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Beth Anderson Gibson, OTR/L, CDRS is an Instructional Assistant Professor in the Occupational Therapy Department, College of Public Health and Health Professions, University of Florida. She is the manager of the UF SmartDriver™ Rehab program which provides driver rehabilitation services to the community. She instructs in the Driver Rehabilitation Therapy certificate program. She is participating in driving related research initiatives through the Institute for Driving, Activity, Participation and Technology (I-DAPT). Ms. Gibson is a licensed and registered occupational therapist, and certified driver rehabilitation specialist. She completed her BS in occupational therapy at the University of New Hampshire. Ms. Gibson has worked in driver rehabilitation for over 28 years providing comprehensive driver evaluations and training to clients across the age spectrum with an emphasis on low- and high-tech equipment. She currently serves on the professional development and research committees and the speakers bureau of the Association of Driver Rehabilitation Specialists (ADED). She is a former ADED executive board member and has been awarded for her volunteer service to that organization. She has provided continuing education presentations on driver rehabilitation topics including adaptive driving equipment and wheelchair/vehicle compatibility both locally and at national conferences such as ADED and RESNA. Her clinical practice experience includes SCI, TBI, MS, CVA, neuropathy, amputees, muscular dystrophies, MCI, dementia and young adults with cerebral palsy, spina bifida, ASD, ADHD, MID and learning disabilities. She has worked in inpatient rehabilitation, acute care, hospital outpatient and private practice settings in the Atlanta area and has provided driver rehab services in Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, and Alabama.

Pat DeNobrega specializes in property and casualty insurance. He was instrumental in designing the ADA Property & Casualty Insurance Buying Program, developed to protect the unique interests of the mobility industry while meeting the specific needs of the dealer. His previous work in P&C includes two years as an account executive at First Horizon Insurance and five years at Liberty Mutual Insurance as a senior account executive.

Derrick P. Scott is a California licensed driving instructor and ADED-certified driver rehabilitation specialist with over 35 years of experience as a driver educator and evaluator. Derrick is the founder and President of A – Safer Driver, Inc., dba, Apex Driving School. Derrick specializes in assessing and training individuals with distinctive learning needs. Derrick develops personalized learning programs for individuals diagnosed with vision/visual impairments, physical limitations, and cognitive concerns. Derrick served five years as a member of the American Heart Association's Stroke Education Committee. Derrick acted as the first secretary of the Western chapter of ADED. In 2012, The Berkeley Low Vision Clinic recognized Derrick Scott with a commendation for his contributions to a research project studying low-vision drivers. In 1999, Derrick received state examiner training from the California Department of Motor Vehicles while working in conjunction with the National Traffic Safety Administration and The Buck Institute in Aging to study the effect of aging on safe driving habits. Education: City College of San Francisco, College of San Mateo, and The University of Phoenix. Degree: Associate in Applied Science.

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Sean Peterson- I attended Ohio State University and majored in marketing and logistics. After graduation I joined the Marine Corps and spent 8 years as a Marine Officer. During that time I also received a Masters degree from University of San Diego. After leaving the Marine Corps I worked for a couple advertising agencies. Eleven years ago I joined the team at GoldenBoy Mobility. I started by learning process, sales, mobility equipment. I quickly attended as many training events throughout the industry and became a certified mobility consultant. I also became involved with Collebuilt systems (manufacturer of reduced effort steering and braking systems). I wanted to understand the manufacturing side of the business and attended conferences and trainings to understand all products available within the industry. I currently sit on NMEDA, SAE, and NHTSA equipment and manufacturing committees that help write the guidelines for the industry. I am currently the General Manager at GoldenBoy Mobility and continue to work with Collebuilt.

Jane Dunn has her Masters in education and a BS in Math. She is cofounder and former president of CSSD. She has developed many components of the sailing program. Jane has been a US Sailing small boat sailing instructor since 2009 and has received her Adaptive Sailing instructor certification. In the past 15 years, Jane has utilized equipment and sailing techniques which allow people with disabilities to control the sails and the steering of the boat, while experiencing the joy and freedom of sailing.

Tressa Thompson attended CSULB prior to beginning her career at the CA Department of Motor Vehicles. Her professional training as a Driver Safety Hearing Officer included a Physical and Mental module covering various physical and mental conditions, treatment and medications. Tressa continues training/conferences offered by DMV addressing medical conditions and the aging process and how it relates to traffic safety. As a member of the Community Liaison Outreach Unit Tressa conducts presentations to various senior organizations regarding DMV policy and procedure as well as safety.

Jill Sclease is a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist, (CTRS) and a Certified Driving Rehabilitation Specialist, (CDRS). She has 28 years of rehabilitation experience, with thirteen of those years in the field of Driver Rehabilitation. Her focus has always been to identify ways to assist the client in becoming as independent as possible. She joined Driving To Independence in May 2010 focusing on independent and safe driving for individuals with physical, cognitive, and visual deficits as well as senior safety evaluations. Driving assessments and training to become independent in the community augments her passion for assisting clients in maximizing their potential. Jill served on the board of the Arizona State Therapeutic Recreation Association for many years and was President from 2000-2001. She was awarded the "Outstanding Professional" awarded in 2009. Jill has also been active in ADED holding the positions of Scholarship Committee Chair, Education Committee Chair, President Elect, President and is currently Past President. She has presented on various subjects related to adapted driving in her community as well as for ADED.