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V.P. / Divisional Leader Behavioral Medicine
St. Mary's Healthcare System
Lewiston, Maine 1989 - Current

The St. Mary's Healthcare Services. The Systems comprised of 232 bed Acute/Medical and Psychiatric Care Hospital "St. Mary's" Regional Medical Center"; a 280 bed nursing home, a FQHC medical practice; and a variety of other smaller operations.

Experience includes thirty-five years in every type of healthcare facility including acute medical and psychiatric services, chemical dependency, skilled nursing, and rehabilitation.

Developed

Evergreen Behavioral Services in Franklin County, Maine, a partnership with Franklin Memorial Hospital.

The Renaissance Schools, two licensed special purpose schools jointly developed by our Behavioral Services and several local school districts. These schools are presently set to accommodate fifty students with identified behavioral learning disabilities. The schools bring together two services: 1) a Day Treatment Program, and 2) a School.

Employee Assistance Programs with statewide employers covering thousands of lives.

The Behavioral Health Group, a locally owned insurance group of in-state providers that offer an alternative to employers .

Provide Medical Director contracts that support the development and integration of services. These contracts are with Catholic Charities, National Family Institute, Becket Academy, and Tri-County Community Mental Health.

Behavioral Emergency Department
Day Treatment Programs for Adults and Adolescents and Children
Outpatient Satellites Covering our Catchment Area
A Psychiatric Practice with Twenty Psychiatrists and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners
Residential Treatment Programs for Children and Adolescents
Psychological Services
Services to Nursing Homes
Services to Primary Care Physicians
Palliative Care Team

Pain Management Program
Full Integration of Behavioral Services to other Health System Divisions
Behavioral Emergency Department
Telepsychiatric Services

Previous Positions:

President/CEO: Eden Health Management
LaCanada California
October 1982 to October 1986

Founder/Owner of specialized inpatient Eating Disorders Program. Developed fourteen programs nationally. Sold to National Healthcare Company.

Administrator: Comprehensive Care Corporation
Los Angeles California
June 1978 to September 1982

Education

MBA- Healthcare Administration
Temple University
August, 1978

BA - Finance/Political Sciences
Rutgers University
June, 1974

Board Member/Community Involvement:

Board Membership: Evergreen Behavior Services
(Current) Maine Behavioral Health Group
Maine Hospital Association Behavioral Council
Regional Quality Improvement Council

Board Membership: Tedford Homeless Shelter
(Former) Coastal Humane Society (Two Terms)