

# MEET OUR STAFF

## WHAT WE DO

### Substance Use Education

We are available to present, facilitate open discussions, and host resource tables.

### Data

We work with community partners to analyze data and make recommendations to better support our community.

### Post-Overdose Outreach

The Lowell CO-OP can connect those with opioid-use disorder and their families to treatment, recovery, and support services. [See the CO-OP Newsletter for more information!](#)

### Sharps Disposal

We teach the community how to safely dispose of sharps. The Syringe Collection Program responds to incoming discarded syringe pick-up calls.



## LOWELL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### SUBSTANCE ABUSE & PREVENTION

The Substance Use and Prevention Division addresses substance misuse prevention and harm reduction throughout Lowell and Greater Lowell. The Division works to enhance the health and wellbeing of the community through discarded syringe pick-up, post-overdose follow-up, education, Mental Health First Aid training, data analysis, and addressing stigma of substance use disorder. Our work promotes a deeper understanding of substance use disorder as a disease and public health crisis that can be addressed with compassion and empathy. We work with a wide network of health, safety, cultural, and educational organizations to reduce the impacts of substance use.



## LAINNIE EMOND

Lainnie is the Substance Abuse Coordinator. She oversees the day-to-day operations of the Division. Lainnie focuses on connecting with community resources to collect, analyze, and report on data for the community, organizations, and the department. Lainnie's favorite animal is a dog, but she has a fluffy cat at home along with a new kitten that she loves dearly!



## ANDRES GONZALEZ

Andres is the Syringe Collection Program Coordinator. His mission is to keep Lowell healthy by removing discarded syringes from public spaces. Andres has lived in Lowell for roughly 20 years, and he is happy to serve the community he loves. Sadly, his sixteen year-old cat, Oliver, passed away. "Miss you and love you lil buddy!" Andres was recently able to adopt a senior kitty named Blue!



# Lowell Health Department

Prevent • Promote • Protect



## MARICIA VERMA

Maricia is the Lowell CO-OP Supervisor. She is motivated by her passionate belief that every human being can be helped by having a genuine positive connection to others in their lives. Without a doubt, Maricia's favorite part of her job is knowing that she can make a positive impact and seeing people's lives improve. Her favorite animal is a dog! She has an adorable 2 year old black Labrador, named Finn, at home.



## JOSEPH ANIELLO

Joe is the Clinical Recovery Specialist on the Lowell CO-OP Team. His mission is to provide service to others and help community members achieve their goals - whatever those may be. Joe's favorite activity is riding his motorcycle. Joe and his fiance have a collie mix named Luna.



## DEVIN GILMORE

Devin is the Substance Use Prevention Grant Coordinator. She saw the impact substance use disorder had on clients in her past careers and was motivated to join the division to make an impact in the early intervention and substance misuse prevention field. Devin and her family have always loved Labradors and have owned two over her lifetime - a black lab named Songo and a yellow lab named Lacey.