**Dr. Stuart Buttlaire** Ph.D. MBA is the Regional Director of Inpatient Psychiatry and Continuing Care for Northern California Kaiser Permanente, which has 3.3 Million Members and 35 medical centers. He has led the redesign of inpatient and intensive mental health care for Kaiser, implemented a psychiatric advice and crisis line, and developed best practices in case management, gero-psychiatry, multi-family treatment, and crisis and emergency intervention services. Prior to Kaiser, Dr. Buttlaire served as Chief of Acute and Subacute Services for Marin County Mental Health and has many years of clinical and management experience, providing consultation, leadership and direction in health care delivery and organizational improvement in both the public and private sectors.

Dr. Buttlaire serves on the American Hospital Association Governing Council for the Section of Psychiatry and Substance Abuse as well as the Center for Behavioral Health Advisory Board of the California Hospital Association.

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Larry Phillips D.C.S.W is a Diplomate of Clinical Social Work and is a Licensed Clinical Social Work in the State of Oklahoma. He has over 25 years of experience in the field of mental health. Larry graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1980 with Master's Degree in Social work. He is currently employed at St Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City as a Program Manager. His responsibilities for St Anthony Hospital include supervising all mental health admissions, case management, and adult day treatment programs as well as supervising a large portion of the licensed mental health therapist staff. St Anthony Hospital which is part of the SSM Health Care Organization is a 686 bed facility with 272 licensed behavioral medicine beds.

Prior to taking a position with St Anthony Hospital Larry served as Director of Mental Health Services with the Integris Hospital Organization in Oklahoma City where he over saw the Outpatient Mental Health Product Line.

Larry also has extensive experience in the management of a variety of behavioral health programs including managed care contracting, marketing, public relations and private practice development. He has also been an Adjunct Professor in the past at The University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University Oklahoma City as well as at Oklahoma Jr College.

**Peter C Brown** has 40 years extensive experience in organizational analysis, legislative relations, budgeting, program development, mental health services management and disaster preparation and response. He has written and taught extensively and provided professional advice on a wide variety of subjects. He is currently Executive Director of the Institute for Behavioral Healthcare Improvement. This organization is dedicated to improving the quality and outcome of mental health and substance abuse treatment. In his role with IBHI he has been director of several improvement projects including among others the:

- Institute's collaborative of hospitals working to improve Emergency Department Care for People with Behavioral Health Problems,
- The Tarrant County (TX) Hospital District project to reduce readmissions of behavioral health clients
- The IBHI support of MPRO's project for Medicare Beneficiaries with Chronic Disease and Behavioral Health Conditions: A Three-Pronged Approach to Reduce 30- Day Re-hospitalizations

He has also been director of the annual IBHI seminar on Improving Flow in Emergency Departments for People with Behavioral Health Problems. In addition he has authored or helped author several sections of books on various aspects of behavioral health care, especially emergency department flow.

As Deputy Commissioner for the NYS Office of Mental Health he had primary responsibility for developing the \$1.9 billion budget for the agency, and the programmatic underpinning for the budget. He routinely provided public explanation and support for the mental health budget and the decisions it represents.

He was the coordinator of New York State mental health emergency preparedness and commander of the emergency operations center for the New York State Office of Mental Health at the time of the 2001 attack on the World Trade Center. He led disaster preparedness measures for the Office of Mental Health before and after the attacks of 2001. He was also involved in the 2005 Louisiana response to Hurricane Katrina and the Archdiocese of New Orleans work to respond to the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.