



PUBLIC SECTOR - Donald Condie, MD, DLFAPA



Dr. Donald Condie is a graduate of Tulane University where he triple-majored in philosophy, psychology, and sociology. Meanwhile, he did part time work at Charity Hospital on the infamous public psychiatry unit for the uninsured. This experience may have inspired him later in his career to become an advocate for public sector patients.

After completing studies in biochemistry at the University of New Orleans, Dr. Condie went to medical school at the Louisiana State University Medical Center. Following graduation, he came to Boston where he did a rotating internship at Brigham and Women's Hospital and a residency in adult and then in child/adolescent psychiatry at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center where he was heavily influenced by Tom Gutheil and Larry Hartmann. He then did a fellowship in forensic psychiatry at MMHC and was a visiting fellow in forensic psychiatry at the Harvard Law School. He became certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in Adult and Child/Adolescent Psychiatry as well as in forensic psychiatry.

Don's moonlighting jobs during residency introduced him to several other state facilities including Danvers, Taunton State Hospital and Brockton Multi-Service Center. Upon graduating residency Don became Medical Director of the Brockton Crisis Unit and the DMH child psychiatrist for the Southeast area of DMH while also serving as consultant for the DMH Department of Mental Retardation.

For the next 23 years of his career, Don split his time between Mass. General Hospital working mostly on the Child Psychiatry Service but gradually becoming more involved with court consultations regarding juvenile offenders in the Department of Youth Services. When the state decided to close the Gabler Unit (the last only state-run child psychiatry unit in Massachusetts), Don was asked to serve on the Commission to advise DMH which services should be contracted out privately as a replacement. One substitute for the Gabler Unit was a system of residential schools funded primarily by public school systems in partnership with DCF. Don has served as consulting child psychiatrist to several of these residential schools.

Dr. Condie has held many positions in the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society including secretary and president of the Society and Chair of the Ethics Committee. He was President of the New England Council of Child/Adolescent Psychiatry and has been an active member of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry; American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law and served on the Committee on Allegations of Sexual Abuse of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. He was also Secretary – Treasurer of the Suffolk County Medical Society.

He has taught Child Psychiatry residents and fellows at both MGH and Cambridge Health Alliance and has been invited to present at many local, regional, and national conferences.

He has written several chapters and many professional educational materials. He is currently Lecturer in Psychiatry, part-time at Harvard Medical School throughout his career Don has been involved in a number of research projects including one in conjunction with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid on the integration of medical nurse practitioners into mental health teams to see if these medical services would reduce costs and unnecessary ER visits.

He has been honored by the LSU Medical Center with the National Research Service Award and by Mass Mental Health Center with the National Psychiatric Endowment Fund Fellowship. He is a Distinguished Life Fellow of the APA.

For the last 10 years Don has been medical director of VINFEN, an agency that serves Public Sector clients exclusively. He advocates on behalf of people with severe mental illness or developmental disabilities whom Vinfen serves.

In appreciation for his support of and advocacy for public sector patients, the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society is pleased to award Dr. Donald Condie with the 2021 MPS Outstanding Psychiatrist award for Public Sector Psychiatry.