



**Dale L. Ofei-Ayisi, MA, LCSW, CDP** has over 45 years of post-Masters' clinical and administrative experience in medical and behavioral health social work with patients experiencing a host of end-stage illnesses, including cancer, Alzheimer's disease, heart disease and neuromuscular diseases. She has direct practice and supervisory expertise in geriatric and dementia care, critical care, rehabilitation, intervention with family caregivers, and as a professional and community health educator since 1975. Before retiring from the field of Social Work in January, 2020, Dale worked as Outpatient Oncology Social Worker III for the **Departments of Radiation Oncology and Outpatient Infusion** for the **J. Phillip Citta Regional Cancer Center at Community Medical Center - RWJBarnabas Health** in Toms River, and has been recipient of their "**I Made a Difference**" **Award** three times. She served as Clinical Social Worker for the **Geriatric Evaluation and Management Services (GEMS)** at former Kimball Medical Center for 8 years and was recipient of the **St. Barnabas "Excellence in Caring" Award** in 1999; she also served as Senior Social Worker for **Monmouth Medical Center's Anna Alexander Greenwall Geriatric Program** from 1991-1994. Dale served for 14 years as Coordinator of Community Services for **COPSA Institute for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders at Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care** in Edison, including Program Supervisor of their caregiver-focused outreach program, **E.A.R.S. for Caregivers**, and was recipient of the **Rutgers UBHC "Excellence Award"** for July, 2005. Ms. Ofei-Ayisi has over 11 years of experience in cancer care, specializing in critical care and rehabilitation services for cancer patients at both **Good Samaritan Hospital and Kaiser Permanente Medical Center** in Los Angeles, California, as well as over **25** years of direct practice experience and expertise in geriatric assessment and dementia care for the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, including development of psychosocial and educational services for family caregivers, and was named a **Certified Dementia Practitioner** by the **National Council of Certified**

**Dementia Practitioners** in 2017. She received a BA in Psychology from **Bucknell University** in 1973, and an MA in Social Service Administration from the **University of Chicago** in 1975. Ms. Ofei-Ayisi has been a member of numerous local, county and state advisory committees, including those for **N.J. Division of Aging and Disabled Services (DHHS)**, **N.J. Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services** and **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI-NJ)**. She is a former member of the **Board of Directors** for both **Alzheimer's NJ** (formerly **Alzheimer's Association (Greater N.J. Chapter)**) and **Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey**. She served as a Board Member on the **State Board of Trustees** for **NAMI-NJ** for over 5 years. She was a member of the Services Subcommittee for the **New Jersey Alzheimer's Disease Study Commission** during 2014. She was awarded a **2014 NAMI-NJ Award for Multicultural Program Development** in June for her work with the **NAMI-NJ AACT-NOW African American Mental Health Outreach Advisory Committee** and a **2016 and 2018 NAMI – NJ Outstanding Provider Award** for her support of **NAMI-NJ CAMHOP (Chinese American Mental Health Outreach Program)**. She was selected as recipient of the 2017 **P.E.A.R.L.S. Community Award** for Health Promotion presented at the **Nu Xi Omega Chapter- Alpha Kappa Alpha 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Maurice M. Williams Scholarship Brunch** on June 24, 2017. Finally, in April, 2019, Dale and Rutgers colleague Susan Schwartz were awarded the prestigious **Mary Wander Polo Award for Advocacy in Elder Care** by the **NJ State Bar Association's Elder and Disability Law Section** for their work with family caregivers of older adults.