

***Coping with Cancer and Mental Health:
Personal Perspectives on Cancer Survivorship***

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Webinar Speakers:



Tamatha Thomas-Haase, MPA, an independent consultant for 16 years, believes that through intentional, cross-sector engagement - rooted in equity - transformative change of public health policies, processes and institutions is possible. Leveraging collective wisdom through artful group process is at the heart of her professional calling and her 20-year career in commercial tobacco control has taught her the value of meaningful connection to others and their purpose.

Together with federal and state public health agencies and national nonprofits, Tamatha's work has primarily focused on commercial tobacco control, with an emphasis on building the field's capacity to address health disparities and promote equity. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and earned her Master's in Public Administration from Evergreen State College.

When Tamatha is not running through airports carrying flip-chart paper and giant bags of markers and post-it notes, she can be found watching Glow Up with her teenaged daughter, walking on Hermosa Beach with her face to the sun, or wishing she were hiking the mountains of her home state of Vermont with friends.



Angie Patterson is Vice President of the Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Education, a public-private partnership that connects cancer care providers, leaders, organizations, and advocates throughout the state. In addition to managing day-to-day operations, Angie works with Georgia CORE's many partners to lead programming that improves access to clinical trials, as well as personalized cancer care and support for patients, survivors, and caregivers.

A near 20-year cancer survivor, Angie left her corporate career at BellSouth in 2005 to focus on improving the quality of life and outcomes for Georgia's cancer survivors. Angie is a devoted cancer survivor advocate, as well as a published author and active presenter on survivorship and navigation. In partnership with the Georgia Society for Clinical Oncology (GASCO), she co-founded Cancer Patient Navigators of Georgia, a statewide organization that brings navigators together. Ms. Patterson serves on the National Navigation Roundtable steering team

and as the co-chair for Georgia's Cancer Control Consortium (GC3) and the statewide chair of the GC3 Survivorship Working Group. She directed the creation of the Cancer Survivorship Connection (www.GeorgiaCancerInfo.org/Survivorship), an interactive web portal designed to meet the needs of Georgia's nearly 446,900 cancer survivors.

Under her leadership, Georgia CORE received a multi-year PCORI Pipeline-to-Proposal award focused on survivorship care in Georgia. She engaged a statewide partnership consisting of survivors, caregivers, healthcare providers who developed a telephonic intervention for survivors post-treatment to improve survivorship care and outcomes.

Angie serves on the Joint Cancer Advisory Roundtable for U54 Partnership with Morehouse School of Medicine/ Tuskegee University/ University of Alabama at Birmingham: "Cancer Care Connect" Integrating Community Based Patient Navigation" and is a founding member of the Winship Cancer Institute Community Outreach and Engagement Advisory Board. Angie serves as the co-chair for the AONN+ Oncology Patient Navigator-Certified Generalist (OPN-CG) exam, which recently was awarded National Accreditation.

Angie received her bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of Georgia and currently serves on the University of Georgia Computer Science Advisory Board.



Taslim Van Hattum, LCSW, MPH is a public health social work professional with more than 15 year of experience in program design and implementation, training and technical assistance design and delivery, and facilitation & interactive meeting design with public health departments, public health agencies, schools, community based organizations and community health organizations (community behavioral health organizations, addiction treatment organizations, school based health centers, community health centers & federally qualified health centers.)