

Panelists for the TNAMFT Webinar – Jul 31, 2020



Veteran lobbyist **Jenny Ford** began representing TNAMFT in 2017. Jenny has worked more than two decades at our state's Capitol strategically navigating her clients' interests. Her most recent work on behalf of LMFTs has been with the Governor's staff in meeting the demands brought on by the Covid 19 pandemic. Jenny's hands on effort helped clarify the process of registration and supervision of unlicensed practitioners providing mental health telehealth services. She also insured these services would be available at through the end of August.

When she is not pounding the halls of the legislative offices or our state's Capitol, Jenny is a medal-winning racewalker competing in US Track and Field events. She is a Senior Olympics ambassador, serves on the Tennessee Women's Political Caucus Board and was most recently honored as a 2020 nominee for the Nashville ATHENA Award.

Chris J. Gonzalez is the Founder and Program Director of the Lipscomb University Marriage and Family Therapy program. He earned a PhD in Family Social Science from the University of Minnesota in 2010 and a Masters Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Abilene Christian University in 1999. He maintains a limited private practice serving individuals, couples, and families as well as serving as an AAMFT Approved Supervisor and mentor to AAMFT Supervisors in training. More than anything he loves his wife, daughter, and son and enjoys spending time with them.



Robbie Robinson Hutchens, MMFT, LMFT is the current President of the Tennessee Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and has served on the Legislative Committee since she joined TNAMFT in 2007. Robbie has offered clinical services for 13 years through her Smyrna private practice, Signet House, and also offered group and private practice services for 6 years in her internship at the Genesis Center in Dunwoody, GA. She focuses her work on mental health advocacy in schools and helping families navigate intellectual giftedness, autism, ADHD, and other developmental and learning differences.

Randall W. Phillips, PhD, LMFT is an AAMFT Clinical Fellow and an AAMFT Approved supervisor. He has served as a past president of TNAMFT and served on the licensure board and presided as president.

Presently, he resides in Jackson, TN. and offers therapy and supervision via Telehealth. He has been a professor of family studies, counseling and research methods at University of Tennessee-Martin and Union University where he was Director of Research for the University.

Currently serves TNAMFT as a member of the legislative committee and chaired the committee to revise the rules and regulations of the MFT licensure statute. He has been charged by the licensure board to guide the process in the selection or creation of a new Ethics/Jurisprudence Exam.



Roger Smith serves as Director of Government and Corporate Affairs and supervises AAMFT's federal and state advocacy initiatives, as well as the growth of AAMFT's Family TEAM. Roger joined AAMFT in 2005. He also serves as General Counsel for AAMFT and supervises its ethical code compliance and legal risk management programs. After receiving a bachelor's degree from Purdue University, Roger earned his law degree from the Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis.

Keiko Davenport is Advocacy Coordinator with AAMFT

