medicine training at Maricopa Medical Center and Mayo Clinic in Phoenix AZ. His compassion and energy to address substance use disorders was recognized when he was accepted into the Addiction Medicine Fellowship training at Massachusetts General Hospital at Harvard Medical. Dr. Lott was invited to work with the Physician Health Program of Massachusetts during Fellowship. In so doing he has become a leading thought innovator in Addiction Medicine thanks to his training among many distinguished mentors at Harvard. Dr. Lott is double Board Certified in

Internal Medicine and Addiction Medicine. He graduated from Massachusetts General/Harvard in July of 2019 and now currently works as the Medical Director of Addiction Medicine with Community Bridges Inc.

Dr. Lott is also the Associate Medical Director with the Honor Health CBI Addiction Medicine Fellowship Program to train future Addiction Specialists. He treats of a wide range of medical conditions associated with substance use disorders. Primarily, his focus is on implementing evidenced based addiction care and addressing the perception of stigma among substance use within the public, media and other institutions. Dr. Lott also advocates for improved healthcare treatment models for substance use disorders as a chronic disease process.

Dr. Lott has become skilled at assessing professionals with substance use disorders. He promotes health and wellness among the healthcare and professional community. Dr. Lott is currently a voting member of the Federation of State Physician Health Programs and the American Society of Addiction Medicine.



PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Carol Babineaux

Carol has been a program coordinator for the HonorHealth Addiction Medicine Fellowship since 2018. Carol has been with Community Bridges, Inc. since 2016, serving as an Executive Assistant as well as program coordinator. In her spare time, Carol enjoys reading and writing and has published two fiction novels. Carol also likes to cook and bake, loves spending time with her family, and has been an avid practitioner of yoga for over a decade.