

**February 2016 MAI-CoC Webinar  
Grantee Roundtable Discussion on  
Recruitment and Retention  
Presenter Bio's**

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Program Manager  
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Emily Bakshi has been with Mercy Care since October 2014 when she serves as a Behavioral Health Specialist, and as the Project Coordinator for Mercy Care's 2014 Minority AIDS Initiative/Continuum of Care grant. In this capacity, her duties include service delivery, staff supervision and collaboration, data collection and analysis, program reporting and community collaboration. Prior to joining Mercy Care, her previous work experience included Pediatric Oncology Social Work Intern with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite, Therapeutic Foster Care Intern with Creative Community Services and Patient Advocate/Legal Coordinator and Utilization Review Coordinator with Anchor Hospital. Ms. Bakshi earned a Master of Social Work, along with completing the Marriage and Family Therapy Certificate Program, both from the University of Georgia, and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Emory University.

**Jo Ann Ford, M.A.  
Assistant Director, SARDI  
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Jo Ann Ford is the Project Director for the Integrated Continuum-of-care Services project and also serves as the Associate Director of SARDI and has worked with the program since its inception in 1990. (SARDI stands for Substance Abuse Resources and Disability Issues.) She holds a Master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling and was a Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor for over 20 years. Her clinical and research experience include substance abuse treatment and prevention, disability issues, HIV and employment, and chemical dependency treatment for people with co-existing disabilities.

**Oscar Gutierrez, M.S.W., M.P.H.  
Program Manager  
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Oscar Gutierrez is currently the program manger and mental health therapist for Clinica Bienestar. He formally served as a clinical supervisor for a SAMHSA CSAT TCE/HIV grant, and presented the programs findings at the 2015 United States Conference on AIDS. He received a dual master's degree in social work and public health from the University of Southern California. Oscar has dedicated the past three years to enhancing access to direct services for underserved communities who have been impacted by HIV/AIDS, substance use, and mental health.

**Gretchen Vaughn, Ph.D.**  
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**Dr. Gretchen Chase Vaughn** is a behavioral science consultant, clinician, and program evaluator that has devoted more than twenty years to national efforts in community-rooted prevention and mental health services for under-served populations particularly African American, Native American, and Latino communities. She has designed and coordinated the evaluation of programs with a focus on mental health, substance abuse, and HIV/AIDS; family strengthening and parent skills training; adolescent/young adult health promotion; health disparities; historical/multigenerational, child and family trauma. As a behavioral scientist she has provided clinical consultation, supervision, training in family therapy, school based mental health, systems of care as well as technical assistance, and policy analysis. She received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Yale University and completed a Doctor of Philosophy Degree at the George Washington University in Clinical Psychology with a concentration in community psychology.