



Jonathan Evans, *OPEN MINDS* Advisory Board, brings 30 years of experience in the behavioral health field. Mr. Evans is currently the chief executive officer of Safe Harbor Behavioral Health, an organization known for clinical innovations. He brings to the *OPEN MINDS* team noted expertise in the design of community-based programs, new service line development, an expertise telehealth-based service delivery, and his work on governance and leadership issues with his own organization and the Pennsylvania Community Provider Association.

Mr. Evans began his career at Hamot Institute for Behavioral Health (IBH), where he was initially worked in the emergency department providing initial evaluations for patients. He had a long tenure at Hamot IBH, with serving as both Director of the Diagnostic and Evaluation Center (DEC) and as the Director of the Adult Division.

Mr. Evans left Hamot IBH in 1993 to become the founding chief executive of Safe Harbor Behavioral Health. Safe Harbor was established to assist the State of Pennsylvania with an initiative to close state hospitals and move consumers with serious mental illnesses to the community. Safe Harbor provides intensive outpatient services to patients with serious mental illness and to provide 24 hour a day crisis intervention services to anyone in Erie County. The program annual operating budget has grown from the initial \$300,000 to over \$8 million. Safe Harbor currently provides services to over 4,000 consumers each year. .

Professional Highlights

- President and Chief Executive Officer, Safe Harbor Behavioral Health
- President of Northwest Beacon Group, a private practice
- Board member, Pennsylvania Community Provider Association
- Former Director of the Diagnostic and Evaluation Center and Director of the Adult Division at the Hamot Institute for Behavioral Health

Areas of Expertise:

- Remote service delivery and e-health service models
- Development of crisis stabilization and intensive community-based service models
- Design and operationalization of clinical protocols
- Board governance and management

Mr. Evans is also the founding President of Northwest Beacon Group, LLC. Northwest Beacon, a subsidiary of Safe Harbor, provides outpatient behavioral health services in the Erie community and employee assistance services to over 100 organizations with over 40,000 employees.

Jonathan was also the founding Board Chairman of Presque Isle Psychiatric

Associates, a non-profit organization that provides psychiatric coverage for hospitals and community based providers. In addition Jonathan serves on many boards including The Pennsylvania Community Providers Association, The Erie Center on Health and Aging and CBHNP Provider Advisory Board. Jonathan received his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and his Masters Degree in Clinical Psychology from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.