

Presenter Biographies

KAREN COATS, CHES

Karen Coats is a Health Program Specialist at the Utah Department of Health. She has more than 20 years' experience in this capacity. Prior to the initiation of 1305, she served as the program coordinator for the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program. As part of her work, she coordinated the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Disparity Initiatives and she helped to facilitate three state plans for heart disease and stroke prevention. She currently participates in two workgroups that are tasked with identifying and prioritizing clinical quality measures. Until recently, she served as the chair of Bureau of Health Promotion Health Systems Workgroup and has led the way in establishing clinical measure priorities for the entire Department of Health. Ms. Coats received her B.S. in education from the University of Utah in 1987 and has been a Certified Health Education Specialist since 1994.

ADAM BAUS, MA, MPH

Adam Baus, MA, MPH, is the Network Coordinator for the West Virginia Practice Based Research Network within the West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute, and in his eleventh year of working directly with West Virginia primary care centers in quality of care improvement initiatives as Assistant Director of the West Virginia University Office of Health Services Research within the School of Public Health. He has developed expertise in application of health information technology within primary care, leadership skills, and established trust and a collaborative relationship with primary care partners. His educational background is founded on applied social research methods and public health. He is also a PhD Candidate in Public Health Sciences, expecting to graduate by May, 2015.