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Judy Derrick is the VUMC IT Sr. Voice Program Manager. Judy manages infrastructure and voice program projects in the VUMC IT Program Management Office (PMO). Judy joined VUMC in 1997 working in the first phone center in the Medical Specialties Clinic, moving to the Clinical Endocrinology and Diabetes Clinical Director's office, to Informatics and on to Information Technology Services. She was part of the VUMC IT Team relocating to the VUMC IT PMO during the legal separation of VU and VUMC, working on projects in construction and renovations, three carrier full in-building cellular coverage projects in VU and VUMC, EPIC eStar Initiative, Technical Debt Projects, Teams Voice Proof of Concept, HUGs upgrades, Cisco Package Contract Center Enterprise (PCCE), Voice Systems in Community Hospitals and others. Judy holds a Project Management Professional (PMP) certification from the Project Management Institute since 2005 and is a Certified Scrum Master. A native Nashvillian, Judy is married to Jody with three children and three grandchildren. They love being outdoors, from attending ballgames grandchildren play to watching wildlife.

Julie Ervin is a Senior Application Analyst of Vanderbilt Health IT on the ASAP team. Working with clinicians and staff to create technological solutions to ease frustration and promote consistent workflows across the organization's emergency departments. Julie has worked at Vanderbilt for eighteen years with over 10 years of nursing experience in VUH Adult Emergency Department. While working in the ED she obtained her MSN in Nursing Informatics, completing an internship with System Support Services and ultimately accepting an analyst position to support the implementation of Epic. She is currently certified in ASAP Emergency Department, reporting workbench and working on additional SQL certifications. Julie enjoys spending time with family and friends, crocheting, knitting and beekeeping.

Dr. Tara Horr is an internist who specializes in Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine. She attended the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Duke University. She subsequently completed fellowships in both Geriatric Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Care at the Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Horr joined Vanderbilt in 2018 as an Assistant Professor of Medicine within the Division of Geriatrics. She serves as the Outpatient Clinical Services Chief for Geriatrics and oversees the skilled nursing facility program. She cares for patients at The Health Center at Richland Place. She is passionate about providing care to patients in their homes and serves as the Chief Medical Advisor to Vanderbilt Home Care Services. Dr. Horr helped to launch and oversee the Covid to Home program and serves as the Medical Director for Vanderbilt Hospital at Home.

Megan Kimmerling RN, BSN, is the field nurse for Vanderbilt Hospital at Home. She is a graduate of Indiana University School of Nursing in 2003. She has a background focused in medical surgical and oncology then evolving into a liaison role for home-based hospice care. Megan joined the Vanderbilt Medical Center team specifically for the Hospital at Home program. She enjoys blending inpatient level of care in the home setting supported by advancements in remote patient monitoring. Outside of Vanderbilt Medical Center, Megan enjoys gardening and spending time with her family and 3 children.

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Dr. Dara Mize is an Assistant Professor of Biomedical Informatics and Medicine, Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Metabolism, and a Clinical Director in HealthIT at VUMC. In her clinical practice, she cares for patients with various endocrine conditions and has a particular interest in using technology to improve outcomes for patients with diabetes. As a practicing physician, Dr. Mize has a great appreciation for the development of safe and reliable systems to support healthcare delivery. In her role as a Clinical Director in HealthIT, she focuses on the design and implementation of IT systems to improve health and healthcare for all VUMC patients. In her free time, Dr. Mize can be found spending time with her husband and two daughters, where she is often cheering them on from the sidelines of sporting events.