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Michael A. May, M.D., is the Vice President and Medical Director of Samaritan Mental Health, the mental health delivery component for Samaritan Health Services (SHS) a non-profit healthcare system serving a population of 250,000 over three counties (Linn, Benton and Lincoln) in western Oregon. Samaritan Health Services is comprised of 5 hospitals and over 500 employed physicians in primary care and most subspecialty areas. SHS is both horizontally and vertically integrated being self-insured for medical care and administering a Medicare Advantage plan and a capitated Medicaid plan (Oregon Health Plan CCO).

Dr May oversees two inpatient psychiatric acute care units and two outpatient mental health clinics employing 11 psychiatrists and 7 other mental health providers. Dr May has been the Medical Director of Samaritan Mental Health since its inception in 1992.

In addition Dr May is the founder and Medical Director for two Integrative Medicine clinics that provide a combination of traditional primary care and complementary and alternative medicine.

Dr May has serviced on the Board of Directors of SHS, the Board of Directors of Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center and was on the founding board for Intercommunity Health Network (INH) the current Medicaid Plan now administering the SHS Collaborative Care Organization (CCO). He continues on this board and he also serves on the Planning Committee and Steering Committee for this new CCO. Dr May sits on the Senior Executive Council for SHS as its only current physician member.

SHS recently partnered with Western University of the Pacific in opening a new medical school in the Mid-Willamette Valley. Dr May was the first Clerkship Director for third and fourth year medical students rotating through SHS. Subsequently, in 2009, Dr May started the Psychiatry Residency program at SMH as its first Training Director.

Dr May is currently spearheading the implementation of a Rural Utilities Services (RUS) grant designed to provide TeleHealth capabilities to all of the emergency rooms and rural clinics in the Samaritan system. In this endeavor, Dr May has partnered with a local video technology company, Visionary Mobile, and serves on the Advisory Board of this company.

Dr May is integrally involved in the development of the SHS Patient Centered Primary Care Home (PCPCH) model with respect to integrating mental health capabilities into primary care clinics and connecting these clinics to the rest of the mental health system in the SHS service area. His involvement with video technology is bringing this modality to the PCPCH

development and will eventually allow the SHS primary care physicians to connect with all specialties in order to enhance patient care through real time consultation while the patient is in the office with their PCP.

Dr May was a founding member and co-chair of the Oregon Psychiatric Inpatient Committee (OPIC), a state-wide organization and subcommittee to the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems. This committee is made up managers and administrators of all of the acute care mental health units in the State of Oregon. This committee has actively participated in the development of the Oregon system of acute care including promoting legislative activities that enhance the delivery of mental health services in throughout the State.

Dr May is currently serving on a national committee looking at GME funding challenges. This committee is comprised of members from the American Psychiatric Association, the Association of Academic Psychiatrists and the Association of Directors of Psychiatry Residency Training.