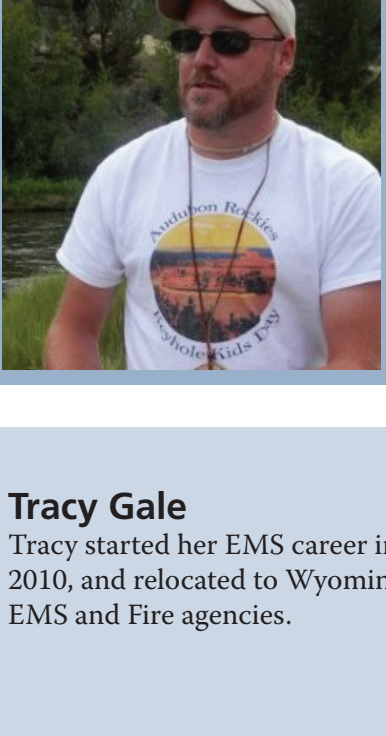
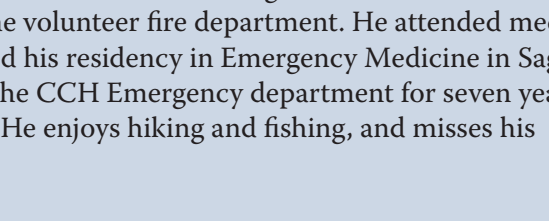
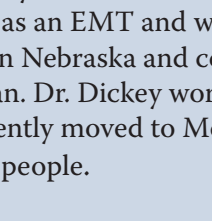


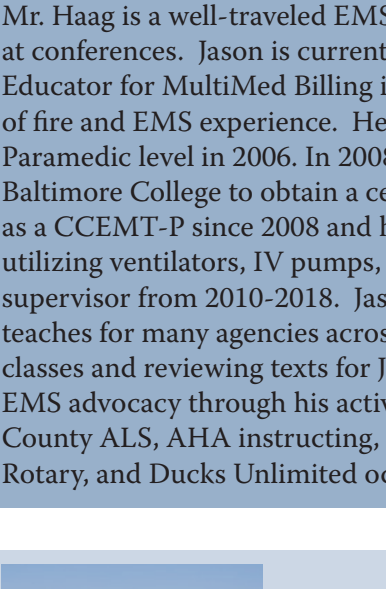
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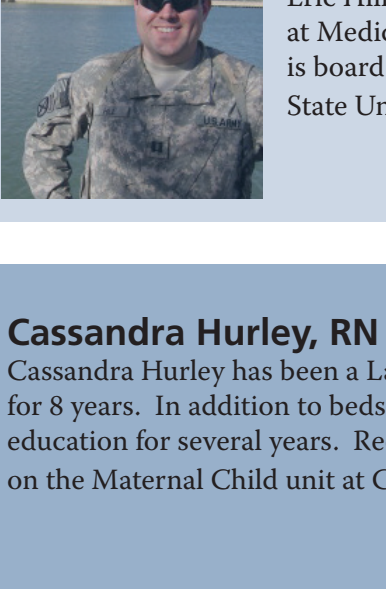
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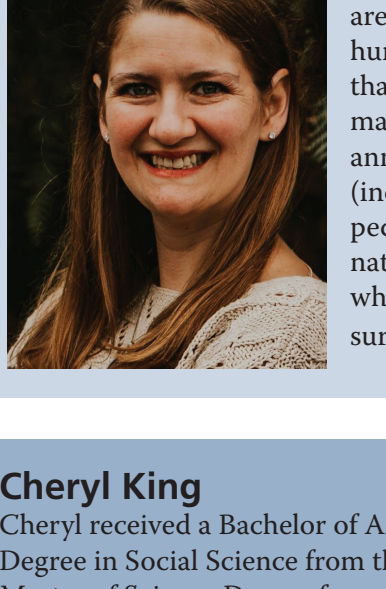
**Chris Beltz**  
Chris has been involved in EMS since 1998 when he obtained his Emergency Medical Responder license. He continued to advance in medicine and obtained his EMT license in 2003 and paramedic license in 2008. His experience includes fire-based EMS, as well as ground-based and helicopter EMS. Currently, Chris is employed by Campbell County Health as the Director of Urgent & Emergency Services. He is a certified AHA instructor for CPR, ACLS, and PALS and has a passion for teaching and learning alongside fellow EMS providers. He currently serves as the Director of Urgent and Emergency Care Services at Campbell County Health.



