

Bio – John Santopietro, MD, DFAPA

Dr. John Santopietro is Chief Clinical Officer of Behavioral Health at Carolinas HealthCare System headquartered in Charlotte, NC - one of the nation's largest not-for-profit healthcare delivery systems with 900 care locations, including 39 hospitals and over 7800 licensed beds in North, South Carolina, and Georgia. With more than 60,000 employees including over 3000 employed physicians and 14,000 nurses, the system served more than a million patients and had over 12 million patient encounters in 2014. CHS is one of 5 academic medical centers in North Carolina, has annual revenue over 8 billion dollars and delivered 1.5 billion dollars of community benefit of in 2013. www.carolinashealthcare.org



For the last 15 years he has been devoted to system transformation in order to improve care, and the experience of care, for patients suffering with mental illness. He has held leadership positions in community mental health, public and private hospital systems and has worked in Maine, Massachusetts and Connecticut. He has taught on psychiatric leadership through the National Council for Behavioral Health and is passionate about the need for clinical leadership in solving the substantial challenges which confront us.

Dr. Santopietro graduated cum laude with a degree in Psychology and Philosophy from Yale University, obtained his medical degree from Northwestern University Medical School, and completed his internship, residency in psychiatry, and fellowship at Harvard Medical School. He is board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, board member of the American Association of Community Psychiatrists and member of the American College of Physician Executives. He has served as president of the Connecticut Psychiatric Association and as a gubernatorial appointee to the Connecticut Mental Health Commissioner's advisory board. He was appointed co-chair of the NC Institute of Medicine's task force on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, and also appointed separately by Governor Pat McCrory to his state task force on Mental Health.