

# Steering Committee Members



*The SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions (CIHS) Steering Committee will provide strategic thinking and help to inform the Center's training and technical assistance (TTA) activities. The Steering Committee is composed of leaders from the fields of primary and behavioral health care that bring their unique innovations and strategic thinking to inform the expansion of primary and behavioral health care integration.*

## **William A. Anthony, Ph.D.**

*Director, Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Professor, Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Boston University*



Anthony is currently the Director of Boston University's Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation, and a Professor in Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at Boston University. For the past 40 years, Anthony has worked in various roles in the field of mental health and psychiatric rehabilitation, and has been honored for his performance as a researcher, an educator, and a clinician. He is currently co-editor of the *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal*. In 1988 Anthony received the Distinguished Services Award from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Anthony has appeared on ABC's Nightline, which featured a rehabilitation program developed and implemented by Boston University's Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation. In 1992 Anthony received the Distinguished Service Award from the President of the United States. Anthony has authored over 100 articles in professional journals, 16 textbooks, and several dozen book chapters.

Recently, Anthony has authored some brief think pieces on health care integration and reform, such as "Thoughts on improving integration" (*Behavioral Healthcare*, December, 2010); "What's in a name? Naming and defining basic BH services" (*Mental Health Weekly*, 2010); "Psychiatric rehabilitation: The key to prevention" (*Psychiatric Services*, 2009).

## **Thomas H. Bornemann, Ed.D**

*Director of Mental Health Program, The Carter Center*



Dr. Thomas H. Bornemann became the Director of the Mental Health Program at The Carter Center under the leadership of former First Lady Rosalynn Carter on August 1, 2002. Prior to that he served as Senior Adviser for Mental Health in the Department of Mental Health and Substance Dependence of the World Health Organization. While at the World Health Organization, Dr. Bornemann worked on the development of the World Health Report which focused on Mental Health.

Dr. Bornemann has spent his entire career in public mental health working in all aspects including: clinical practice, research, research management, policy development and administration at the national level. Early in his career, Dr. Bornemann served in a psychiatric emergency clinic in San Francisco, CA. He has designed and developed a series of inpatient and outpatient services for a variety of populations including refugees at the National Institute of Mental Health. He was one of the leaders in developing a national mental health program for refugees. Dr. Bornemann served in the US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of International Health as the Chief of Refugee Health Programs.

In 1994, Dr. Bornemann was appointed the Deputy Director of the Federal Center for Mental Health Services in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. In that capacity, he had day-to-day responsibility for administering a national program which serves as the Federal focal point for mental health services. He was responsible for providing direction of a program of support to States and communities in service delivery, and in promoting knowledge development and application of best practices. During his tenure at the Center, Dr. Bornemann provided leadership in the development of the first ever Surgeon General's Report on Mental Health.

## **Richard Brown, MD, MPH**

*Professor, University of Wisconsin, Department of Family Medicine*

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(*unofficial bio*) Dr. Brown's training includes college and medical school at Brown University, the family practice residency at Overlook Hospital in Summit, New Jersey, and the Robert Wood Johnson Faculty Development Fellowship at the University of Washington. He joined the UW DFM in 1990. Rich's research interests involve use of innovative technologies and clinical systems to deliver substance abuse prevention and intervention services. He teaches about substance abuse screening and intervention and related topics in several health professional schools and programs at UW-Madison. Until 2006, he saw patients at the Northeast Family Medicine Center. He gave up

patient care to serve as clinical director of the Wisconsin Initiative to Promote Healthy Lifestyles (see [www.wiphl.org](http://www.wiphl.org)), a 5-year, \$12.6 million project to enhance delivery of alcohol and drug screening, brief intervention, referral, and treatment (SBIRT) services, and other behavioral prevention services, in primary care clinics throughout Wisconsin.