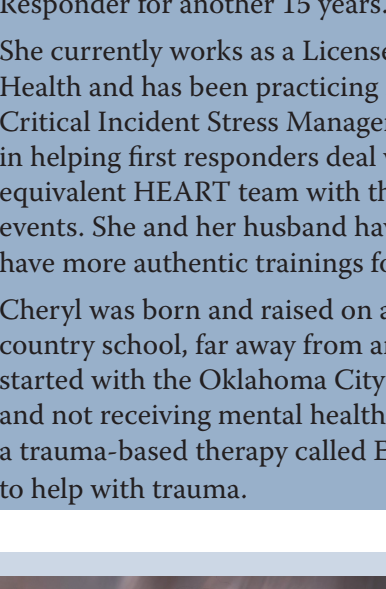
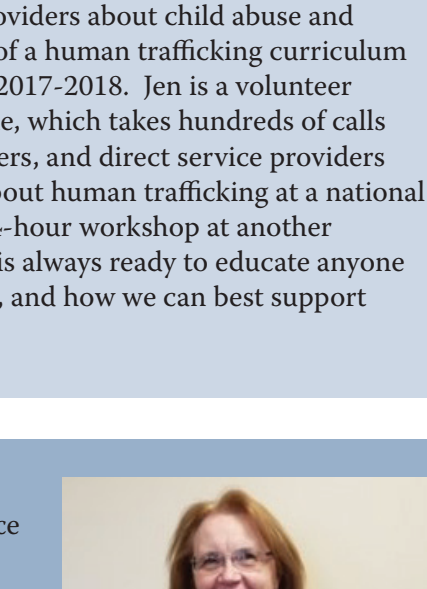
**Tyler Dickey, M.D.**  
Dr. Dickey hails from western Nebraska. While in college at Chadron, Nebraska, he worked as an EMT and was on the volunteer fire department. He attended medical school in Nebraska and completed his residency in Emergency Medicine in Saginaw, Michigan. Dr. Dickey worked in the CCH Emergency department for seven years, and recently moved to Montana. He enjoys hiking and fishing, and misses his Gillette people.



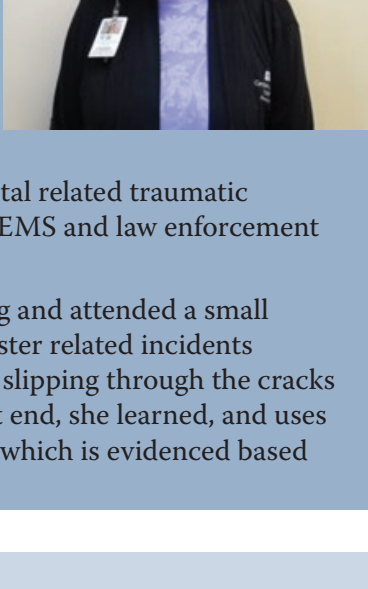
**Dusty Downey, WEMT**  
Dusty is the Director of the Pine Haven Ambulance Service and a senior instructor for the Wilderness Medicine Institute of the National Outdoor Leadership School. He has been a WEMT teaching wilderness medicine classes including first aid, first responder, and EMT classes for WMI for almost 20 years. He is a graduate of the University of Wyoming, who now lives on a ranch in northeast Wyoming with his family. After graduation, he worked a variety of jobs including ground fish observer/ EMT aboard commercial fishing boats on Alaska's Bering Sea, biological technician for the U.S. Forest Service, lodge manager near Homer, Alaska, and marine biology instructor on Catalina Island. Dusty has a passion for many outdoor sports such as SCUBA diving, snorkeling, sea kayaking and canoeing.



