Lori Raney, MD Principal, Health Management Associates

Dr. Lori Raney is a board-certified psychiatrist and Principal with Health Management Associates in Denver, Colorado. She is considered a leading authority on the collaborative care model and the bidirectional integration of primary care and behavioral health. Her work focuses on service design and training of multidisciplinary teams to implement evidence based practices to improve the identification and treatment of mental illness in the primary care setting and improve the health status of patients with serious mental illness behavioral health settings. She has worked with clients implementing 2703 Health Home State Plan Amendments for behavioral health populations and provided training for personnel implementing Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration (PBHCI) grants. She is the editor of the book Integrated Care: Working at the Interface of Primary Care and Behavioral Health and has published numerous articles in peer reviewed journals on topics related to integration. She was selected to be a Master Trainer for the American Psychiatric Association's Support and Alignment grant to train 3,500 psychiatrists in the collaborative care model. Her current work includes assisting hospitals and clinics in recognizing and developing strategies to deal with the impact of behavioral health across health care systems.

Dr. Raney served for 15 years as the medical director of a community mental health center, where she fostered the development of a full range of evidence-based services including the development of a telepsychiatry program, working in and deploying psychiatric providers in correctional health settings, developing an inpatient psychiatric treatment unit, managing the psychiatric medical team in implementing prescribing best practices including metabolic monitoring, encouraging medication assisted treatment of substance use disorders, and establishing hospital-based psychiatric consultation. In her administrative capacity she established performance measures for good psychiatric care and implemented strategies to meet key performance indicators required by Medicaid. During her tenure, she led efforts to implement the collaborative care model in diverse primary care locations including Federally Qualified Health Centers, a Rural Health Center, tribal clinics, and school-based health centers, and has served as a consultant psychiatrist at these locations. Dr. Raney participated in the design of a fully integrated healthcare facility that combined primary care and traditional behavioral health, which made it possible for her to rapidly address the physical health issues in patients with serious mental illness.

She has worked for over 15 years with tribal populations with the Indian Health Service in remote clinics in the Southwest and continues her clinical work with the Ute Mountain Ute tribe in Towaco, Colorado. She also worked both as a staff psychiatrist and as the Clinical Director for an ambulatory care center in rural Arizona on the Navajo Reservation.