## **Tonier Cain**

*Consumer Advocate*

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Tonier Cain is a consumer advocate who has spoken nationally on trauma, incarceration, and recovery. She has served as a member of the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with a Mental Illness (PAIMI) Council, a federally-required advisory body that reviews and guides work funded under the PAIMI grant and, in conjunction with the Board, sets and approves annual program priorities. She has also worked as a case manager and Director of Advocacy Services for a private non-profit in Annapolis, MD. Ms. Cain is featured in the documentary "*Behind Closed Doors: Trauma Survivors and the Psychiatric System.*" Ms. Cain is the team leader for the National Center for Trauma Informed Care, which provides consultation, technical assistance, and training to

revolutionize the way mental health and human services are organized, delivered and managed, while furthering the understanding of trauma-informed practices through education and outreach. Ms Cain is the subject of "*Healing Neen,*" a documentary based on her life as she moved through multiple systems of care.

## **Carl Clark, M.D.**

*Chief Executive Officer, Mental Health Center of Denver*

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Dr. Carl Clark's early experience with his father's bipolar disorder sparked a commitment to helping people with mental illness regain their lives, dreams and aspirations. As Chief Executive Officer of the Mental Health Center of Denver (MHCD) he leads the organization in "focusing on what people can do, not what they can't do." Dr. Clark believes people with mental illness can recover and has dedicated his career to delivering quality mental health services to people with mental illness.

Dr. Clark is a recognized community mental health leader in Colorado as well as nationally. Under Dr. Clark's visionary leadership MHCD was awarded the 2010 SAMHSA Science and Service Award, 2009 SAMHSA Science and Service Award, 2009 Colorado Environmental Leadership Program Bronze Award, 2009 CBHC Golden Abacus Award, 2006 Denver Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Business Social Responsibility Award and 2005 NCCBH Community Provider of Excellence Award. MHCD offers a complete system of innovative care with a spectrum of supportive services. MHCD reaches out into the community and brings services to the consumer.

Over ten years ago Dr. Clark challenged MHCD to be a Center of Excellence with the best mental health services in the country. In recent years he has led the way in using strengths-based and recovery-focused treatment and services at MHCD. The organization created and utilizes validated instruments to measure mental health recovery and identify patterns to further understand the recovery process. This groundbreaking research is being adopted by other mental health centers in the United States and internationally.

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**Regina Schaaf Dickens, Ed.D, LCSW**

*Director, North Carolina Center of Excellence for Integrated Care*

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Dr. Regina Schaaf Dickens, Director of the NC Center of Excellence for Integrated Care has over 35 years of human resource practice in both the public and private business world. Her career as a systems change professional began as a psychiatric social worker specializing in work with children and families. Systems change theory and the social work premise of “meeting the client where he or she is” are the basic tenets she has embraced through her career. The same techniques that lead to positive change in the lives of individuals and families often apply to organizations and communities.

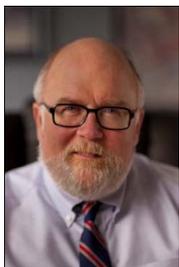
In 2009, she became the Director ICARE, a program of the NC Foundation for Advanced Health Programs, a collaborative by 4 core partners; NC Psychiatric Association, NC Pediatric Society, NC Academy of Family Physicians and Southern Regional Area Health Educational Center. Funding was provided through a combination of private and public partners. The project was strengthened by the support of over 25 public and private agencies through the state on an advisory team. With the support of the Department of Health and Human Services and Governor Perdue, the project has continued to become the NC Center of Excellence for Integrated Care. The past year’s focus has been upon expanding integrated care beyond primary care practices into hospital emergency departments, bi-directional settings in the behavioral health field, and implementation of practice change through technical assistance.

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**Michael J. Fitzpatrick**

*Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)*

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Michael J. Fitzpatrick is executive director at NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Prior to taking that role in January of 2004, he served both as the director of NAMI’s Policy Research Institute and as NAMI’s national director of policy.

Mr. Fitzpatrick has served on numerous community, government and nonprofit boards and expert panels. He served as the chair of the Campaign for Mental Health Reform as well as the president of the board of the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program in his home state of Maine. Prior to joining NAMI in 1999, Mr. Fitzpatrick held senior management positions in state government, in nonprofit agencies in both the mental health and primary health sectors and in the private sector where he developed successful education, employment, housing, outreach and rehabilitation programs.

He also served in the Maine State Legislature where he served as the House Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee. Mr. Fitzpatrick earned his M.S.W. from Boston College.