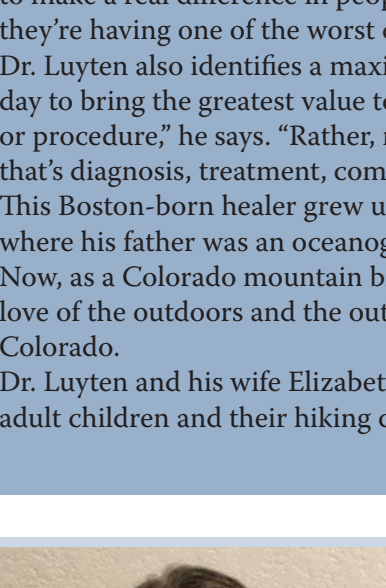
**Tracy Gale**  
Tracy started her EMS career in New Mexico in 2003, became a Paramedic in 2010, and relocated to Wyoming in 2015. She has worked at several different EMS and Fire agencies.



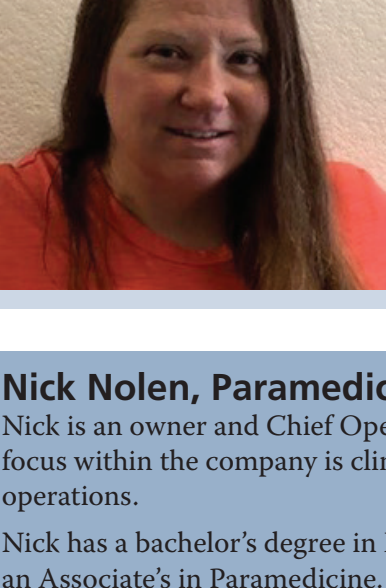
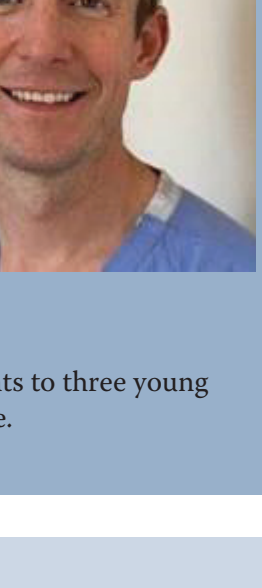
**Jason Haag, CCEMT-P, CIC, SFI, CAC, CADS**  
Mr. Haag is a well-traveled EMS educator and powerful and inspiring speaker at conferences. Jason is currently the Quality Assurance Analyst and Clinical Educator for MultiMed Billing in Baldwinsville, NY. He has more than 22 years of fire and EMS experience. He started as an EMT in 2003 and advanced to the Paramedic level in 2006. In 2008, Jason studied at the University of Maryland Baltimore College to obtain a certification in critical care transport. Jason worked as a CCEMT-P since 2008 and has experience transporting critically ill patients utilizing ventilators, IV pumps, advanced pharmacology, and RSI. He was an EMS supervisor from 2010-2018. Jason successfully earned his CIC certification and teaches for many agencies across New York. He also speaks at conferences, hosting classes and reviewing texts for Jones and Bartlett Learning. Jason continues his EMS advocacy through his active involvement with Finger Lakes Regional EMS Council, NY SEMSCO, Wayne County ALS, AHA instructing, and NAEMT. His involvement with Geneva Fire Department, Boy Scouts, Masons, Rotary, and Ducks Unlimited occupy his days after his daily family time with his wife Jami, and son Gavin.



