



## **PUBLIC SECTOR - Sally Reyerer, MD, DFAPA**



Sally A. Reyerer MD, DFAPA is a psychiatrist with over 30 years of experience in community psychiatry, a Distinguished Fellow of the APA, and the incoming President of the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society. Dr. Reyerer attended both Northeastern and Ohio State Universities graduating Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science from The Ohio State University. She matriculated at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine where she also received a Laughlin Award from the National Psychiatric Endowment Fund. After completing an internal medicine internship in Cincinnati, she returned to Boston to join the psychiatry residency training program at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center. During her final year of residency training, she served as both the Chief Resident for Mass Mental and the Chief Resident for Medical Student Education at Mass Mental.

After completing residency training, her first job was as an attending psychiatrist at Worcester State Hospital. She then spent the next six years as an attending psychiatrist at Medfield State Hospital and then returned to Mass Mental where she combined consulting work there with outpatient work in psychopharmacology at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. Her dedication to the public sector patient was further solidified when she worked at the Department of Mental Health's Central Office for several years as a special assistant to the State Medical Director. There, she chaired health and wellness initiatives for DMH in the areas of smoking cessation, nutrition, and exercise and became a local leader and national speaker on health and wellness issues. She served on numerous Massachusetts statewide initiatives, committees and boards in DMH, the Department of Public Health, and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services on topics including the roll-out of Medicare Part D, mental health research, safe psychopharmacology practices, nutrition, cardiovascular health, diabetes, substance use, medical error reduction, and other projects.

Dr. Reyerer more recently served as the first Medical Director of Mental Health Services at Bay Cove Human Services, a 50-year-old community mental health and human services organization with origins in the Community Mental Health Center Act of 1963. As Medical Director, Dr. Reyerer functioned as the primary clinical and risk consultant for 1100 individuals receiving DMH community-based services from Bay Cove's multidisciplinary teams. Dr. Reyerer was also the Medical Director of Bay Cove's Michael J. Gill Clinic at the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital which provides treatment for over 400 patients with serious and persistent mental illness, and where she supervised Tufts psychiatry residents as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Tufts Medical School.

She currently serves as co-Principal Investigator on the Integrated Smoking Cessation Project for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness in collaboration with the Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Addiction Medicine. The trial is an \$8 million PCORI-funded pragmatic clinical trial which has introduced evidence-based treatment for smoking cessation into a large publicly-funded community mental health system using Community Health Workers trained and managed by Bay Cove Human Services and Vinfen Corporation and education provided to the primary care providers who treat the participants.

With her extraordinary public service and career devoted to individuals with severe and persistent mentally illness, she is a role model for all of us! The Massachusetts Psychiatric Society is pleased to honor Dr. Reyerer as the 2020 Outstanding Psychiatrist Award in Public Sector!