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Message from our New President:

I want to begin by saying that it was an honor and a privilege to work with such an amazing team of people to get the Florida AMCP Affiliate off the ground. When we had our kick-off meeting at AMCP Nexus in October 2019 to announce the affiliate, we never could have imagined the devastation that COVID-19 would bring to our world or the abrupt change it would make to the way we lived our lives. While our first year as an affiliate did not look anything like we imagined, our affiliate leaders still found ways to keep us connected through virtual programming and spread the message that we were accepting new members. I am so grateful for all of their tireless work.

As I take on the role of President, I am looking forward to what this year holds for our Florida AMCP Affiliate. Our country has made positive strides in the fight against COVID-19 that are allowing people to begin to gather together again. We will be continuing with virtual programming for now, but we are planning to meet in person at the AMCP Nexus meeting in Denver this fall. I don't know about you, but I can't wait to look people in the eyes again and share a meal with friends!

I hope that you have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you all at Nexus!

Sincerely yours,

Wendy Bailey, RPh, BS Pharm, MS Pharm, MBA
President of FL-AMCP
VP Pharmacy for Envolve/Centene, Inc.

New Officer Bios:



Wendy Bailey

is a health care executive with experience in both managed care pharmacy and overall health plan operations. A licensed pharmacist in both Florida and Georgia, Wendy earned her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Georgia, her Master of Science in Pharmacy Regulation and Policy from the University of

Florida, and her Master of Business Administration from Stetson University. Wendy has been with Centene Corporation since July 2006, beginning her career in pharmacy operations at Peach State Health Plan in Georgia. From 2012 to 2014, she led the pharmacy programs for both Peach State Health Plan and Absolute Total Care in South Carolina. In February 2015 Wendy took a full-time position as Vice President of Operations at Absolute Total Care, where her responsibilities included the management of claims system configuration and payment, provider data management, credentialing, and provider and member call centers. She joined Sunshine Health in July 2017 as Vice President of Pharmacy Operations and went on to lead both pharmacy and health plan operations teams in 2019. In September 2019, Wendy joined Envolve Pharmacy Solutions as Vice President of Health Plan Pharmacy Strategy, where she is responsible for the strategic planning and oversight, operational performance, and process improvement for the pharmacy programs of the Centene Health Plans. Wendy is an active member of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacists (AMCP) and was a member of the Georgia AMCP affiliate while living and working in Georgia. As part of her work with Georgia AMCP, she served as chair of the legislative committee and also created and presented continuing education programs at the Georgia AMCP Winter Symposium for two consecutive years. Wendy is one of the founding members of the Florida AMCP affiliate, where she serves as President for the 2021-2022 year.



Melissa Fox

currently serves as National Account Director for Merz Therapeutics and has over 20 years of experience in pharmacy, industry, and managed care practice. Melissa has experience in strategic leadership for clinical initiatives, formulary management and rebate strategy, Medicare Part D compliance, and the integration of medical management across both pharmacy and medical benefits. In her current role Melissa's commitment is to improve patient health by empowering

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patients to live fully and achieve their individual goals. Melissa is an active AMCP member of 7 years. She currently serves as Chair of the Planning Committee for the Florida AMCP affiliates. Melissa has been a clinical preceptor for the University of Florida, College of Pharmacy for many years, and is active in the Medical Reserve Corp.

Melissa Fox, PharmD, MBA

President-Elect of FL-AMCP

VP Pharmacy for Envoke/Centene, Inc.

National Account Director, Managed Markets, Merz Pharma



Gaurang J. Gandhi,

PharmD, MHA, CSP is a managed care industry veteran and one of the founders of the National Association of Specialty Pharmacy and served on the board of multiple professional organizations. He has served in senior leadership roles for top Fortune managed care and Pharmacy Benefit Management organizations. He led the Accredo Healthcare Group as the Chief Pharmacy Officer. He has more than 15 years of PBM, Specialty Pharmacy, Group purchasing organization experience in variety of settings such as Premier Healthcare – the leading group purchasing organization and in payer arena for Fortune 200 companies such as Express Scripts, Centene, Wellcare, and Magellan. He has led management of pharmacy and medical benefit spend in all lines of business including Commercial, Medicare, and Medicaid. He has written commentaries and spoken on pharmacy topics such as Medicare PDP, Specialty pharmacy care management issues, market access, and REMS. He is a life-long advocate of promoting pharmacists role in health care. He has served as an adjunct faculty for the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Drexel University. He is a graduate of College of Pharmacy, University of Arkansas and has health care administration degree from the SUNY. He has been a strong advocate for the managed care and pharmacy practice in number of government affairs initiatives of NASP, AMCP, PCMA and regional pharmacy societies in Delaware, Florida, and New York

Gaurang J. Gandhi., PharmD., MHA, CSP

Secretary of FL-AMCP

*Clinical Assistant Professor Department of Pharmacy Practice
Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy*



Tricia Gangoo-Dookhan

obtained her Bachelor of Science Degree from St. John's University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, New York in 1994. She then went on to pursue and successfully obtain with highest honors her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at NSU College of Pharmacy in 2000. Dr. Gangoo-Dookhan has had the opportunity to practice across many settings from community retail pharmacy to institutional pharmacy as well as owning and operating her independent community pharmacy. In 2012, she was named "Pharmacist of the Year" for BI-LO Pharmacy. During her time there, she was able to spearhead the implementation of both the Immunization and Medication Therapy Management programs for Dade, Broward, and West Palm Beach Counties. She developed and implemented the Ryan White Title II program for Winn Dixie Stores Inc. in 2006 to assist HIV patients with cost effective access to medications and medication adherence. Dr. Gangoo-Dookhan is a certified American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Immunization and Medication Therapy Management train the trainer, a certified American Heart Association basic life support trainer, and a licensed consultant pharmacist in Florida. Dr. Gangoo-Dookhan is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy, she practices at the NSU Clinical Pharmacy Solutions, where she oversees the day to day operations and services provided to primary care physician groups and accountable care organizations, such as Medication Therapy Management, Transitions of Care and pharmacy related support.