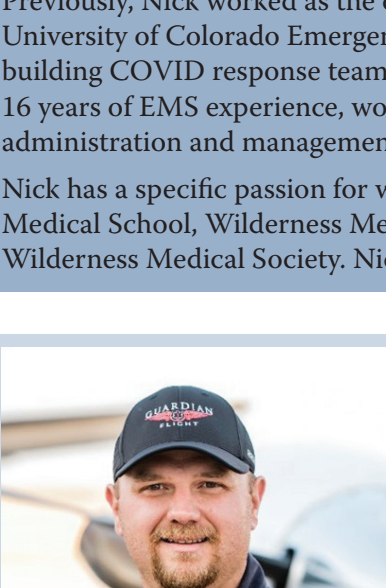
**Dr. Eric Hill**  
Eric Hill, M.D., is an emergency medicine specialist in Aurora, CO. He currently practices at Medical Center of Aurora and is affiliated with The Medical Center of Aurora. Dr. Hill is board certified in Emergency Medicine. He received his medical degree from Louisiana State University School of Medicine and has been in practice between 11-20 years.



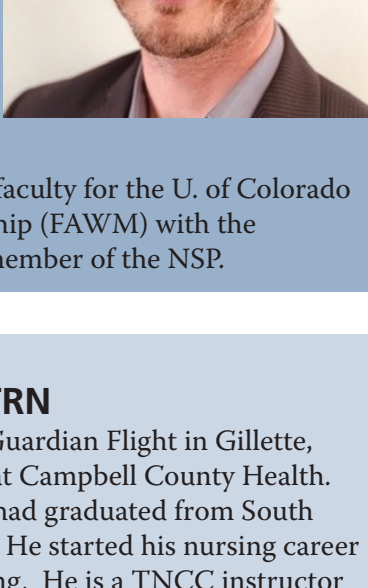
**Cassandra Hurley, RN**  
Cassandra Hurley has been a Labor and Delivery nurse for 17 years and a NICU nurse for 8 years. In addition to bedside nursing she has been involved in Maternal Child staff education for several years. Recently she has taken on the role of a Clinical Care Supervisor on the Maternal Child unit at Campbell County Health.



**Jennifer Jachimiec, RN**  
Jen is the Division Specialty Nurse Educator for Pediatrics for HealthONE in the Denver area, and is passionate about teaching healthcare providers about child abuse and human trafficking. She participated in the creation of a human trafficking curriculum that reached over 1500 healthcare staff in Colorado 2017-2018. Jen is a volunteer manager on the Colorado Human Trafficking Hotline, which takes hundreds of calls annually from survivors in crisis, community members, and direct service providers (including many healthcare staff). She has taught about human trafficking at a national pediatric conference, and is scheduled to provide a 4-hour workshop at another national conference on this topic in April 2022. Jen is always ready to educate anyone who will listen about the crime of human trafficking, and how we can best support survivors.



**Cheryl King**  
Cheryl received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Science from the University of Wyoming in 2000. She received a Master of Science Degree from Grand Canyon University in 2016. Cheryl was an EMT with Campbell County Health for three years and before that I was a First Responder for another 15 years.

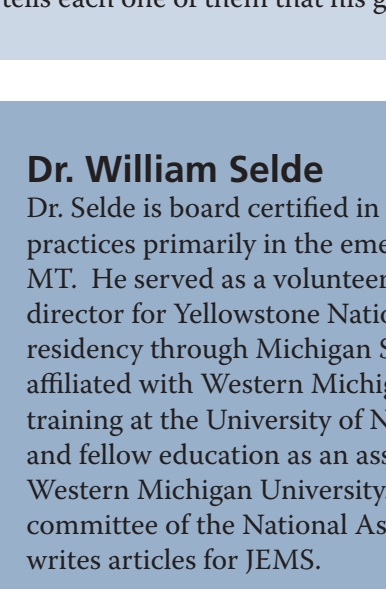


She currently works as a Licensed Professional Counselor at Campbell County Health and has been practicing since 2016. Cheryl has been on Campbell County's Critical Incident Stress Management Team (CERT) for 18 years and specializes in helping first responders deal with traumatic incidents. She just started on the equivalent HART team with the Campbell County Health dealing, with mostly hospital related traumatic events. She and her husband have been doing moulage (creating fake injuries) to help EMS and law enforcement have more authentic trainings for about 20 years.

