

Assessing Organizational Ability to Support Client Self-Management: Speaker Biographies

**Larry Davidson, Professor of Psychiatry; Director,
Yale Program for Recovery and Community Health**



Larry Davidson, Ph.D., is a Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Program for Recovery and Community Health of the School of Medicine at Yale University. He also serves as Senior Policy Advisor for the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and was the Project Director for the Recovery to Practice initiative of the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. His research has focused on processes of recovery and self-care in serious mental illnesses and addictions, the development and evaluation of innovative recovery-oriented practices, including peer-delivered recovery supports, and designing and evaluating policies to promote the transformation of behavioral health systems to the provision of recovery-oriented, person-centered, and culturally-responsive care. In addition to being a recipient of psychiatric care, Dr. Davidson has produced over 375 publications, including *A Practical Guide to Recovery-Oriented Practice: Tools for Transforming Mental Health Care* and *The Roots of the Recovery Movement in Psychiatry: Lessons Learned*. His work has been influential internationally in shaping the recovery agenda and in operationalizing its implications for transforming behavioral health practice.

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Larry Fricks, Deputy Director, Centers for Integrated Health Solutions



Larry Fricks is the Director of the Appalachian Consulting Group and Deputy Director of the SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions. For 13 years he served as Georgia's Director of the Office of Consumer Relations and Recovery in the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases. A founder of the Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network and Georgia's Peer Specialist Training and Certification, he has a journalism degree from the University of Georgia and has won numerous journalism awards. He is a recipient of the American Association for World Health Award and the Lifetime Achievement Voice Award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the development and adoption of multiple innovative, community recovery-oriented programs and services. Larry's recovery story and life's work to support the recovery of others was published by HarperCollins in the New York Time's best-selling book *Strong at the Broken Places* by Richard M. Cohen.

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Kristin Davis, Director of Evaluation, Thresholds, Inc.



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Kristin Davis has been employed by Thresholds Evaluation Department for 15 years. During this time, she has been a research associate, assistant research director, and is currently Director of Program Evaluation. Dr. Davis earned her doctorate in Health Communication, and after teaching at colleges and universities in the Chicago area, joined Thresholds' Evaluation Department. During this time, she has written peer reviewed papers, spoke at numerous conferences, and conducted in-person trainings on behavioral health topics.

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Alexis Estomin, Consultant, The Lewin Group



Alexis Estomin has been employed by the Lewin Group, a healthcare and human services consulting firm, since March 2014 as a Federal Health and Human Services Consultant. From December 2013 to March 2014, she was employed as a Research Analyst by the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago, an objective non-partisan research institution providing analysis to guide healthcare and public health policy decisions. Ms. Estomin leads efforts to support behavioral health organizations and providers in delivering behavioral health and other health services under the Technical Assistance to Support Providers in Providing Care to Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees contract with the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.