

**Paul Gionfriddo**



**Curriculum Vitae**

**Employment**

**2014 - President and CEO, Mental Health America**

Responsibilities: Chief executive officer of the oldest national mental health advocacy organization in America, and leader of a state and local advocacy network with over 200 affiliates in 41+ states. Directly supervises and manages the activities of 20+ staff people and a \$3 million+ budget in a growing national office, and provides leadership to an independent affiliate community with 6000+ employees and \$250,000,000+ in annual operating budgets. Provides a national voice for mental health reform in America, working in collaboration with other advocates, policy leaders, and media.

**2010-2014 Writer/Consultant, Our Health Policy Matters, Lake Worth, FL**

Responsibilities: Writer, consultant, and speaker on health, mental health, and public health policy and practice. Special Government Employee as a member of the National Advisory Council to the SAMHSA Center for Mental Health Services. Author of *Losing Tim: How Our Health and Education Systems Railed My son with Schizophrenia* (Columbia University Press, 2014). Frequent contributor to *Health Affairs*; contributor to the *Washington Post*, *Psychology Today*, *CNN*, among many other media outlets. Author of *Our Health Policy Matters*, a health and mental health policy blog, distributed through *Health News Florida* ([www.healthnewsflorida.com](http://www.healthnewsflorida.com)), *CT News Junkie* ([www.ctnewsjunkie.com](http://www.ctnewsjunkie.com)), FHI Industry News, state and local public health and mental health agencies around the country, and at <http://pgionfriddo.blogspot.com>. Presenter/Speaker/Keynote at numerous local, state, and national events. Consulting clients included the Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County, Mental Health America, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, the National Minority AIDS Council, and HOPE, Inc., of the Virgin Islands.

**2007-2010 President, Quantum Foundation, West Palm Beach, FL**

Responsibilities: Chief executive officer of a private Palm Beach County Foundation, with \$130 million in assets, dedicated to health, education, and community betterment for the residents of Palm Beach County. Implemented multiple new initiatives including the establishment of the Florida Public Health Institute; planning, establishment, or expansion of nine community health centers; creation and expansion of public middle and high school health and science career education programs; creation of a neighborhood economic development initiative; the facilitation of an integration initiative between a community mental health agency and the County-run clinic system; and construction of a Gold LEED-certified Foundation headquarters.

**2005-2007      Executive Director, Palm Beach County Community Health Alliance, West Palm Beach, FL**

Responsibilities: Administered a \$1 million+ nonprofit organization with 30+ participating member agencies providing health and behavioral health care. Managed seven staff people charged with improving access to safety net health and behavioral health care through a variety of initiatives, including the development of a county-wide system of shared electronic health records, common eligibility strategies, expansions of primary care and volunteer physician initiatives, and language access.

**2003-2005      Consultant, Quantum Foundation and Access Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, FL**

Responsibilities: Facilitated Access Palm Beach County and Quantum Foundation strategic planning retreats in 2004 and 2005, respectively. Consulted periodically with Access Palm Beach County on organizational development activities from 2003 through 2005.

**2001-2005      Executive Director, Integrated Care (formerly Indigent Care) Collaboration, Austin, TX**

Responsibilities: Administered a staff of seven and a nonprofit organization with an annual budget of \$1 million+ dollars providing services to safety net health care providers in the central Texas region. Developed a shared health record system serving over 350,000 low income patients and over 35 health and mental health provider locations, implemented a common eligibility program that evaluated over 150,000 uninsured people for care and enrolled over 3000 in third party-funded programs, and integrated a new volunteer physician initiative (Project Access) into safety net services. Developed and maintained a community collaboration recognized nationally for its effectiveness. Worked with senior executives from a wide variety of collaborating public and private partners, including hospitals, health departments, clinics, the community mental health agency, as well as membership organizations, grant makers and other funders, social services agencies, and community leaders. Consulted with community health initiatives in El Dorado County CA, Tampa FL, Jacksonville FL, Colorado Springs CO, Phoenix AZ, and San Antonio TX.

