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Mindy Klowden is the Director of Technical Assistance for SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions (CIHS) and provides individualized consultation and training to community mental health centers, primary care clinics and other health care systems and providers working to integrate primary care, mental health and substance abuse treatment. Ms. Klowden also works on health care payment and delivery system reform.

Prior to joining the National Council, Ms. Klowden served as the Director of the Office of Healthcare Transformation at Jefferson Center for Mental Health in CO. In this role, she was an advisor to executive and senior management on health care policy and trends, developed key health reform initiatives, and worked to cultivate and sustain inter-agency partnerships that support the integration of behavioral health with primary care.

Previous experience includes working with the Colorado primary care association and with affordable housing and homeless service provider and advocacy groups. Ms. Klowden earned her Master's degree in Nonprofit Management from Regis University and her Bachelor's degree in Sociology from the Colorado College.

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Kimberly Smathers has been employed by the Lewin Group, a healthcare and human services consulting firm, since May 2013 as a Federal Health and Human Services Managing Consultant. From 2008 to 2013, she was employed as Vice President of Business Development at Heartland Health Centers, a Chicago area federally qualified health center. Ms. Smathers 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.

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