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**John G. Gardin II, Ph. D., A.C.S.**

*Director of Behavioral Health an research, ADAPT*

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With more than 35 years in behavioral health care, Dr. John Gardin possesses a unique background, blending clinical, administrative and research experiences. A recognized expert in the treatment of addictive and co-occurring disorders, as well as integrated care and behavioral healthcare management, he regularly consults with programs throughout North America and Europe, and has given countless seminars and workshops on clinical and management issues. He is currently the Director of Behavioral Health & Research at ADAPT, a non-profit, licensed Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment agency serving the residents of three counties in Southern Oregon, and the Administrator for ADAPT’s SouthRiver Community Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center .

In addition, Dr. Gardin founded Pacific Coast Consulting several years ago and he and his staff provide psychological services to Veterans Administration facilities in Southern Oregon. He has played an integral role in bringing addiction research to practice through his involvement with research and grants from the National Institute on Drug Abuse Clinical Trials Network (NIDA/CTN), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration/Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (SAMHSA/CSAT). He is a licensed Clinical Psychologist in Oregon, New Mexico and California and is listed in CSAT’s Consultant Exchange Data Base. Dr. Gardin is a certified Master Trainer of Trainers in A/CRA and

CRAFT, an Approved Clinical Supervisor, has written and/or co-authored numerous journal and magazine articles, and along with Dr. Drew Pinsky and others, helped co-author When Painkillers Become Dangerous.

He is a Clinical Assistant Professor at Oregon Health Sciences University Medical School and a Registered Health Service Provider in Psychology with the National Register. Dr. Gardin has been listed in *Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare*, talks regularly at local churches in his community, and is a long-time practitioner of martial arts.

### **Jorge A. Girotti, PhD, MA**

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*Assistant Professor/ Associate Dean/ Director of Admissions and Special Curricular Programs, UIC College of Medicine*



Dr. Girotti is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medical Education and serves as Associate Dean and Director of Admissions and Special Curricular Programs at the UIC College of Medicine. Additionally, he directs the Hispanic Center of Excellence in Medicine (HCOE). As Director of Admissions, he manages all admissions processes for the College. As Dean of Special Curricular Programs, he oversees the Baccalaureate/MD program and the Urban Medicine curriculum. His role as Director of the HCOE is wide-ranging, from developing a competitive pool of Latino applicants for the college, to improving the hiring and retention of Latino faculty. The focus of his educational and research work is on cultural issues that impact the physician-patient relationship, and the provision of quality medical care.

He earned a doctorate in Educational Administration and Policy from UIC in 1990, and a Master of Arts in Counseling and Guidance in 1983 from Northeastern Illinois University. His professional activities include: member of the Illinois State Board of Health; member of the Board of Governors, Institute of Medicine of Chicago; treasurer of the Hispanic Serving Health Professions Schools; member of the Board of Directors, National Hispanic Medical Association, among others.

### **Ellen Healion, MA**

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*Executive Director, Healing Hands Across Long Island*



*(unofficial bio)* Ellen Healion serves as the first formal Executive Director of HALI (Hands Across Long Island). Her involvement began in 1991 as a bookkeeper for the Saturday Drop In Center (CNAC) and a member of the Founding Board of Directors. Ms. Healion shifted her career as a Special Education Teacher of 12 years to become the Operations Director at HALI in 1993. HALI has presented on the following topics: Peer Run Clinics, Peer Run Services: Power and Responsibility, Innovations in Recovery, From Incarceration to Community, Peer Run Services-What does the Research Say, Community ReEntry Task Force Training.

### **Kenneth Jue, SSA**

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*Founder, In-SHAPE*



Joined the staff of Monadnock Family Services in 1978, a community mental health center, where he became the chief executive officer in 1998. Worked in the field of mental health since 1969 after receiving his B.A. from Trinity College (Hartford, Ct.) in 1967 and Masters in Social Services Administration in 1969 from Case-Western Reserve University (Cleveland, O.) In addition to his work in mental health he has held a position with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons. Has consulted with businesses, health and human service organizations as well as consulted with organizations and government agencies in the U.S. and internationally. Is currently active in a mental health community development project in a South American nation. Has presented at numerous professional conferences. In 2003 Ken developed an award winning program to address the issue of a shorter lifespan for persons with a severe mental illness. This program, named In-SHAPE, emphasizes community engagement, social inclusion, recovery principles, and the integration of health, nutrition and mental health services. This program is now being replicated in agencies in four states and its efficacy is supported by encouraging outcomes data derived from formal research studies.