**1995-2001      Executive Director, CT Association for Human Services, Hartford, CT**

Responsibilities: Administered a staff of 15+ and a statewide nonprofit organization with an annual budget of \$1 million+ dollars engaging in policy research and advocacy on behalf of low income children and families in the areas of health, child development, education, and welfare. Also served as co-director of the State of CT HIV Evaluation Bank, providing evaluation services to agencies working on HIV prevention and treatment. Worked closely with leaders of the Annie E. Casey Foundation and Voices for America's Children (formerly National Association of Child Advocates) on national child health and child advocacy initiatives. Worked closely with the William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund in the overall direction and administration of the Connecticut Center for School Change, a nonprofit entity investing in education reform strategies.

**1993-2001 Adjunct Faculty, Wesleyan University (CT) and Trinity College (CT)**

Responsibilities: Taught graduate level courses in Health Care and Public Health Policy, Policy Analysis, and Policy Implementation and served as a faculty advisor to graduate students working toward completion of studies leading to Master's in Liberal Studies (Wesleyan) and Master's in Public Policy (Trinity) degrees, at Wesleyan from 1993 through 1997 and at Trinity from 1998 through 2001.

**1991-1995 Public Health Policy Consultant, Middletown, CT**

Responsibilities: Consulted with a wide range of local, state, and national agencies in the areas of Public Health, Mental Health, and Health Care Public Policy. Managed large contracts, the work of other consultants, and engaged national experts in health and health care. Areas of specialization included child health, urban health, minority health, and chronic and long term care. Managed contract activities and developed multiple educational programs for state and local health leaders for the Agency for Health Research and Quality (AHRQ) User Liaison Program. Developed and taught a course for the National Center for Health Statistics in California, Utah, Indiana, Georgia, and Connecticut entitled "Marketing Information to Policy Leaders." Developed and facilitated maternal and child health workshops in Texas and South Carolina for southern state officials for the National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health, in collaboration with the HRSA Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Developed a community collaboration and shared health record project for Hartford, CT, funded by the HRSA Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Significant other clients included: the National Governors Association, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Connecticut Hospital Association, the Connecticut Primary Care Association, the Connecticut Public Health Association, ARC of Connecticut, The Connection, Inc. (a Connecticut behavioral health treatment agency), local Health Departments, federally-qualified community health centers, and nonprofits serving clients with health, mental health, and substance abuse needs.

**1989-1991 Mayor, City of Middletown, CT**

Responsibilities: Served as Chief Executive and Administrative Officer of a municipality with 500+ employees and an annual operating budget of \$64 million. Developed and administered the city budget. Presided over and worked with an elected 12 member City Council. Oversaw all city agencies, included the Health Department, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Water and Sewer, Conservation, Aging, Human Relations, Tax Assessment and Collection. Approved the budget proposed by the Board of Education of the local school district. Held a seat on the local Board of Health. Represented the city in the media, and before all local, state, and national entities. Represented the city in dealings with bond rating agencies.

**1978-1989 State Representative, Connecticut House of Representatives**

Responsibilities: Served as Deputy Majority Leader, Chairperson for four years of the Joint Committee on Public Health, and Chairperson of the Appropriations Subcommittees on Health and Hospitals, and Human Services, overseeing total appropriations in excess of \$1 billion, including health, mental health, developmental disabilities, addiction disorders, and Medicaid expenditures. Supervised committee clerks and interns, and directed the activities of

nonpartisan fiscal, legal, and research staff. Appropriated Federal Maternal and Child Health and Preventive Health Block Grants. Provided leadership in the development and funding of community health and mental health initiatives. Appointed to the joint Executive/Legislative State of Connecticut Finance Advisory Committee, which consisted of the Governor, state fiscal agency leadership, and legislative leadership. Oversaw a planning initiative for the state Veteran's Home and Hospital. Other areas of focus included hospital regulation, long term care, infant health, prescription drug assistance, tobacco use, mental health, developmental disabilities, and environmental protection. Recognized by over two dozen organizations for outstanding legislative service.

