

## POLICY AND ADVOCACY PORTFOLIO (THREE CANDIDATES)

### CANDIDATE 1

## Julia Downing

**Qualifications/Credentials:** PhD; MMedSci (Clinical Oncology); BN (Hons); Dip CN, RGN; FHEA

**Current Position:** CEO, International Children's Palliative Care Network (ICPCN); Professor of Palliative Care, Makerere University, Uganda

#### Brief Description of Current Role:

- Chief Executive International Children's Palliative Care Network.
- Board member of the Palliative Care Education and Research Consortium, Uganda.
- International Palliative Care Consultant working on different aspects of palliative care, cancer care, nursing, education, policy, leadership and research.
- Visiting Professor, University of Belgrade,
- Visiting Fellow: University of Edinburgh.
- Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Cicely Saunders Institute, Dept. of Palliative Care & Policy King's College London

#### Details of Selected and Applicable Positions Held or Awards Gained:

Julia is an extremely experienced cancer and palliative care nurse, educationalist and researcher, with a PhD that evaluated palliative care training in rural Uganda. She has been working within palliative and cancer care for 33 years, with 23 of those working internationally in Uganda, Africa, Eastern Europe and Globally. She has been an honorary professor at Makerere University (re-application currently under review), Kampala, and is the Chief Executive of the International Children's Palliative Care Network (ICPCN). She also works as an International Palliative Care/Nursing Consultant and was the team leader on a project funded by the European Union to develop palliative care in Serbia and is a Visiting Professor at the University of Belgrade. Currently she is supporting a project on the development of nursing leaders in Kenya through the Florence Nightingale Foundation, as well as supporting leadership programmes in Uganda, India and globally. She has extensive experience in developing palliative care services, policy, advocacy, clinical care, education and research. She has a particular interest in the role of nurses in palliative and cancer care and children's palliative care and tries to inspire nurses around the world to have more confidence and develop their roles. She is experienced at presenting at conferences and writing for publication and is on the editorial board of the International Journal of Palliative Nursing (IJPN), *ecancer* and *Annals of Palliative Medicine*. She has edited an International Case Based Manual of Children's Palliative Care published in 2020 and is currently editing a book on Children's Palliative Care Nursing. She has served on a couple of the ISNCC committees and has been the Chair of the Policy and Advocacy Committee for the past few years. She is committed to the work of ISNCC, recognizing the important role it has played in her career development from a young cancer nurse. As well as the ISNCC accolade of being awarded the Robert Tiffany Lectureship in 2014, Julia was the recipient of the IJPN's

Development Award in 2006 and the 2015 Oncology Nursing Society Foundation (ONS) Pearl Moore “Making a Difference” International Award for Contributions in Cancer Care, and an Award for her contribution to palliative care in Uganda in 2017. She was recognized as a Change Agent in Oncology in the Publication ‘Women as Change Agents in Oncology’ launched on International Women’s Day in 2016, given an Honorary Fellowship from Cardiff University in recognition of international distinction in palliative care and the programme that she ran to develop palliative nursing leaders in Uganda was awarded the EAPC and European Palliative Care Academy Palliative Care Leadership Programmes Award in May 2017. She has served on the boards of several international non-governmental organizations globally as well as in Africa and in the UK. She is also an Honorary Senior Research Fellow at the Cicely Saunders Institute at King’s College London and an Honorary Fellow at the University of Edinburgh. When not working in palliative care, she is a musician and is involved in running a music school in Kampala, and various local choirs and orchestras. She is also the Director of Music at her local church.

**Reasons Why the Nominee Is a Good Candidate for the Board of Directors Position:**

Julia has been a member of ISNCC and has attended ISNCC conference when she is able for the past 30 years with the ISNCC conference being the first conference at which she presented a paper, which was on the role of the nurse in radiotherapy. In addition to winning the ISNCC Robert Tiffany Lectureship Award in 2014 – where she gave an inspirational lecture on nurses making a difference in cancer and palliative care in Uganda and other sub-Saharan African countries, Julia has been an active member of the ISNCC’s Knowledge Development and Dissemination Committee and the Corporate and Philanthropic Development Committee (which I used to chair), as well as more recently Chairing the Policy and Advocacy Committee. Having joined the ISNCC Policy and Advocacy Committee as the Chair, Julia has contributed to the overall strategy for policy and advocacy as well as ISNCC as a whole. Outputs from the Policy and Advocacy Committee take time and the team have been working on six position statements, three of which have been finalized, two published in Cancer Nursing, with the remaining three being in the advanced stages of development. If Julia was to continue as Chair this would ensure continuity and ongoing developments within the committee. She volunteers where others stay silent and perseveres until completion – on time. As well as opening up opportunities for cancer and palliative care collaborations internationally, Julia has broadened the minds of the ISNCC board and committee members to the care in low resource countries, how we can make a difference with very little resource and how we can include more nurses from low resource settings in ISNCC. Julia is well suited to chair the Policy and Advocacy committee having worked at the policy level internationally for over twenty years, contributing to the WHA resolutions on palliative and cancer care, was an author on the Lancet Commission report on Alleviating the access abyss in palliative care and pain relief – an imperative of universal health coverage, and is part of the follow-on group working on implementing the recommendations. She is also currently Co-Chairing the Guidelines Development Group of the WHO on Ensuring a balanced approach to access and safe use of controlled medicines, and part of the Guidelines Development Group on the management of Sepsis. She has a strong network within palliative care, cancer nursing, paediatrics and nursing through her involvement in ISNCC, AORTIC, UICC, SIOP and the global palliative care organisations. She also has strong links with the WHO both in terms of palliative and cancer care. Due to her wide international links, I could not think of any better person to serve as a link for other international, regional, national and local organisations in promoting collaboration to achieve ISNCC's goals and ensure policy and advocacy opportunities through ISNCC in a culturally-sensitive way. Crucially, she is a team player as well as a team leader – patients and colleagues love and respect her amiable, affable and always supporting style. Julia is a great all-rounder. Julia has extensive experience in governance of international, regional and national organisations through her Board roles.