Ken is an active volunteer with numerous community service organizations. This includes the local Monadnock United Way, for which he has volunteered as a campaign fundraiser and as the overall annual fundraising campaign chairperson. He remains active on local non-profit agency boards of directors as well as on state-wide advocacy boards for children, mental health and the non-profit sector. Elected to serve two terms as a member and chair of the Keene Board of Education. Is a charter and active Rotary Club member and is a trustee of community trust funds. Ken was recognized by Keene State College of the University System of New Hampshire for his community service and community building activities with the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters in 2007.

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**Roger G. Kathol, M.D., C.P.E.**

*President, Cartesian Solutions, Inc.*



Roger G. Kathol, President of Cartesian Solutions, Inc.<sup>TM</sup>, is an innovative health strategist in the development of integrated programs and systems for patients with health complexity, many of whom have concurrent general medical and mental health/substance use disorders. Dr. Kathol is board certified in internal medicine, psychiatry, and medical management with extensive clinical and administrative experience gained during 22 years as a physician/teacher/researcher at the University of Iowa and 10 years as an international health complexity consultant. His background ideally positions him to assist stakeholders in the health industry create integrated health solutions which improve care quality, augment outcomes, and lower total health care and health-related costs. Cartesian Solutions, Inc.<sup>TM</sup> consultants assist employers, government agencies, health plans, hospitals and clinics, care management vendors, and professional organizations build quality-enhancing and cost-saving programs, which integrate biological, psychological, social, and health system factors that improve delivery of clinical services and the ability to support these services in difficult to treat and high-cost patients with health complexity. Dr. Kathol is currently adjunct professor of internal medicine and psychiatry at the University of Minnesota.

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**Paul Lingenfelter, Ph.D**

*President, State Higher Education Executive Officers Organization (SHEEO)*



*(unofficial bio)* Paul E. Lingenfelter's work as President of SHEEO has focused on successful participation in higher education, accountability, and finance. Under his leadership, SHEEO organized and staffed the National Commission on Accountability in Higher Education, which in March 2005 issued its report: Accountability for Better Results: A National Imperative for Higher Education.

He previously served as Vice President of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, where he established and led the MacArthur Foundation Program on Human and Community Development. Earlier, Dr. Lingenfelter served as Deputy Director for Fiscal Affairs for the Illinois Board of Higher Education. He received an A.B. from Wheaton College in literature, an M.A. from Michigan State University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in higher education.

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**A. Thomas McLellan, Ph.D**

*Director, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, University of PA, School of Medicine*



*(unofficial bio)* A. Thomas McLellan, Ph.D., is a psychologist, professor of psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania and founder and Executive Director of the Treatment Research Institute, a not-for-profit research and evaluation institute in Philadelphia. McLellan was the principal developer of the Addiction Severity Index (ASI) and the Treatment Services Review (TSR), measurement instruments that characterize the multiple dimensions of substance abusing patients and treatments. The ASI and TSR have helped to revolutionize the delivery of treatment and helped researchers and clinicians gain more insight into the efficacy of treatment. McLellan's work has also promoted better understanding of the factors that lead to treatment success, and has fostered greater understanding of addiction as a chronic illness, reduced its stigma, and provided means for earlier identification and prevention.

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**James J. O'Connell, M.D.**

*President, Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program*

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Dr. O'Connell graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1982, and completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital in 1985. In 1985, Dr. O'Connell began fulltime clinical work with homeless individuals as the founding physician of the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program. Dr. O'Connell is now President of the program, which serves over 11,000 homeless persons each year in two hospital-based clinics and over 75 shelters and other outreach sites in Boston.

