**Associate Medical Director of Healthcare Innovation and Outreach**

Dr. Liz Bonson came to L&I in September as the Assistant Medical Director for Healthcare Innovation and Outreach. She went to medical school at the University of Wisconsin, then did her Preventive Medicine residency at Johns Hopkins, and is now double-boarded in Preventive Medicine and Occupational Medicine. She practiced occupational medicine at the Valley Medical Center COHE for four years prior to joining L&I.

Her role in the Department, develops, implements, and evaluates innovative healthcare initiatives to ensure effective use of evidence-based occupational health best practices inside and outside of L&I. Continue to build and strengthen collaborations with important partners, such as statutory advisory committees (IIMAC, IICAC, ACHIEV), interagency groups (AMDG, HCA), external stakeholders (self-insurers, business and labor, professional associations like WSAJ, the University of Washington, and a variety of others.

Projects include:
- Working on L&I’s Healthy Worker 2020 strategic plan, part of which will be developing collaborative care models for chronic pain management and behavioral health integration.
- Collaborating with various providers and healthcare systems to develop Centers of Excellence for specific consequential injuries, such as severe burns and amputations.
- Improving steady connection with healthcare for workers with catastrophic injuries.
- Developing quality CME for providers using progressive technology.
Associate Medical Director for Health Care Quality

Dr. Patricia ("Trisha") David joined L&I in July as Associate Medical Director for Health Care Quality. She graduated from The Ohio State University and completed a residency in Internal Medicine, followed by additional residency training in Occupational Medicine. She is board-certified in Occupational Medicine, and also holds a Master of Science in Public Health from the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Over the last 25 years, she has been involved in health care from a variety of angles – as a clinician for a large health system and in her own private practice, a plant physician for several large manufacturers, assistant medical director for managed care organization, and CMO for a federally qualified health center. She enjoyed a very long working relationship with the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation and many of Ohio’s MCOs / TPAs, assisting with claims as well as helping to improve quality through training of other providers in the area of IMEs and report writing.

Her role in the Department is provide clinical expertise and leadership in order to improve health care quality and outcomes. Special areas of emphasis include developing quality standards for Independent Medical Exams and external clinical consultations, and providing subject matter expertise in disability ratings.

Some examples of her work activities and L&I include:
- Providing clinical support for ONCs and OMD health policy unit
- Participating in weekly meetings with HAS staff to review IME quality issues
- Providing guidance regarding impairment ratings to attending providers
- Review of lumbar rating worksheet
- Providing consultation for HIE staff regarding chart documentation and IT initiatives
- Participating in meetings with external stakeholders to discuss quality improvement goals

On a personal note, Dr. David’s husband works for the Department of Corrections as Facility Medical Director for the Stafford Creek Correctional Center in Aberdeen. They have 5 kids – 3 are human, and 2 are canine. She is generally an easygoing person, except when it comes to her early morning HIIT workouts and her ongoing quest for the best vegan carrot cake.

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