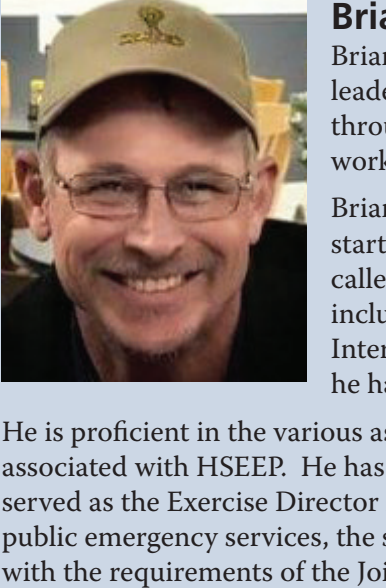
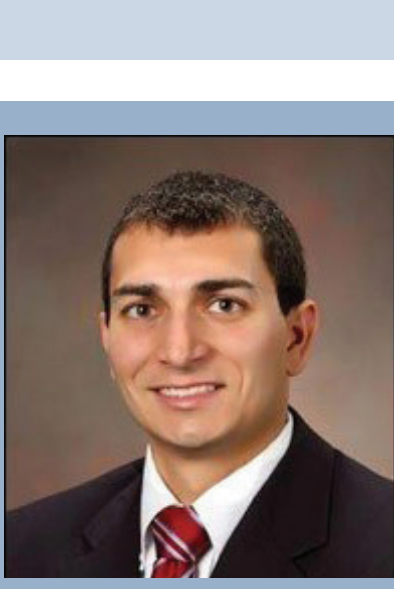
Cheryl was born and raised on a ranch in extreme northern Goshen County, Wyoming and attended a small country school, far away from any violence or disasters. Her interest in helping in disaster related incidents started with the Oklahoma City bombing when she realized there were a lot of people slipping through the cracks and not receiving mental health. Each disaster strengthened her desire to help. To that end, she learned, and uses a trauma-based therapy called Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR), which is evidenced based to help with trauma.



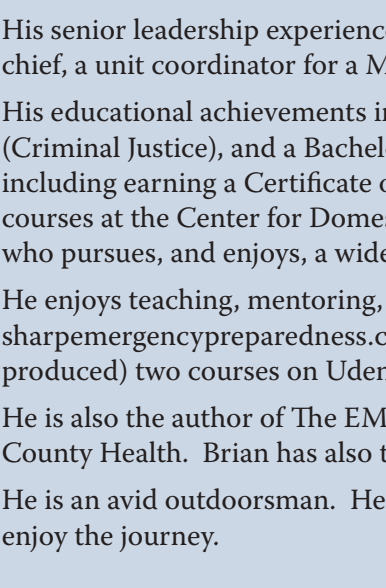
**Deanna Lassegard, M.D.**  
Dr. Deanna Lassegard is a Board Certified Emergency Medicine Physician and EMS Medical Director. She is affiliated with Campbell County Health as well as Fall River Health Services; Monument Health in Rapid City, Spearfish, and Sturgis SD. She is also the Medical Director for Campbell County Health EMS; Campbell County Health SANE Team; Campbell County Fire Department; and Nolan Independent Management (NIM).  
Dr. Lassegard is a member of the Fellow American Academy of Emergency Medicine; National Association of EMS Physicians; President-elect of the Wyoming chapter of the National Association of EMS Physicians; American College of Emergency Physicians; the American Medical Association; Black Hills Medical Society; and the South Dakota State Medical Society. She is an NREMT-Paramedic certified since 2005 and is certified in ATLS, ACLS and PALS.