In 1993, Dr. O'Connell founded BHCHP's Barbara McInnis House, a 104-bed freestanding medical respite program that provides acute, sub-acute, peri-operative, rehabilitative, recuperative, and palliative end-of-life care for homeless men and women who would otherwise require costly acute care hospitalizations. Working with the MGH Laboratory of Computer Science, Dr. O'Connell designed and implemented the nation's first computerized medical record for a homeless program in 1995. From 1989 until 1996, Dr. O'Connell served as the National Program Director of the Homeless Families Program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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**Joseph Parks, MD**

*Chief Clinical Officer, Missouri Department of Mental Health in Jefferson City*

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Dr. Parks serves as the Chief Clinical Officer for the Missouri Department of Mental Health in Jefferson City. He also holds the position of Distinguished Research Professor of Science at the University of Missouri – St. Louis and Director of the Missouri Institute of Mental Health. He also serves as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Missouri, Department of Psychiatry in Columbia. He serves as President of the Medical Director's Council of the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors. He practices psychiatry on an outpatient basis at Family Health Center, a federally funded community health center established to expand services to uninsured and underinsured patients in the Columbia area. He recently served as the Division Director for the Division of Comprehensive Psychiatric Services for the Missouri Department of Mental Health.

Dr. Parks has authored or coauthored a number of original articles, monographs, technical papers, and reviews on implementation of Evidence Based Medicine and Pharmacy Utilization Management and behavioral treatment programs. His work has appeared in several journals (*Journal of Organizational Behavior, Journal of Psychiatric Practices, Psychiatry Quarterly, Manual of Clinical Emergency Psychiatry, Behavioral Interviews, Hospital and Community Psychiatry*, and *Advanced Studies in Nursing*).

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**Janice Petersen, Ph.D**

*Director, North Carolina Office of Prevention*

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Dr. Janice Petersen currently serves in the capacity as Director of the North Carolina Office of Prevention, and the Prevention and Early Intervention Team Leader in the Community Policy Management Section of the Division of MH/DD/SAS. As director, she is held responsible for ensuring that prevention is on the radar in the continuum of care for the three disability areas. She makes policy recommendations regarding substance use disorders, and serves as a liaison between federal, state and local agencies regarding coordination and collaboration of substance abuse prevention planning and programming. In her role as team leader, she is charged with leading her team in developing best practice protocols for prevention issues in mental health promotion, developmental disabilities support, and substance abuse prevention. Her research interests include retention and recruitment of the prevention workforce, cultural responsiveness for prevention programming, and evidence-based program implementation across the life span. Dr. Petersen is the appointed representative to the National Prevention Network (NPN) for the state of North Carolina and currently serves as its First Vice-President (two terms).

Dr. Petersen received her Ph.D. degree in Clinical/Community psychology from Pennsylvania State University (where she was an American Psychological Association Minority Fellow), an M.S. degree in psychology with specialization in minority mental health from Washington University in St. Louis, MO (an NIMH trainee), and a B.A. degree in Psychology/Social Welfare from Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana (presidential scholar).

**Harold Alan Pincus, M.D.**

*Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Psychiatry, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University*

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Harold Alan Pincus, M.D. is Professor and Vice Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons, Director of Quality and Outcomes Research at New York Presbyterian Hospital and Co-Director of Columbia's Irving Institute for Clinical and Translational Research. Dr. Pincus also serves as a Senior Scientist at the RAND Corporation. Previously he was Director of the RAND-University of Pittsburgh Health Institute and Executive Vice Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh. He is the National Director of the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program (funded by Atlantic Philanthropies), and directed the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's National Program on Depression in Primary Care and the John A. Hartford Foundation's national program on Building Interdisciplinary Geriatric Research Centers. Dr. Pincus was also the Deputy Medical Director of the American Psychiatric Association and the founding director of APA's Office of Research and Special Assistant to the Director of the NIMH and also served on White House and Congressional staffs. Dr. Pincus was Vice Chair of the Task Force on Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, Fourth Edition (DSM IV) and has been appointed to the editorial boards of ten major scientific journals. Among other projects, he is currently leading the national evaluation of mental health services for veterans and the redesign of primary care/ behavioral health relationships in New Orleans. He has also been a consultant to federal agencies and private organizations, including the U.S. Secret Service, Institute of Medicine, John T. and Catherine D. MacArthur Foundation and served on multiple national and international committees. For over 22 years he worked one night a week treating the severely mentally ill at a community clinic.

**Fred D. Rachman, MD**

*Chief Executive Officer, Alliance of Chicago Community Health Services*

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Fred D. Rachman, MD received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, his Doctor of Medicine degree from Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and completed his residency in Pediatrics at Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is Board Certified in Pediatrics, and completed post graduate courses in Ethics, Economics and Health Care Management at Harvard University School of Public Health.