Tricia Gangoo-Dookhan, B.S.Pharm., PharmD., CPH

Treasurer of FL-AMCP

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Fun FACTS to know:

Wendy Bailey fun fact:

A fun fact about me is that I enjoy painting. I took an art class in high school and did some paintings that I still have hanging on my walls. Ten years later, I took an oil painting class that resulted in one more painting. After that, I did not paint anything for over 20 years. Being quarantined at home rekindled my spark for painting, and I have completed over 20 paintings since September 2020.

Tricia Gangoo-Dookhan fun fact:

My family and I are avid travelers we have visited Hawaii, Europe, Alaska, Africa, North America and the Caribbean ☺ Next stop...Asia and the Holy Lands.

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Gaurang Gandhi fun fact:

Gaurang Gandhi played recreational USTA Tennis league for 40 +. It's a fun league and was 2019 National Finalist.

Melissa Fox fun fact:

Owned and operated a catering business after attending Culinary Institute (which motivated me to go back to school for a Food Science and Human Nutrition degree)

Break out the Party Hats! AMCP Foundation is Turning 30-Fun Years Old!

Since AMCP Foundation's establishment on June 28, 1990, our team has worked tirelessly developing managed care leaders and producing thoughtful research.

In this time...

- 207 interns have completed our internship programs.



Committee Member Updates

Student Affairs Committee Member Update:

The Student Affairs Committee continues to grow, and we would like to welcome our newest members: Tricia Gangoo-Dookhan, Melissa Kuznik, Ryan Nimtz, and Ray Sierzdan. Welcome everyone; we are happy you have joined this awesome committee! One of our committee's goals is to promote the field of Managed Care and provide support to every college of pharmacy in Florida. Students have expressed interest in obtaining shadowing opportunities from our Managed Care experts. Now that organizations are slowly opening back up, if you would be willing to allow a student a shadowing opportunity with you, please let me know (troane@cop.ufl.edu) so I can add your name to the list. The committee is also continuing to discuss establishing a student/pharmacist mentorship program as well as scholarship opportunities for the chapter leadership to join an affiliate meeting when we are able to meet with in-person safely. Again, if you are interested in taking part in our student mentorship program, please email me so I can get your contact information as we move this program forward. The students are very excited about these potential opportunities.

NOTE: See a great NSU article – Well done to Dr. Tricia Gangoo-Dookhan and her team at Nova

[Zooming Through the Pandemic: NSU Virtual AMCP Student Chapter \(pharmacytimes.com\)](#)

Communication Committee Members Update

During these past months the Communications Committee welcomed two new members – Natalia Quintero and James DeMasters. The committee also appointed Rizwan Khaliq as our Committee Co-Chair. The Communications Committee continues to keep our members informed of all affiliate news and events via quarterly newsletters, emails and social media posts. We encourage our members to stay connected with the affiliate by joining the Florida AMCP Affiliate LinkedIn group and visiting the [Florida AMCP](#) site. For questions, please email us at floridaamcp@gmail.com. Please stay tuned for details on future upcoming CEs and our affiliate meeting during Nexus.

Planning Committee Members Update:

Thank you for attending the CAR-T cell presentation on May 19th. We are happy to report that 30 members of the AMCP FI affiliates attended. This event generated \$750 to be donated by PTCE on behalf of the AMCP Florida Affiliates to our local food banks. The AMCP Florida Affiliates chose Farmers Feeding Florida as the recipient of this donation. Farmers Feeding Florida is Feeding Florida's produce recovery initiative that works in partnership with farmers and packers throughout the state to rescue and distribute wholesome and cosmetically blemished produce that can help to ease this burden. The affiliate looks forward to participating and promoting future events that support our communities.

Legislative Committee Members Update:

There have been 3 Bills signed into law by the governor this summer: HB 6095, Scheduling of Drug Products Containing Cannabidiol, was signed by the Governor on June 21. This bill amends section 893.03, F.S. to remove Epidiolex as a schedule V controlled substance. In 2020, Epidiolex was removed from the federal Controlled Substance Act so Florida law will now mirror federal law. SB 768, Administration of vaccines will be effective July 1. This adds all EUA approved vaccines to the permanent pharmacy administration schedule in Florida and lowers the age for flu administration by pharmacists to 7. SB 262, Dispensing Medicinal Drugs also will be effective July 1. This allows ER department pharmacies to dispense outpatient prescriptions to cover patients overnight or through the weekend.

Remember Special Health Awareness Months in the Third Quarter 2021:

July – Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month, Group B Strep Throat Awareness Month

August – National Immunization Awareness Month, Psoriasis Action Month, Children's Eye & Safety Awareness Month

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Announcements

Upcoming CE

Title: Medication Errors

Date: September 15, 2021

Time: 6-7 PM ET

Speaker: Michael Jackson, BPharm, CPh

Executive Vice President and CEO

Florida Pharmacy Association

Registration link will be shared soon



- ✓ Questions? **EMAIL us** at: floridaamcp@gmail.com
- ✓ **FIND us on LinkedIn** at: Florida AMCP Affiliate
- ✓ **Check out our official site:** [FloridaAMCP](http://FloridaAMCP.com)

AMCP Nexus 2021

Date: October 18-21, 2021

Event Type: National Meetings

Location: Gaylord Rockies, Denver, CO

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NEXUS 2021. MEETING DETAILS WILL
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