

Solve M.E. Welcomes Community Collaboration



The Solve M.E. Community Advisory Council (CAC) is a volunteer working group providing guidance and recommendations on Solve M.E. programs. CAC members work with Solve M.E. staff on issues related to ME/CFS advocacy, education, and engagement, and review applications for funding through the Solve M.E.'s community micro grant program.

The CAC had their first meeting in March, where they established working protocols and priorities for upcoming projects. Director of Advocacy and Engagement Emily Taylor said of the meeting, "I simply cannot describe my excitement and gratitude for this amazing group of individuals. There are so many desperately needed education and patient empowerment initiatives that Solve M.E. can now tackle with the CAC!"

MEMBERS OF THE 2020-2022 SOLVE M.E. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

LISA ALIOTO, JD is the Vice President of the Minnesota ME/CFS Alliance and runs Realistic Optimism, a website/Facebook page dedicated to helping people with chronic illnesses find realistic optimism in their lives.

VALENTINA B. COHEN, JD is originally from the EU and her goals are to raise awareness and secure clinical care for the local community of People with ME living in Los Angeles and around the world.

MARC COURCHESNE is a marketing, communications and customer engagement professional and long-time Solve M.E. volunteer.

SHAKIA GUEST, MAPH is program developer and manager, and a writer who manages the Instagram account ChronicallyIIIWarrior.

ROBERT JACOBS, MD, MBA is a retired rheumatologist with a background in laboratory and clinical research.

ANDREW KANTOR, JD, MBA is a Disability Insurance Attorney whose practice focuses exclusively on helping individuals whose health, life, or long-term disability insurance benefits have been wrongfully denied.

SOH-YEON LEE is a Senior Program Analyst with the State Bar of California and a Volunteer Regional Resource Researcher with Solve M.E.

SUSAN LEVINE, MD is infectious disease specialist and founder of the Medical Office of Susan M. Levine, MD. Over the last two decades, she has collaborated with other clinicians and researchers, co-authored a 'Manual for Physicians', served as a reviewer for the IOM report on ME/CFS, and formerly served on the Federal Advisory Committee for CFS.

LILIANA LIM has a background in research and communications. She seeks to interweave health content in narrative frameworks to make ME/CFS education more palatable and understandable for a wider audience.

CAROL MAHONEY is a nonprofit professional, former member of the Solve M.E. Board of Directors, and current member of the Emeritus Board. Her focuses are in collaboration and helping patients in financial need.

KATE SANCHEZ, MFA is an English professor and writer. She is the creator of Vitamin K Mindful, a mindfulness YouTube channel.

SANNA STELLA is a long time Solve M.E. volunteer and is currently earning her Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

JENNA TAYLOR, MS, NCC, LCPC is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, educator, writer, and advocate for women and families in crisis.

DANIELLE WARNER is an educator and advocate based in Canada. She has experience in communicating with clinicians and researchers to raise awareness about M.E. medical and scientific communities.