Dr. Rachman has more than 20 years experience in primary health care delivery and administration, and extensive experience in Community Health Center leadership and in directing Community Health Center programs and projects including research initiatives funded by NIH and CDC. He is presently serving as Chief Executive Officer of the Alliance of Chicago Community Health Services, a HRSA funded network of primary care Community Health Centers which supports a centrally hosted electronic health record system shared by 24 Safety Net Health Centers in 8 States. He also serves as Co-Director of the Chicago Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center.

Dr. Rachman is Attending Physician in Pediatrics at Children's Memorial Hospital and Northwestern Memorial Hospital and sees patients as a Pediatrician at Erie Family Health Center in Chicago. He chairs the Ambulatory Healthcare Organizations Task Force for the Health Information Management Systems Society, and serves on the Illinois Health Information Exchange Advisory Committee.

**Richard A. Rawson, Ph.D.**

*Associate Director, UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs and Professor-in-Residence, UCLA Department of Psychiatry*

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Richard A. Rawson, Ph.D., is an Associate Director of UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs and Professor-in-Residence at the UCLA Department of Psychiatry, where he has been a member for more than 25 years. Dr. Rawson oversees clinical trials on pharmacological and psychosocial addiction treatments and has an extensive portfolio of work in the area of substance use disorder service development and evaluation. He has evaluated numerous primary care integration projects, examining the effectiveness and benefit of alcohol and drug screening and brief intervention services and addiction service co-location. He leads addiction research, training and system development initiatives for the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and the

U.S. State Department, exporting science-based addiction service knowledge to many parts of the world. Dr. Rawson has published 6 books, 30 book chapters, and over 200 peer-reviewed articles and has conducted over 1,000 workshops, paper presentations, and training sessions.

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**Stephen A. Somers, Ph.D.**

*President and CEO, Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS)*



Stephen A. Somers, PhD, is the president and chief executive officer of the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS), which he founded in 1995 with a major grant on Medicaid managed care from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. He is responsible for the organization's growth into a nationally recognized center on improving health access and quality for beneficiaries of the country's publicly financed health care programs. Through his leadership, CHCS has helped state and federal policymakers advance innovative models of integrated care for people with chronic physical and behavioral health conditions and those dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid. CHCS now receives support from multiple philanthropies, corporate community benefit programs, and the federal government.

Before starting CHCS, Dr. Somers was an associate vice president at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Prior to that, he was a professional staff member at the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging and legislative assistant to U.S. Senator John Heinz of Pennsylvania. Dr. Somers serves as a visiting lecturer at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He earned his PhD in the politics of education from Stanford University.

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**Patricia Taylor**

*Executive Director, Faces & Voices of Recovery*



Pat leads a nationwide campaign working to mobilize the recovery community to seek and implement public policies that support recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs; break down barriers that preclude access to recovery; change public attitudes to prioritize addiction recovery and show the public and policymakers that recovery is happening for millions of Americans and their families in communities across America.

She has over 30 years of experience developing and managing local and national public interest advocacy campaigns on a range of issues including healthcare, community development and philanthropy. She directed the Alcohol Policies Project at the Center for Science in the Public Interest, and the Advocates Senior Alert Process at the health advocacy group Families USA and is a graduate of the University of Michigan.

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**Don Thacker**

*Executive Director, Shawnee Mental Health Center, Inc.*



Don Thacker is the executive director of the Shawnee Mental Health Center, Inc. at Portsmouth, Ohio and he has served in this capacity since 1997. He began his career at Shawnee in 1980 and has served in a number of positions including outpatient clinician, county clinic director, and as deputy executive director. He is a licensed independent social worker.

Don earned an undergraduate degree in education from Ohio University in 1970 and a master of social work degree from West Virginia University in 1976.

He has served on the board of trustees of the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Services Providers as well as the Mental Health Policy Committee and the Nominating Committee. He received the 2010 Mary E. Pettus Excellence in Public Policy Award from the Ohio Council.

Under his direction, Shawnee Mental Health Center, Inc. has been providing integrated behavioral healthcare and primary healthcare services to severely mentally disabled adults since 2007.