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Stuart Buttlair, Ph.D., is regional director of inpatient psychiatry and continuing care for Northern California Kaiser Permanente, the lead mental health representative within Kaiser's State Program Initiatives, and the designated resource management director for behavioral health. He is also the Permanente Medical Group lead in the design and development for the new inpatient psychiatric hospital in Kaiser Santa Clara Medical Center, set to open in 2010. Prior to coming to Kaiser in 1987, Dr. Buttlair was chief of acute and subacute services for Marin County Mental Health. He has more than 30 years of clinical and management experience, providing leadership and direction in health care delivery in both the public and private sectors.

Dr. Buttlair was elected to the California Hospital Association Behavioral Health Board in 2008, and served as co-chair of the IBHI Collaborative on Emergency Department and Behavioral Health in 2007-2008. He has been on numerous national quality panels, most recently involving involuntary seclusion procedures, and is a member of IHI. In both 1997 and 2002, Dr. Buttlair was awarded "Most Valuable Psychologist in Northern California" by the Kaiser Permanente Regional Psychological Society, and he received the 2005 Chair of the Chiefs of Psychiatry Award. Dr. Buttlair also served as behavioral health representative on the State Programs Policy Implementation Group.

A graduate of the University of Colorado in Boulder, Dr. Buttlair has a doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Colorado's Institute of Integral Studies and a master's degree in business administration with an emphasis on health care management, finance, and marketing