

## 2017 TCOM Conference— LEADERSHIP: Collaboration, Coaching, and Data Informed Decision-Making SAN ANTONIO, TX | OCTOBER 4-6, 2017



More than 300 members of the TCOM Collaborative from 31 states and provinces gathered in San Antonio earlier this fall for three days of intensive learning and collaboration. At this year's conference, sponsored by the Praed Foundation and Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, we highlighted the role of leadership and development of our partners in the TCOM community and used the conference as a platform for increased collaboration.

Conference organizers **Katherine Sun** and **Michelle Fernando** produced an agenda that featured presentations from multiple levels of the system. Successfully managing change requires leadership, which can take on many forms. Our plenary on leadership included **Dr. Angela Hobbs-Lopez**, **Marisol Acosta** and **Will Walker**—all local TCOM champions in the state of Texas. We also heard from **Stephen Shimshock**, Casey Family Programs; **Lise Bisnaire**, BORN Ontario; **Ella Jackson**, Sonoma County Behavioral Health; **Nathan Lubold**, Advanced Metrics; and **Eric Bruns**, University of Washington.

### Looking for More?

Be sure to follow the blog at [TCOMConversations.org](http://TCOMConversations.org) for links to the presentations delivered at the conference.

### Conference Collaborations

Joint sessions and panel discussions featured various TCOM Implementations and their application and practice of Communimetrics. Sessions included a collaboration between Casey Family Programs and Northern Rivers and a panel presentation with individuals from Seneca Family of Agencies, Magellan Healthcare, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, and IU School of Social Work. The TCOM Conference was also the first time **Nathan Lubold**, Advanced Metrics, and **Thomas Lyons**, Michigan State, met and collaborated on multiple presentations.

We hope you found this year's conference instructive, inspiring, and enjoyable. Please help us make next year's conference even better by sharing your feedback and ideas with us. Email [ksun@chapinhall.org](mailto:ksun@chapinhall.org) with your thoughts.



### New to the Team

#### Kate Cordell, Ph.D.

Kate joins us as a part-time Policy Fellow based out of Sacramento, CA. She is a principal consultant through her California-based firm, Mental Health Data Alliance, where she implements research, evaluation and technical database and software design to make a meaningful impact in the lives of consumers of behavioral health services. Kate Cordell received her bachelor's degree from Rutgers University, MPH from San Diego State Graduate School of Public Health, and her PhD from the University of California Berkeley School of Social Welfare. She strives to capture and communicate the influence of public policy on the lives of underserved individuals in need of behavioral health services.



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#### Angela Pollard

Angela recently joined the team as a Project Assistant at Chapin Hall. Prior to joining the TCOM Team, Angela was an AmeriCorps member in a Delaware middle school where she was a full-time tutor and performed other administrative duties. She received her Bachelor of Arts' in Sociology from Yale University. Her experience serving as a mentor for children/teens and her involvement in the Black Lives Matter movement have cultivated her commitment to the children and families supported by the TCOM Tools.



-Angela Pollard, [apollard@chapinhall.org](mailto:apollard@chapinhall.org)  
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### Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following 2017 TCOM Champions Award Recipients.

- **Seneca Family of Agencies** for their enduring organizational commitment to improving care of children and families through the use of TCOM Principles
- **Tim Kelly** for his strong commitment to using information about children and families to support ongoing system improvement
- **Barbara Dunn** for her longstanding and deep commitment to collaborative efforts to improve the lives of others through the use of common assessment strategies and the resulting data
- **Julie Bourne** and **Eileen Chappelle** for their instrumental support in the development of the Harris County Prevention CANS

The 2017 TCOM Founder's Award was given to **Nathaniel Israel** for his passionate, creative, and enduring commitment to developing and implementing strategies to engage and help children and families.

## Poster Presentations

Poster Presentations offered the opportunity to engage with other conference attendees who are interested in the same subject, disseminate recent research and, more importantly, CONNECT with others. We featured eight posters that shared the work of 16 people from seven universities and organizations.

**Michaela Voit**, recent graduate of the University of Chicago, shared her thesis work, *The Politics of Trauma: Building Dialogue for Trauma-Informed Outreach in Chicago*. We also featured the graduate work of former students of **Dr. John S Lyons** and recent research by **Barbara Dunn** and her team at Magellan HealthCare.



## Scholarships and Learning Opportunities

The Praed Foundation is proud to announce that more than \$5,000 was awarded to attendees at the conference for travel support, accommodations coverage, and registration discounts. These are typically offered to students, junior investigators and new members to the collaborative.



## Communimetrics Conversations

New this year, we featured an interview session between **Dr. John Lyons**, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, and **Dan Warner**, Community Data Roundtable.

Dr. Warner asked Dr. Lyons about his history in the field and how Communimetrics came to be.

This session reviewed the origins of the theory and shared Dr. Lyons goals and hopes for the field. Dr. Lyons is excited to see the progression of the use of Communimetrics as a way to envision a world where no matter at what level you are in the system, you are able to make decisions based on the best interests of the people served.

Session participants engaged Dr. Lyons with tough questions about risk factors, prevention, predictive analytics, strengths building, and more. We hope you will continue this conversation within your own organizations. For more information on this session, contact, [ksun@chapinhall.org](mailto:ksun@chapinhall.org). Click [HERE](#) to view some off the video footage from the event.

## Sponsors

The TCOM Conferences are made possible by the individuals who organize and manage the conference and all of our sponsors. This year 12 separate organizations and one individual donation made the 3-day conference with 66 different sessions possible.

Among these sponsors were [Seneca Family of Agencies](#), [Magellan HealthCare](#), [Fidelity EHR](#), [California Alliance of Children and Families](#), [Nexus Youth and Family Solutions](#), [The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute](#), [eCenter Research](#), and [Community Data Roundtable](#), all supported critical events at the conference including the poster session, AV needs, and breaks. A special thank you to [Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago](#), [Engolve PeopleCare](#), [Superior HealthPlan](#), and [Casey Family Programs](#), as our Partner Level Sponsors at this year's conference.



## #TCOM2018

Save the Date for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual TCOM Conference in October 2018. Stay tuned in the next month for a post from Dr. John S. Lyons and our call for papers!



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