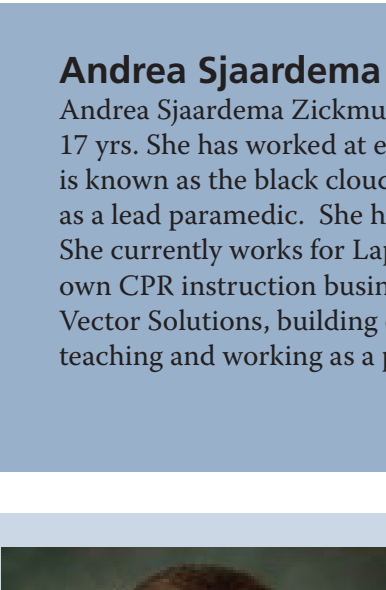
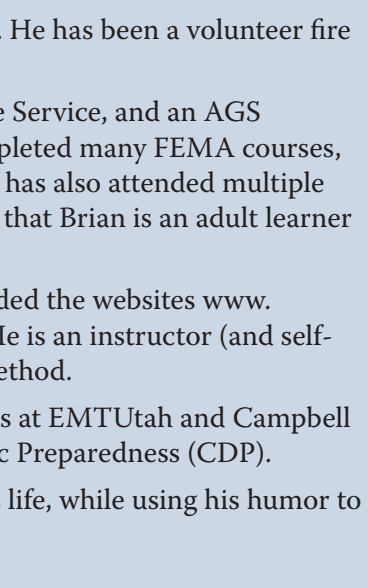
**Dr. Dylan Luyten**  
Dr. Luyten, who attended medical school at Tufts University in Boston, brings humility, optimism and pragmatism to his practice.  
"The practice of emergency medicine is a privilege. It affords me the opportunity to make a real difference in people's lives," he says. "If I can help someone when they're having one of the worst days of their lives, there's no higher calling."  
Dr. Luyten also identifies a maximalist, a philosophy in which he works hard every day to bring the greatest value to his patients. "That doesn't mean doing every test or procedure," he says. "Rather, really asking how I can best add value: whether that's diagnosis, treatment, comfort, education; you name it."  
This Boston-born healer grew up on the water and the beaches of Cape Cod, where his father was an oceanographer in idyllic Woods Hole, Massachusetts. Now, as a Colorado mountain biker and backcountry skier, Dr. Luyten's lifelong love of the outdoors and the outdoor lifestyle played a big part in his relocation to Colorado.  
Dr. Luyten and his wife Elizabeth recently celebrated 25 years of marriage. The couple are parents to three young adult children and their hiking companion Tabor, a German shepherd they named for Baby Doe.



**Heather Martin**  
Heather Martin has been serving Wyoming as an EMT for the past 18 years she is also an Equipment Operator, Rescue Team training instructor and Coordinator, & AHA Instructor. Of all the titles she may hold the most important title is "MOM". Heather has built her career focusing on safety and advocating for others. After the death of her son Cody in 2018, she set out on a mission not only to further help patients but also her fellow "First Responders". Thru her work with state representatives "Cody's Law" was written and passed in Wyoming, thus being the first of its kind in the nation. Her goal is to get "Cody's Law" nationwide. When she isn't working, she is spending time with her family.



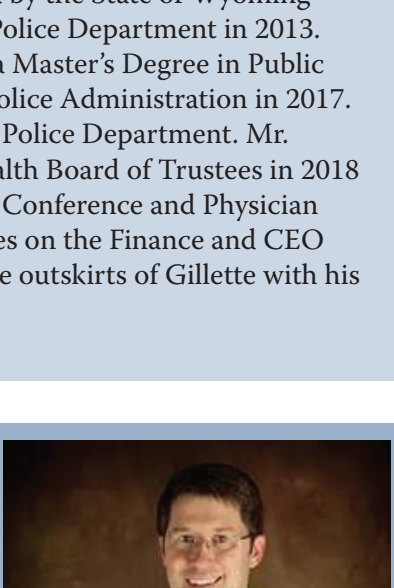
**Nick Nolen, Paramedic, MS, FAWM**  
Nick is an owner and Chief Operations Officer of NIM Medical. His primary focus within the company is clinical development, contract development, and field operations.  
Nick has a bachelor's degree in English, a Master's Leadership Management, and an Associate's in Paramedicine. His professional focus has included wilderness medicine, operational development, quality assurance, and pre-hospital medicine.  
Previously, Nick worked as the operations chief and quality manager for the University of Colorado Emergency Services, as a clinical operations consultant building COVID response teams and aeromedical transport response, and has over 16 years of EMS experience, working as a paramedic, flight paramedic, in hospital administration and management, and education.  
Nick has a specific passion for wilderness and austere medicine. Nick remains on the faculty for the U. of Colorado Medical School, Wilderness Medicine Dept, and is an active member seeking Fellowship (FAWM) with the Wilderness Medical Society. Nick has been an avid ski patroller for 15 years and is a member of the NSP.



