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Jenna C Reed Livingston is serving the chapter as VP of the Outreach Committee. The mission of the Outreach Committee is to provide meaningful opportunities for our PMI Central Ohio Chapter members to significantly impact their communities. Jenna oversees the connection of PMI COC members to a variety of initiatives including nonprofit partnerships, mentorships, programs for colleges and universities and furthering diversity, equity, and inclusion (DE&I) practices within the PM profession.

Jenna works for Nationwide as a Product Sr Consultant in User Experience for Enterprise Innovation. She has been a proud Nationwider for the past 16 years and has served in a variety of roles focused on project/program management, process design, innovation, change management and product development. Jenna earned her PMP in 2019 and her Lean Six Sigma Green Belt in 2020 and Certified Change Management Practitioner (CCMP) in 2022. She is currently working toward a Master's degree in Business Psychology at Franklin University. She serves her community through Outreach with the PMI COC, animal activism via the Humane Society of the United States and career coaching through Vineyard Columbus

Session: PMI COC Outreach Committee: Connecting PMs with their Communities

Are you a current (or aspiring) Project Manager who would like to contribute your PM skills to nonprofit organizations in Central Ohio? Join us for a fun and informative session hosted by the PMI Central Ohio Chapter's Outreach Committee! During this session you'll learn more about the Outreach Committee's mission, how we are currently serving in our Central Ohio community and how you can get involved. Come to the session prepared to learn, share and connect with your fellow PMI COC members and the leaders of the Outreach Committee—and we may even have a nonprofit partner (or two) in attendance as well!

During this presentation you will:

- Learn about the PMI Central Ohio Chapter's Outreach Committee, including our mission, partnerships and work that is currently underway
- Hear from one of our current nonprofit partners and how they have interacted with a PMI COC Outreach Committee volunteer PM
- Have the opportunity to sign up for specific projects from local nonprofit organizations in need of project management expertise

Gordon Withrow

Principle | Gordon Withrow & Co. LLC

Gordon is an independent executive consultant and Principal of Gordon Withrow & Company, providing digital, agile, and organizational transformation leadership at scale.

Gordon leads businesses in moving from strategy to action to realize value, with a people-first approach to getting things done.

Prior to his independent work, Gordon functioned over the prior 25 years as an executive program manager with a large, international consultancy, and as a leader within a Fortune 100 financial services company. He has led organizational change and business transformation with heavy IT complexity in financial services, consulting, publishing, manufacturing, and logistics organizations. Gordon is a PMP in good standing since 1999.

Session: AI: The PPM Professional's Survival Guide

In this session Gordon will highlight the changing business landscape that is being brought about through automation and the implications for PPM professionals.

The pause and re-calibration brought on by the great pandemic of 2020 not only accelerated digital transformation work but allowed top organizations a once in a generation opportunity to work on their more perfect business model... while everyone else was distracted with just surviving.

What will be automated? What are the hardest things to automate? What roles should I target to be safe from the automation squad? What is my future as a PPM professional?

Gordon has spent the last 18 months implementing a Deep Learning, Artificial Intelligence capability for a major international publisher and learned several keys to this specific work model that can assist in planning, executing, and setting expectations for delivering value through the application of machine learning to business problems.

William Gubser

Manager, Delivery Methods & Practices | NiSource

William spent the first 20 years of his career working on IT delivery projects across the following industries: oil and gas, state government, retail, healthcare, and utilities. In 2017, he transitioned to the NiSource PMO where he is currently responsible for methodology standards, the IT test framework and testing tools, and has a leadership role within the NiSource agile transformation. He has a degree in computer science from the University of Dayton.

Session: A person Without a Country – The PMs Role in an Agile Transformation

This session will help participants answer the question: what is the role of a project manager in agile delivery?

We will begin by level setting the audience with a quick overview of agile and scrum. Then we will talk about how project managers can either incorporate agile practices into teams that follow a traditional waterfall methodology or support teams that are fully agile.

Dave Davis

Program Manager | Ohio Health

Dave Davis, PMP, PgMP, PMI-PBA, PMI-ACP, DASSM, CSM, HA-MC, CDAI is a recognized professional in project and program management, leadership, change management, and business acumen. Dave has several accomplishments in various PM roles. Regarding Agile, Dave has been a SCRUM Master and a Product owner on several initiatives. He orchestrated several Agile teams while implementing Brilliant Factory at General Electric. Dave has helped organizations prepare for and implement a Disciplined Agile flow into PMO processes. Dave is a certified PMI Authorized Training Partner and trains on PMP, ACP, PBA, and DASSM.

