

Meet the 2019 SPARC Leadership Board



Jenn Succi | Chair

Jenn currently serves as the Director of Finance at InterCommunity Health Care and brings with her almost a decade of diverse nonprofit management and finance experience. She has worked in a variety of roles within the non-profit sector, engaging clients directly, administrating federal and state programing within 16 health centers, strategic planning, quality improvement, grant writing as well as directing annual operating budgets of over 24 million. She received her Masters Degree in Public Health from UCONN School of Medicine, as well as a Graduate Certificate in Public Financial Management from UCONN School of Public Policy. Jenn is committed to connecting resources within the community as well as improving the conditions to which people live work and play. She has remained an active member of the UCONN MPH Alumni Board of Directors where she guides programing initiatives and mentors public health students. Jenn also serves as the President-elect of the Connecticut Public Health Association where she aligns CPHA initiatives with National Public Health Association priority areas and oversees statewide public health initiatives. Jenn remains actively involved in the CT River Valley serving as SPARC Chair for the Chambers Young Professionals group.



Dana Lynne Montanari | Vice Chair

Dana Lynne Montanari is a skilled event professional with over ten years' experience in end-to-end sales, management, and event execution across all market segments. Having worked in the food and hospitality industry since the age of 16, she has gained the knowledge and skills needed to be considered an expert in the field. She specializes in curating innovative culinary experiences from conception to completion, ranging from private in-home dinner parties to large-scale weddings and galas. In the spring of 2017 Dana sat with a wide-range of individuals who had a common goal of creating a new niche for YPs in the CT River Valley. Nearly two years later, she is proud to serve as the Vice Chair for SPARC and looks forward to making an impact for the group in our community.



McKenzy Wright | Programs & Events Chair

McKenzy Wright is an Arizona State graduate who began her professional career in the Hospitality Industry, where she then spent 8 years developing her skills in sales, marketing, and event planning. Throughout this time McKenzy's passion for fitness, yoga, and nutrition continued to grow, and after moving back to the area from San Diego, she decided to enroll in Connecticut Yoga Center's 200 hour Teacher Training Program. This program sparked a true mental and spiritual awakening in McKenzy. She felt compelled not only to teach yoga to others, but to deepen her knowledge for integrative health. In December 2018, McKenzy decided to follow her heart and switch careers, jumping fully into the realm of Health and Wellness. McKenzy is currently enrolled in the Institute for Integrative Nutrition, pursuing Nutrition and Health Coaching and is expected to receive her certifications in July 2019. She is a Health & Fitness Coach at Training for Warriors- Central Connecticut located in Rocky Hill and has started her own company, Awakenz Wellness. It is her mission to promote happiness through health, wellness, and nutrition to each student she works with.



Nick Woodward | Membership Chair

Nick Woodward is a realtor with Keller Williams Greater Hartford, serving the state of Connecticut with his knowledge of the housing market, marketing and negotiation. Nick specializes in helping first time home buyers and families who have outgrown their current home. He has lived in Connecticut for over 30 years and wants to help keep the younger generations in the state he is proud to call home. Nick has been a member of SPARC since July 2018 and was appointed to the membership chair position in April 2019.