



## WEBINAR GUEST BIOS

### *Creating communities to support healthy aging*

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**Maria Hayden**  
**Executive director**  
**New Life Village**

Mariah Hayden is the executive director of New Life Village, a nonprofit, mission-based affordable housing community in Tampa, Florida. New Life Village won the Tampa Bay Business and Wealth Magazine's 2022 Philanthropists of the Year award in the Nonprofit of the Year – Small category. In her role, Hayden leads campus real-estate development, fundraising, marketing, media/community relations strategies, program design/implementation and residential operations. She earned a Master of

Business Administration from Arizona State University, a master's degree from San Diego State University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Tampa. Hayden also holds certifications in post-crisis leadership, nonprofit leadership and change management.



**Karon Phillips**  
**Policy development manager**  
**Trust for America's Health**

Dr. Karon L. Phillips is the policy development manager at Trust for America's Health (TFAH), where she works with the policy development team on the age-friendly public health systems initiative. This initiative is focused on making healthy aging a core priority for public health. Prior to joining TFAH, Phillips served as the program manager for USAging enGAGED, the National Resource Center for Engaging Older Adults. Phillips has also served as a scientific review officer contractor for the Center for

Scientific Review at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). In this position, she supported the scientific review of research grant applications made to the NIH. She also has experience leading the implementation of programs and services focused on health promotion, including chronic disease self-management and falls prevention, and developing new partnerships to provide community-based services to older adults. Phillips received bachelor's degrees in English and women's studies from Cornell University and a Master of Public Health and doctorate in aging studies from the University of South Florida. She currently holds leadership

positions with the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) and the American Public Health Association. She is also fellow of GSA.



### **Megan Wolfe** **Senior policy development manager** **Trust for America's Health**

Megan Wolfe is the senior policy development manager at Trust for America's Health, where she works with the policy development team to advance a modernized, accountable public health system. Wolfe has been engaged in public policy and advocacy for over 20 years and has represented Fortune 500 and nonprofit organizations. Most recently she served as government relations manager for the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), an international

education association comprising teachers, principals, superintendents and higher education professionals. Primarily focused on education issues, Wolfe advocated for a whole-child approach to education, increased support for educator professional development, and raised the federal investment for education overall. Prior to her association with ASCD, she served as government relations manager for the National Association for Sport and Physical Education, coordinating and leading all of their federal advocacy efforts including their annual lobby day, public policy agenda and state affiliate advocacy efforts. She also has Capitol Hill experience, serving as a staff member for the Senate Judiciary Committee working on the federal judgeship confirmation process. Wolfe received a bachelor's degree in government from the University of Texas at Austin and a Juris Doctor degree from the Antonin Scalia Law School (formerly the George Mason University School of Law).