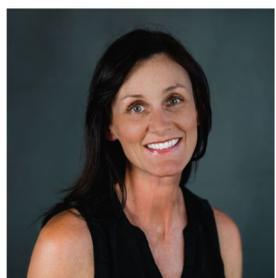


# PEOPLE

## Leadership Team Members

# WELCOME!

**The PPMA Leadership Team is excited to welcome two new Leadership Team Members!**



**Jill Smith**

*Director of Operations  
Sartell Pediatrics /  
Zarminali Pediatrics*

Jill Smith brings over 20 years of experience in healthcare administration and business operations, with a strong foundation in technology and process improvement. Since 2012, she has served as the Practice Administrator for Sartell Pediatrics, where she has been instrumental in shaping the clinic's vision, enhancing patient access, and driving operational excellence. Under her leadership, Sartell Pediatrics became a model for innovation in pediatric care—leveraging technology to improve both the patient and provider experience.

Most recently, Sartell Pediatrics was acquired by Zarminali Pediatrics, and Jill was named Director of Operations for the state of Minnesota. In this expanded role, she will oversee regional operations, lead integration efforts, and support continued growth and quality across multiple clinic locations.

In addition to her professional work, Jill served on the Sartell City Council from 2020 to 2024 and has held several board positions, including with Catholic Charities. She is passionate about community service and committed to making a lasting impact both in and outside of the healthcare space.

Niara Taylor is a seasoned pediatric practice manager with 18 years of experience in pediatrics. Over the last 12 of those years, she has taken on leadership and practice management positions, honing her skills in healthcare administration and gaining deep insight into pediatric practice operations. She currently manages a busy pediatric practice in Atlanta, Georgia, where she leads a dedicated team and oversees daily operations to ensure families receive compassionate, high-quality care.

Throughout her career, Niara has been passionate about serving the pediatric community and helping others succeed. She enjoys collaborating with fellow practice managers and pediatric healthcare professionals, openly sharing resources and best practices that help pediatric offices thrive. By fostering a culture of support and continuous improvement, she believes that every pediatric practice can reach its full potential in delivering exceptional care to children.

Outside of work, Niara enjoys traveling and exploring new places, embracing the opportunity to learn from different communities and cultures. She is also an avid football fan who looks forward to NFL Sundays, often cheering on her favorite team with friends and family. These personal interests help her maintain a well-rounded perspective and a healthy work-life balance, which in turn fuels her enthusiasm for her work.



**Niara Taylor**

*Practice Administrator,  
Piedmont Pediatrics, LLC  
Incoming PPMA LT Member*