

Our Integrated Health Consulting Team

Joe Parks

Dr. Parks currently serves as Medical Director for The National Council for Behavioral Health and is a Distinguished Research Professor of Science at Missouri Institute of Mental Health with the University of Missouri, St. Louis. He is the national behavioral health representative at large for The Joint Commission. He practices outpatient psychiatry at Family Health Center, a federally funded community health center established to expand services to uninsured and underinsured patients in Columbia, Missouri.

Dr. Parks previously served as the Director of Missouri MO HealthNet Division (Missouri Medicaid) in the Missouri Department of Social Services. He was also Medical Director for the Missouri Department of Mental Health in Jefferson City and the Division Director for the Division of Comprehensive Psychiatric Services.

Dr. Parks has conducted research and published in the areas of implementation of evidence-based medicine, pharmacy utilization management, integration of behavioral healthcare with general healthcare, and health care policy. He has received numerous awards for improving the quality of care and leadership.

Jeff Capobianco

Dr. Capobianco has over 20 years of clinical, administrative, and healthcare research experience, with extensive background in primary and behavioral healthcare integration, evidence-based practice implementation, Lean Six Sigma methodologies, and learning community approaches to organizational change and practice improvement.

Prior to joining the National Council for Behavioral Health, where he is a Senior Consultant and Director of Practice Improvement for the Center for Integrated Health Solutions, he held positions as a Research Investigator at the University of Michigan School of Social Work and as the Director of Research and New Program Development for the Washtenaw Community Health Organization (WCHO). While at the WCHO he oversaw the integration of seven primary and behavioral health clinics. Dr. Capobianco has published in national journals including *Social Work in Healthcare*, *Journal of Evidence-based Social Work, Administration and Policy in Mental Health*, and *Family, Systems, and Health*. He is the author of two books and is currently an institutional review board member for the National Research Institute, Inc., a journal review member of the *Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research*, and a member of the advisory council for Centerstone Research Institute Knowledge Network. A limited licensed psychologist in the State of Michigan, he received a Bachelor degree double majoring in Philosophy and Psychology and a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology from Saint Michael's College. He completed a Doctor of Philosophy Degree at Wayne State University in Education Evaluation and Research with a concentration in quantitative research methods.

Joan King

Joan Kenerson King has worked in the behavioral health field for over 20 years and currently is a Senior Integration Consultant with the National Council for Behavioral Health. In this capacity she consults with organizations, counties, and states on developing systems of care that integrate physical and behavioral health. Prior to joining the staff at the National Council, she devoted the majority of her consulting practice to the development of recovery oriented systems of care, recovery oriented practices, and to exploring and helping organizations develop integrated systems of care. In addition, she provided training and consultation to support the development of the voice and stories of people in recovery. Her work included state, local, and agency related recovery oriented change.

Joan is passionate about facilitating transformation in systems so that they fully embrace the voice and knowledge of the people they serve. Her keen areas of interest are the development of peer cultures, the use of formal and informal peer support, activating the voice of people in recovery, integration of care across various systems, and developing cultures of wellness.

Joan graduated from Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, VA in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She received her master's degree in psychiatric nursing from the University of Pennsylvania in 1990 and is a certified clinical nurse specialist in adult mental health nursing.

Pam Pietruszewski

Pam Pietruszewski is a consultant with the National Council and provides technical assistance to Innovation Communities with the SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions on Developing High Functioning Primary Care Teams and Building Integrated Behavioral Health in the Primary Care Setting. She also provides consultation, implementation support, and training across the country on Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) and Motivational Interviewing.

Previously she worked at the Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI) as a director overseeing program areas for primary care/behavioral health integration, SBIRT implementation, preventive services, and Motivational Interviewing. Her work includes the DIAMOND Initiative, a depression care management program that received the 2010 Gold Award from the American Psychiatric Association; COMPASS, one of the largest CMS Innovation awards to implement collaborative care across eight states; and the Partners in Integrated Care (PIC) project to disseminate an integration model for depression and risky substance use across four states. She has delivered various trainings and consulting services across the country for care managers, behavioral health systems, physicians, and other health care stakeholders. Pam holds a master's degree in counseling and psychological services from St. Mary's University in Minnesota.