**Chad Oelke, RN, BSN, CEN, CFRN, CTRN**  
Chad Oelke is a flight nurse and base manager for Guardian Flight in Gillette, WY. He is also a staff nurse in the emergency dept. at Campbell County Health. After deciding to follow in his parents' footsteps, Chad graduated from South Dakota State University College of Nursing in 2006. He started his nursing career in North Dakota and soon made his way to Wyoming. He is a TNCC instructor and has been lecturing for internal and outreach programs for Guardian Flight for several years. In his spare time, he enjoys all the outdoor opportunities Wyoming has to offer with his wife, Courtney, and dog, Finn.



**Angeline Peters, BSN, RN**  
As Trauma Coordinator, Angie's job entails assisting with the care of trauma patients in the ECD; monitoring the care and documentation of trauma patients throughout their hospital stay; conducting trauma chart audits; analyzing trauma data, researching problems and solutions; acting as a resource for trauma care; participating in community trauma prevention programs; maintaining the trauma registry; reviewing, revising or generating new policies with regard to trauma care; and providing trauma education to staff.



**Dr. Benson Pulikkottill**  
Dr. Benson Pulikkottill's passion for complex reconstruction was sparked by his training at the esteemed Parkland Hospital and nationally-recognized University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. It was there where he made the decision to dedicate his time and efforts to the care of burn patients. He was intrigued by their highly-complex medical challenges and focused on honing the tools needed to provide life-changing care.  
He enjoys the opportunity to meet all different kinds of patients with challenging problems who need complex reconstruction, ranging from burn to microvascular surgeries. Dr. Pulikkottill also savors his time working with his partners, one of whom happens to be his wife.  
Dr. Pulikkottill's first burn patient had her hand burned down to the tendons. He had to reconstruct the hand using specialized microsurgical techniques, which enabled a construct for the tendons to glide on and ultimately provide a functional hand. These challenging problems required solutions that involve creativity, imagination, skill, compassion, patience and knowledge. He is inspired and motivated by his patients and tells each one of them that his goal is to return them to society in a meaningful way.



**Dr. William Selde**  
Dr. Selde is board certified in both emergency medicine and in EMS. He practices primarily in the emergency department at Billings Clinic in Billings, MT. He served as a volunteer with Dayton Fire and Rescue. He is the medical director for Yellowstone National Park. He did his emergency medicine residency through Michigan State University at the Kalamazoo site; now affiliated with Western Michigan University. He did his EMS fellowship training at the University of New Mexico. Dr. Selde remains active in resident and fellow education as an associate professor of emergency medicine at Western Michigan University. He is a past chairman of the air medical committee of the National Association of EMS Physicians. He occasionally writes articles for JEMS.



**Brian Sharp**  
Brian is described as "a dedicated team member, with a management style of servant leadership." Brian views the big picture to find results that benefit all parties involved through pre-planning and proactive action. He can quickly formulate a plan that will work while making the decisions, and taking the actions, to support the plan.  
Brian has been a Paramedic since 2008, prior to this he was an EMT. His medical career started in the military where he was a Navy Corpsman assigned to the USMC – they called him Doc. At the Paramedic level, he has served in a wide variety of environments including: 911 primary response in a Metro area, 911 response in a Rural area, Interfacility Transport, a hospital ER, and is currently a flight paramedic. In addition, he has served as a Firefighter / Paramedic on both paid and volunteer department.

