

## International EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

Heidi McNeely, PhD, RN, PCNS-BC
Vice President of Education



Dr. Heidi McNeely is a pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist and has been a nurse for over 20 years. Heidi has a PhD degree in Nursing from the University of Kansas with a minor focus in health policy. She also completed her Master of Science in Nursing focusing on pediatric patients with special needs in 2005 and received her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing in 2000 from Regis University in Colorado. Heidi is actively involved in research around the opioid crisis and local responses to the crisis as well as research focused on substance use among healthcare professionals. Heidi is currently the Drug Diversion Prevention Officer at Children's Hospital Colorado.

Heidi has worked in acute care nursing in pediatric hospitals around the country and in public health nursing in Colorado. She is the current chair of the Commission on Certification with the American Nurses Credentialing Center and serves her local community through her role as Vice President of the South Adams County Water and Sanitation District. Heidi has served past roles with both the national and local chapter of the Society of Pediatric Nurses. She has presented her quality improvement, evidence based practice, and research work at multiple conferences over the past 10 years and has several published peer reviewed articles. Heidi prioritizes time to collaborate with professionals across the country to share best practices and learn together with others in her field. She facilitates a pediatric networking group of diversion specialists across the country that meets virtually on a quarterly basis and a local networking group of diversion specialists in Colorado that also meets quarterly. Heidi was appointed to the IHFDA board in 2019 as a Director and then in 2022 was promoted to the Vice President of Education for IHFDA.

Heidi is also a mom to three children and has been married for 20 years. She enjoys fishing, hiking, reading, and board games. Heidi is often involved in outreach activities, volunteering, and giving back to her community.