

Presenter Bio's

Shaleyah Floyd
Coordinator of Behavioral Health Counseling Services
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As Coordinator of Behavioral Health Counseling Services Ms. Floyd manages both the substance abuse and mental health departments to provide social service support to the HIV+ patients at the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center (CORE Center). This work allows her to work closely with the CORE Center's psychiatric team in a collaborative way. Of her current case load of patients, more than 85% are diagnosed with substance abuse or dependence and a disproportionate amount of these patients also have a history of trauma.

Currently she utilizes both certifications as a Certified Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Counselor and Certified Trauma Specialist in her current role as Coordinator of the CORE Center's Behavioral Health Services.

For many years, as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, in addition to providing individual therapy, couples and family therapy Ms. Floyd has facilitated numerous substance abuse groups and worked within the Continuity Clinic that focuses on HIV + individuals recently released from incarceration. This population also has an extensive substance abuse and trauma history with an increase potential for relapse or re-incarceration.

Linda Ligenza, LCSW
Clinical Services Director
Center for Integrated Health Solutions (CIHS)
National Council for Behavioral Health Care
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Linda is a licensed clinical social worker and Clinical Services Director for the National Council for Behavioral Health. She provides guidance and technical assistance to SAMHSA-HRSA grantees on integrating primary care and behavioral health on behalf of the SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions (CIHS). Linda's expertise in trauma and trauma-informed care further assists the CIHS audience to improve practices, policies, procedures and outcomes.

Ms. Ligenza has a background in clinical, administrative and public policy work based on her 30 year career. She worked first with the New York State Office of Mental Health and subsequently with HHS Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in their Traumatic Stress Services branch of the Center for Mental Health Services.

Peter McLoyd
Consumer Development and Advocacy Coordinator
Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center
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Peter McLoyd works locally and nationally as an advocate for People Living with HIV / AIDS and Hepatitis C. He currently serves as the Consumer Development and Advocacy Coordinator at the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center in Chicago, Illinois. In this role he works with staff and clients to facilitate educational and training opportunities for HIV positive patients and represents the agency at policy meetings both at the local and national levels.

As a member of the CORE Center's Research Committee Mr. McLoyd works with Principal Investigators and clinicians to review and provide feedback on HIV/AIDS related research proposals. He was also one of the founding Co-chairs of the Chicago Developmental Center for AIDS Research (DCFAR) Community Advisory Board.

From 2005 - 2011 he served on the Board of Directors for The AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth, and Families a nationally recognized Advocacy Group located in Washington DC. He is also the former Community Co-chair for the Chicago HIV Prevention Planning Group (HPPG), Chicago Area HIV Integrated Services Council and the Urban Coalition of HIV/AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS).

Peter and his wife Kathy live in Matteson, IL and collectively they are the proud parents of four children and three grandchildren.