**1977-1978      Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA)**

Responsibilities: Served as a paralegal assigned to Connecticut Legal Services providing outreach and legal assistance to low-income elders with health, housing, and welfare needs, including SSI and Medicaid. Represented clients in Fair Hearings before state agencies, and in landlord/tenant, consumer, and other matters.

**1976-1977      President and Director, People's Action for Clean Energy (PACE), Inc.**

Responsibilities: Served as leader of a volunteer, nonprofit clean energy research and advocacy organization started in 1973 and still in operation. Facilitated the work of several dozen volunteers located in six chapters throughout the state of Connecticut.

**Education**

1975              B.A. Wesleyan University, magna cum laude

**Other Public Service**

Member, National Advisory Council, SAMHSA Center for Mental Health Services, 4- year term, 2013-2017

Justice of the Peace, Middletown, CT, 1976-2001

**Selected Volunteer Nonprofit Board/Steering Committee Service**

Board of Directors, Jerome Golden Center Foundation, 2011-present

Board of Directors, Jerome Golden Center for Behavioral Health, West Palm Beach, FL, 2007-present

Board of Directors (Vice-President), Texans Care for Children, Inc., Austin TX, 2002-2005

Board of Directors, National Association of Child Advocates, Inc., Washington DC, 2000-2001

Board of Directors, The Connection, Inc., Middletown CT, 1999-2001

Member, Parish Council, St. Pius RC Church, Middletown CT, 1999-2001

Director (Coordinator), Rev. Paul Piechocki CYO Basketball/Cheerleading League, 1999-2001

Board of Directors (Treasurer), Connecticut Center for School Change, Inc., Hartford CT, 1998-2001

Steering Committee (Co-Chair), Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Project, Baltimore MD, 1998-2001

Board of Directors, His Dwelling Place, Middletown CT, 1994-95  
Board of Directors, Connecticut Legal Services, Inc., Middletown CT, 1988-89  
Board of Directors, Community Action for Greater Middletown, Inc., 1982-84  
Board of Directors (President), People's Action for Clean Energy, Inc., Canton CT, 1976-2000

### **Other**

Community Board Member, JFK Health Center, Atlantis FL, 2006-2010  
Advisory Panel, Connecticut Viewpoint, CT Public Broadcasting, 1987-1990  
Corporator, Middlesex Hospital, Middletown CT, 1979-2000  
Member, Rockfall Corporation, 1975-2000  
Member, Russell Library Company, 1973-2000

### **Professional Memberships**

Member, Florida Public Health Association, 2011-2014  
Member, Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County, 2009-present  
Member, American Public Health Association, 1988-2004

### **Selected Honors and Awards**

- Past listings in: Marquis Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the East, Who's Who in Medicine and Health, and Who's Who in American Politics
- Service Awards from People's Action for Clean Energy, the Rev. Paul Piechocki CYO Basketball League, and the Connecticut Department of Health (for volunteer service to nursing homes)
- Connecticut General Assembly Citation (for child advocacy)
- Connecticut Public Health Association Ira Hiscock Consumer Award
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Communities in Charge "Muscle Beach Award," for the community with the highest level of achievement in the Communities in Charge Program.
- Outstanding Legislative Service Awards from the Connecticut Maternal and Child Health Coalition, the American Association on Mental Deficiency, Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, the Connecticut Association for Human Services, the Connection, Inc., the Rushford Center, the Connecticut Citizen Action Group, Connecticut Citizens Concerned with Convalescent Care, the Connecticut Dental Hygienists Association, the Connecticut Association of Nonprofits, the Connecticut Lung Association, the Connecticut Council of Community Mental Health Centers, the Caucus of Connecticut Democrats, the Connecticut Coalition on Aging, Connecticut Junior Leagues, and the Connecticut Psychological Association.