Session: Next Evolution of Project Management (co-facilitated with Colleen Griffin)

This workshop helps the existing PMP holder to learn the new standards, exam content outline, and the evolution of project management as a critical component for delivering change in an organization. This workshop helps the professional that currently holds the PMP credential to embrace the changes to the exam and the PMBOK Guide. The workshop is open to all whether you have your PMP or not, as it provides a portal from the way things were to the way of the future. This workshop has been developed and will be delivered by a certified PMP, PgMP, CSM, PMI-ACP, PMI-PBA, DASSM, Mico Credential Hybrid Agile, and a PMI Authorized Training Partner.

This workshop connects the dots between the past, present, and the future for Project Management Professionals and is the ideal investment of time for the modern continuous learner.

Colleen Griffin PMP, CSM, DASSM

Program Manager | OhioHealth and Project Management Guerillas

Colleen is a project management enthusiast, teacher, and speaker. She has adapted the project management framework to meet her customer's needs over the last twenty years in healthcare, business and manufacturing. A life-long learner, she is adjunct faculty at Columbus State Community College and helps colleagues prepare for PMI certification exams. Her credentials include PMP, SCM and DASSM

Session: Not Your Father's Agile 101

In this interactive and spirited presentation, attendees will participate throughout the session in true Aristotelian tradition and will be able to:

- Clearly define what agile is and what it is not
- Use at least one technique for explaining agile in their company to non-project managers
- Use at least one new way to improve their team's performance
- Understand how to leverage technology for interactive, remote learning
- Provide a high-level overview of the agile micro-certifications

Also co-facilitating the session Next Evolution of Project Management with Dave Davis

Terry Wiegmann CBAP, CSQE, PSPO, CCA, ACG

Terry was the founding president of the Columbus Chapter of the IIBA and was an Awesome Woman in Agile nominee. She is an IIBA Certified Business Analysis Professional, an ASQ Certified Software Quality Engineer, a Professional Scrum Product Owner, Certified Collaboration Architect, and an Advanced Toastmaster Gold.

She has a solid background in both theory and hands-on experience in quality engineering, business analysis, project management and coaching in commercial and back-office software, across both plan-driven and agile approaches in private and public sectors. She presents frequently on software engineering, agile practices, business analysis, quality assurance and test automation, including Agile2014 and COC PMI PDDs, and has been published in AgileConnection, Sticky Minds and Best Practices for Better Business Analysis.

Session: How TABITHA Can Help you Make Presentation Magic!

Everyone has stories to tell about projects and your peers need to hear yours!

Have you passed up career-building opportunities to do presentations at work or at events like COC-PMI chapter meetings because you just didn't know where to start or how to go about it?

Have you heard "You win some, you learn some"? Whether it's an awesome success or spectacular fail, a great article or book that made a difference to you, a technique you tried, or information about an emerging topic that you are exploring, you have something to offer to other project managers.

But how do you describe it? How do you get your proposal accepted? How do you attract attendees? How do you stand out from your competition for the job or opportunity you really want?

Join Terry as she shares what she has learned from offering over 100 presentations and workshops – including COC-PMI meetings and PDDs. This isn't about bullet points on a slide or Zoom features, rather she shows us how to use TABITHA to help us plan and deliver presentations – and contribute to our professional community!

Session: Rock Your Retros!

You have probably heard about Van Halen's "no brown M&Ms" clause in their contract, but did you know it was not about rock star ego and excess, but rather a sign there might be problems?

Do you suspect problems with your retrospectives? Are they dull, boring and predictable? Are they like bad cover versions of your once favorite song? Do your "Lessons Learned" make you wonder whether we've learned anything at all?

Whether you call them retrospectives, after-action reviews, lessons learned or stage-ager reviews, continuous improvement is serious, but it doesn't have to be somber.

Terry presents some brown M&Ms you can watch for and a variety of ideas to spice up your retros and make them *rock!* Learn how to get the most out of retros and make sure they are an investment not a cost. You're sure to come away with new ideas and new resources you can use to start planning your next retro tomorrow and take it to the top of the charts!

Sapna Welsh

Executive Coach & Consultant | Leverage HR

Sapna Welsh is the Founding Partner of Leverage HR. She is an entrepreneur, business executive and certified coach with over twenty years of experience working in various sectors. Sapna builds on her own various professional transitions ranging from corporate to dot.com to entrepreneur; and from domestic to international, to coach and train diverse talent for professional fulfillment and success. She has served in Talent Development roles with JPMC, Nationwide, Deloitte, and eBank. Sapna has trained and coached countless leaders and consulted with some of the most notable Fortune 500, Fortune 1000 organizations, and NGOs across the US and Europe. Whether you are seeking to manage your career, find new sources of energy and focus, or want to improve performance and impact, Sapna focuses on inspiring clients to understand their talents and leverage them to maximize their personal leadership and achieve their goals.