He is proficient in the various aspects of Emergency Management, and exercises, including the documentation associated with HSEEP. He has also served in the various roles of the ICS system during his career. He additionally served as the Exercise Director for the Gunnison County Wide MCI Drill 2014 which included 36 agencies (both public emergency services, the school district, public health, and several volunteer agencies). Brian is also familiar with the requirements of the Joint Commission, and CMS, concerning emergency management. As a former Emergency Manager for a Critical Access Hospital (including EMS) he gained a wide variety of experience in the aspects of emergency management.

His senior leadership experience covers multiple professional and volunteer positions. He has been a volunteer fire chief, a unit coordinator for a MRC unit, and a senior paramedic.

His educational achievements include two AAS; Emergency Medical Services and Fire Service, and an AGS (Criminal Justice), and a Bachelors in Business Management. In addition, he has completed many FEMA courses, including earning a Certificate of Achievement: Professional Development Series. He has also attended multiple courses at the Center for Domestic Preparedness. His curriculum vitae demonstrates that Brian is an adult learner who pursues, and enjoys, a wide variety of educational opportunities.

He enjoys teaching, mentoring, and working with other people. Brian demonstrates and founded the websites www.sharpeemergencypreparedness.com, www.ems00da.com, www.emsmemories.com. He is an instructor (self-produced) two courses on Udemy.com: Basic Emergency Planning and the ABG X method.

He is also the author of The EMS OODA Loop (available on Amazon.com). He teaches at EMTUtah and Campbell County Health. Brian has also taught several HERT classes at the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP).

He is an avid outdoorsman. He displays a can-do attitude in the various aspects of his life, while using his humor to enjoy the journey.



**Andrea Sjaardema Zickmund**  
Andrea Sjaardema Zickmund NREMT-P/FF has been working in EMS for 17 yrs. She has worked at every level from EMT through Paramedic. She is known as the black cloud in all the busy 911 systems she has worked, as a lead paramedic. She has been teaching in EMS programs since 2007. She currently works for Laporte County EMS as a Paramedic, owns her own CPR instruction business and is an expert content author for Target/Vector Solutions, building online learning courses. Andrea has a passion for teaching and working as a paramedic.



**Alan Stuber**  
Alan Stuber was born and raised in Gillette. He attended Dakota Wesleyan University, graduating with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Criminal Justice and Religion and Philosophy. Mr. Stuber was employed by the State of Wyoming before becoming a police officer with the Gillette Police Department in 2013. He graduated from Arizona State University with a Master's Degree in Public Safety Leadership and Administration Executive Police Administration in 2017. He currently works as a detective with the Gillette Police Department. Mr. Stuber was appointed to the Campbell County Health Board of Trustees in 2018 and is currently the Vice Chair. He chairs the Joint Conference and Physician Recruitment and Retention Committees, and serves on the Finance and CEO Compensation Committees. Mr. Stuber lives on the outskirts of Gillette with his wife, Ashleigh, son Brian, and daughter Gale.



**Dr. Jeff Wagner**  
Dr. Wagner grew up in Oregon, where he earned his medical degree. He completed his training in neurology and then moved to Utah for fellowship training. He specializes in nerve conduction studies and electromyography as well as being fellowship trained in botulinum toxin therapy for cervical dystonia, blepharospasm, hemifacial spasm and tics. At the University of Utah, he served as Director of the Neurology Clerkship for medical students and received the Neurology Faculty Teaching Award in 2009. After relocating to Colorado, he primarily works in the hospital treating strokes, other acute neurologic illnesses and performing EMGs and Botox injections. He and his wife are discovering the outdoor recreation opportunities of Colorado.



**Dr. Karen Woolf**  
Karen E. Woolf, MD, is a board certified pediatric emergency medicine specialist practicing with Carepoint. Dr. Woolf received her MD from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri.

