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## M. LINDSEY HEDGEPEETH KENNEDY

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While Lindsey has been licensed to practice pharmacy in NC for over 20 years, her pharmacy experience predates that, growing up in an independent pharmacy in Vance County. Her auditory pathways were shaped by the dot matrix printing off Rx labels and a frequent childhood lunch was nabs and a coke. Since licensure in 2003, she has practiced pharmacy in various settings: the operating room, central inpatient, community pharmacy and has tallied the most years as inpatient psychiatric pharmacist. She has even practiced alien pharmacy on distant planet, Texas, during psychiatric pharmacy residency.

In every era of pharmacy practice, Lindsey has consistently been a pharmacist voice providing healthcare provider education from nursing to medical schools. Since 2008, she has provided formal and informal education to medical students, residents and fellows with an overarching theme of “how to write prescriptions so the pharmacist doesn’t hate you” which then transitioned to “how to write prescriptions so the PBM doesn’t immediately require a prior authorization.”

As compliance officer for an independent pharmacy, Lindsey is well-versed in all things regulatory at the state and federal level. Her current position as Pharmacy Lead with NC STAR Network, an NC DHHS funded organization with a mission of expanding access to medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD), involves connecting with prescribers, pharmacies, wholesalers, DEA, SAMSHA, NC Department of Justice and basically anyone involved in the prescription filling process. Her clinical practice site is ATLAS Mobile Clinic, an addiction medicine clinic under the UNC Health and UNC School of Medicine umbrellas. She continues to staff that retail life with her father prn.

Lindsey’s professional experience demonstrates competency in fulfilling charges of an NC Board of Pharmacy Member, but why does she want to serve in this capacity? In whatever setting she practices, her professional mission is patient safety and public health. Understanding why and how pharmacy practice rules, laws and regulations are instituted and adjudicated in a fair and equitable manner align with her practice philosophy of health equity and pharmacy reimbursement equity.