Sapna holds a Master of Labor and Human Resources from OSU, a BBA from The George Washington University, licensure in HR and Coaching, and certification in various assessment tools. She currently serves on the National Board for WELD (Women for Economic and Leadership Development) and the Boards of Family Mentor Foundation, NC4K, and Leadership Westerville. She is the proud mother of three and committed to her family, community, and profession.

Session: Building a Culture of Courage to Foster Diversity (co-facilitated with Bob Welsh)

CEOs consistently identify "having the talent I need to drive my business" as one of their top three imperatives. To achieve business goals, you need the best men and women leaders. While women represent over half the available talent pool, organizations struggle to retain and grow talented women.

This session focuses on highlighting current global research on barriers preventing gender diversity at the top and how managers can build trust that is needed to unleash the power of diversity and will provide a strong foundation for all future diversity initiatives.

Building a (gender) diverse team requires more than respecting and valuing differences. It requires trust. Successful diversity initiatives are always built on a foundation of trust. Trust creates an environment where each individual feels uninhibited and can show his/her authentic self-avoiding the common information effect. Each individual will be stronger, and the team will be more effective and cohesive.

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- Highlight global research trends (research being completed in Q4 2017) on enablers encouraging women to pursue leadership roles and deterrents preventing women from taking on leadership roles.
- Understand why trust is required for any diversity initiative to be successful.
- Learn three tactical ways to engender trust.

Bob Welsh

Partner | Leverage HR

Bob Welsh is a Partner with Leverage HR and an expert in organization development. He has over 25 years of experience leading talent, learning and transformation as a consultant and an internal top executive for Fortune 100 and 500 companies. This includes leading nearly every area of HR and overseeing HR Systems and HR Strategy. This broad experience enables him to quickly develop a deep understanding of organizational goals and where to focus to engage, enable and inspire employees. He has significant international experience which includes 6 years living and working in Europe.

Bob holds an MBA from Otterbein University and a BA from The George Washington University. He is an ICF credentialed Coach and certified in a broad range of psychometric assessments and business tools and practices.

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Ryan Blackburn

Director, Workforce Development | Ohio Department of Veteran Services

Ryan Blackburn is a native of central Ohio and a United States Air Force veteran. While serving on active duty from 2004-2010 as an Operations Intelligence Analyst, Ryan was stationed around the world while deploying to Iraq twice and once to Afghanistan. Ryan utilized his post-military education benefits to pursue a bachelor's degree at The Ohio State University in Business Administration and then a graduate leadership certificate in Public and Non-profit Leadership. Now as the Workforce Director with the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, Ryan directs a team of consultants across the state that assist employers with hiring veterans.

Session: Hiring Military Members & Veterans into Project Management

This session will focus on finding and hiring military talent into project management careers. Many careers in the military consist of project management; however, it can be difficult to translate these experiences into the civilian world. Attendees will be able to better understand military talent and how certain roles translate directly into project management experience.

It is also important for audience members to know where to find this talent, from career fairs to community events. Veteran unemployment is lower than non-veteran unemployment, so it can be difficult for employers to connect with this group. There are also free programs where veterans can obtain project management certifications, if required.

By better understanding military experience and occupations, audience members will be better able to recruit, hire, support, and retain this great talent pool.

Jeffrey Keller PE, PMP

Director, Office of Project Management | MESA Associates, Inc.

Professional Engineer (PE) and Project Management Professional (PMP) with over three (3) decades of experience performing a broad range of engineering and program & project management services.

Working in numerous areas of project management and across a wide spectrum of engineering and construction services has allowed Mr. Keller to gain a great deal of understanding about various processes, industries, and clients. Projects and programs have included numerous industrial, municipal, & utility clients across multiple technical & construction disciplines.

Session: Applying Organizational Maturity & Emotional Intelligence to Group Management (Co-facilitated with Stephen Maloney)

Complacency. Silos. Indifference. Poor morale. High Turnover.

Do these words describe your group, company, or organization? More importantly, how does the proper application of organizational maturity and emotional intelligence drive your organization to be more effective? Finally, how does that involve you, your leadership abilities, and the overall group dynamics?

In this presentation, attendees will learn about organizational maturity and how it applies to organizational effectiveness and why organizations can rise and fall from an effective or ineffective assessment of maturity. We will see how personal and group behaviors and personality dynamics play into that same organizational effectiveness. And finally, we see how emotional intelligence factors into everything you try to do as a manager or leader. Attendees will leave with a better understanding of their teams, themselves, and the dynamics that control and define both.

Stephen Maloney

Co-Founder | OBP3: Organization-Based Performance Mgmt., Project Mgmt., and Project Controls

Organizational Project Manager (OPM) Consultant
Portfolio/Program Manager Consultant
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