

LAURA DERIGGI

Laura has been with Community Behavioral Health since 1999 beginning as the Director of Clinical Management responsible for the oversight of behavioral health services. She is currently the Director of Integrated Clinical Consultation Services for Community Behavioral Health and the Department of Human Services. In that role, Laura is responsible for program development, integrated service planning, training and clinical consultation. Her role with DHS includes assessing behavioral health needs of dependent and delinquent children, youth and families, program development, clinical consultation to the Courts and consultation to the new Community Umbrella Agencies. She specializes in case planning and program development for young adults involved in multiple systems of care.

Laura is originally from Pittsburgh. Prior to her move to Philadelphia, she was responsible for planning and program development for behavioral health services, assisted in developing a unified system of care for clients with serious mental illness and mental retardation, directed the Act 152 drug and alcohol managed care program, and worked in private managed care. Laura's experience includes both private and public sector human services and encompasses every disability area and system. She is an adjunct professor at Alvernia University since 2000 teaching various courses in behavioral health and human services, and most recently in the Undergraduate Social Work Program.

She is also adjunct professor at West Chester University and Alvernia University, teaching in the MSW Programs. Laura is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work in 1989. She was awarded the Social Work Alumni Fellowship and the Student Leadership Award. In 1989, she was awarded the Citizen of the Year award in the City of Pittsburgh for her work with homeless individuals and won the Distinguished Advocate Award presented by the Support Center for Child Advocates in Philadelphia in 2007.