**CANDIDATE 2**

**David Makumi-Kinyanjui**

**Qualifications/Credentials:** RN Post Graduate Diploma (Palliative Care)

**Current Position:** CEO Faraja Cancer Support Trust, Kenya

**Brief Description of Current Role:**

I am the Chief Executive Office of a Cancer Support Trust that provides free complementary services to both adult and pediatric cancer patients and families. Our services include counselling, physiotherapy, nutrition, education, public information, Yoga and limited financial support to the indigent and socio-economically disadvantage. My role is to provide strategic leadership to a multidisciplinary team of staff and employees as a mentor, advocate, strategist, patient and public educator. I am the liaison with partners, oncology professionals, and government agencies for our cancer programming.

**Details of Selected and Applicable Positions Held or Awards Gained:**

1. Board Member & Chair Advocacy Committee; East Africa Non Communicable Diseases Alliance: Strategic leadership and oversight role for alliances working in non-communicable diseases including cancer from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi & South Sudan.
2. Editorial Board Member: Asia Pacific Journal of Oncology Nursing (APJON)
3. Goodwill Ambassador, National Cancer Institute of Kenya (NCI-K) Advance the mandate, mission and vision of the NCI-K by representing the institute in public, media and policy forums locally and internationally.
4. 2018-2023: Member: World Health Organization (WHO) Expert Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Eradication of Cervical Cancer.
5. Vice Chairman, Board of Directors: Non Communicable Disease Alliance –Kenya. (2017-2023) Strategic leadership & oversight for programs, Finance and Human resources to enable the alliance serve over 40 Nonprofit and patients/ parent led organization.
6. Member, Board of Trustees, National Cancer Institute of Kenya. (2017-2022) The Institutes was created by an act of parliament to inter alia advice the Government on all matters cancer and provide oversight role in cancer control.
7. Founding Chair: Kenya Network of Cancer Organizations, (2014-2019) a national umbrella NGO bringing together over 50 cancer NGOs, patients/parents groups, and Community Based Organizations.
8. Patron Oncology Nurses Chapter, Kenya 2016-2024.
9. Past President Award 2020 International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care.
10. 2011 International Award for contribution to cancer care - Oncology Nurses Society - USA-

**Reasons Why the Nominee Is a Good Candidate for the Board of Directors Position:**

I am an excellent team player and communicator with extensive experience (15+Years) in boards of national and international organizations. I have sat on boards as Chair, or vice chair or chair of different board committees. As a mentor and advisor to the oncology nursing chapter and several patient groups I am well respected within and outside of the oncology circles. The organizations I have led and or has been involved in have gone one to grow and thrive attracting partnerships and membership. I am a strategic thinker with sound insights of the broader oncology nursing landscape including but not limited to developments in policy and advocacy.

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## Pamela Were

**Qualifications/Credentials:** RN, MSc Palliative Care / Oncology

**Current Position:** Community Chief Outreach Coordinator, International Cancer Institute, Kenya

### **Brief Description of Current Role:**

Representing the organisation in various stakeholders forums in liaison with the Chief Executive Officer, I advocate for adequate resources to enable implementation of policies that focus on education, prevention, early detection and optimal management of Non Communicable Diseases. I work as a link between our organisation and the rural communities where we plan and execute screening, early and optimal management of Non Communicable Diseases (NCD). I actively participate in partner identification, collaboration as well as resource mobilisation and philanthropy to support our organisation.

### **Details of Selected and Applicable Positions Held or Awards Gained:**

- PAST PRESIDENT AWARD WINNER 2023
- SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD, NATIONAL NURSES ASSOCIATION OF KENYA 2023
- FIRST SECRETARY GENERAL FOR ONCOLOGY NURSES CHAPTER FOR 7 YEARS
- BOARD CHAIR- DR. IDDAH ODINGA CANCER CENTRE
- SCIENTIFIC & CONFERENCE CHAIR- ONCOLOGY NURSES CHAPTER 2023
- COMMITTEE MEMBER- OUTREACH COMMITTEE, KENYA SOCIETY FOR HAEMATOLOGY & ONCOLOGY (KESHO)-2 YEARS MEMBER OF ECHO AFRICA COMMITTEE-4 YEARS BOARD MEMBER, MOI TEACHING & REFERRAL HOSPITAL COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES REPRESENTING THE ONCOLOGY WING

### **Reasons Why the Nominee Is a Good Candidate for the Board of Directors Position:**

As a nurse specialist, I bring comprehensive skills that will be valuable to ISNCC. I have a broad experience in advocacy and resource mobilization which has enabled me to champion for a grant and the only comprehensive cancer center in the western Kenya region. Together with others, I have championed for the first Hospice and Palliative care center in the region. I am one of the founder Nurses for the Oncology Nurses Chapter-Kenya and one of the members who worked tirelessly to ensure that the Association has become a member organisation of ISNCC. Currently we are working tirelessly to ensure we become a society possibly by the end of this year since this will give us a wider scope of collaboration and networking. My leadership skills were displayed when I successfully coordinated a multi-country multi-center Burkitt-Lymphoma study in East Africa (EMBLEM) [www.emblem.cancer.gov](http://www.emblem.cancer.gov) and several published articles. With this strength, I believe I will contribute to expansion of membership and development of the Society.