



**Wendy K. Kidd, M.A., L.P.C., *OPEN MINDS* Advisory Board Member,** brings twenty years of experience in behavioral health, including management, utilization management, training, and direct clinical work to *OPEN MINDS* and its clients. Currently, Ms. Kidd is the director of utilization management for Behavioral Health Care, Inc. (BHI), one of

the provider-owned Medicaid managed behavioral health programs in the State of Colorado. Prior to her work with BHI, Ms. Kidd was named Director of Utilization Management for Foothills Behavioral Health which manages Medicaid mental health benefits for persons living in Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Gilpin, and Jefferson Counties.

#### Professional Highlights

- Director, Utilization Management, Behavioral Health Inc.
- Director of Utilization Management at Foothills Behavioral Health, LLC
- Director, Utilization Management, Jefferson Center for Mental Health
- Program Director for the Dual Diagnosis (Mental Illness/Substance Abuse) Program at Red Rock Mental Health Center
- Review Coordinator/Program Trainer, Medicaid Prior Authorization Program, Oklahoma Foundation for Medical Quality

Ms. Kidd started her career in Oklahoma as a behavioral health professional. In 1998, she joined the faculty of Oklahoma State University as an adjunct instructor, teaching in the chemical dependency counseling program. In addition to this faculty role, Ms. Kidd served as Program Director for the Dual Diagnosis (Mental Illness/Substance Abuse) Program at Red Rock Mental Health Center. She also served as a Review Coordinator/Provider Trainer for the Medicaid Prior Authorization Program of the Oklahoma Foundation for Medical Quality. After moving to Colorado in 2000, she became the Director of Utilization Management for the Jefferson Center for Mental Health, a not-for-profit mental health center in Colorado serving three counties.

#### Areas of Expertise

- All aspects of managed care utilization management
- Clinical operations management
- State and Federal contract and regulatory compliance
- Management of evidence-based practices and clinical outcomes evaluation
- Dual diagnosis treatment and training

Ms. Kidd received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma and her Master of Arts in Christian Counseling from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She is a licensed counselor in the State of Oklahoma and Colorado.