### **Publications**

#### **Book:**

**Author, Losing Tim: How Our Health and Education Systems Failed My Son with Schizophrenia, Columbia University Press: October 2014)**

**Articles:**

**Author**, “Let’s Take a More Comprehensive Approach to Mental Health Systems Reform in 2015, Beginning with Children,” Guest Blog, *Health Affairs*, May 2015

**Author**, “A Mother’s Plea,” *Health Affairs*, 34, no.1 (2015):185 (January 2015)

**Author**, “Mental Health Reform: Treating Before Stage 4,” Guest Blog, *Health Affairs*, August 2014

**Author**, “Peer Support Programs Offer a Golden Opportunity for Funders to Affect Delivery of Behavioral Health Services,” Guest Blog, *Health Affairs*, October 30, 2013

**Author**, “Break the Chain of Neglect for People with Mental Illness,” Op Edit, *Hartford Courant*, December 30, 2012, syndicated and reprinted in the *Dallas Morning News*, the *Arizona Daily Star*, the *Lawrence (KS) Journal World*, the *Las Vegas Sun*, the *Kansas City Star*, the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, the *Youngstown (OH) Vindicator*, the *Chattanooga Times Free Press*, and the *Tulsa World*.

**Author**, “What Funders Can Do in the Aftermath of the Tragedy in Sandy Hook, Connecticut,” Guest Blog, *Health Affairs*, December 2012

**Author**, “My Son Is Schizophrenic. The ‘Reforms’ That I Worked For Have Worsened His Life,” *Washington Post*, October 15, 2012

**Author**, “How I Helped Create a Flawed Mental Health System That’s Failed Millions – And My Son,” *Health Affairs*, 31, no. 9 (2012) 2138-2142 (September 2012)

**Author**, “Is Foundation Funding of Environmental Health the Answer to a Challenge to Prevention in the Supreme Court ACA Ruling?” Challenging the Policy of Disdain for Chronically Homeless People,” Guest Blog, *Health Affairs*, August 2012

**Author**, “Challenging the Policy of Disdain for Chronically Homeless People,” Guest Blog, *Health Affairs*, February 2012

**Author**, “Foundations Can Drive Investments in Public Health Infrastructure,” Guest Blog, *Health Affairs*, September 2011

**Author**, “Fighting Mental Illness: A Call to Action for Foundations,” Guest Blog, *Health Affairs*, April 2011

**Author**, “Opportunity Knocking: Under Health Reform, Foundations Can Help Increase Access to Care,” Guest Blog, *Health Affairs*, December 2010

**Co-Author**, *HIV Prevention Evaluation Training Manual*, Connecticut Department of Public Health, 1998

**Co-Author**, “Development of a Community Wide Clinical Data Base for Children’s Primary Care with Public Health Utility,” National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics, 1995

**Co-Author**, “Development of a Comprehensive City-Wide Data Base with Computer Linkages among Pediatric Primary Care Sites,” National Association of Health Data Organizations, 1994

**Author**, “Development of a System of Comprehensive Primary Care Services for All Children,” Connecticut Department of Public Health and Addiction Services, 1993

**Co-author**, “Hard Choices in Hard Times, Guidelines for Decision Makers in Health and Human Services,” Milbank Memorial Fund, 1991

**Author**, “The Burden of Nuclear Power,” Connecticut Journal of Science Education, vol. 15, no. 2, 1978

### **Selected Lectures and Presentations**

**Presentation**, “B4Stage4: Shifting to a Culture of Prevention, Early Intervention, Integration, and Recovery,” 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Together Against Stigma Conference, San Francisco, CA, February 2015

**Keynote Presentation**, “Losing Tim: Mental Health Policy Decisions That Failed My Son,” MHA East Tennessee Fall Psychiatric Symposium, November 2014

**Keynote Presentation**, “Mental Health Advocacy: Why Narrative Matters,” New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Fall Conference, October 2014

**Keynote Presentation**, “How I Helped Create a Flawed Mental Health System – and What We Can Do About It,” Essex County NJ Mental Health Coalition 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Breakfast, Mental Health Association of Essex County, October 2013

**Keynote Presentation**, “Raising Tim – Back to the Future,” DESC Annual Gala, Seattle WA, October 2013

**Presentation**, “What Now: The Impact of 2013 Florida Health Policy Decisions,” Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County, June 2013

**Presentation**, “Integrating Primary and Behavioral Health Care through Early Identification of Behavioral Health Problems in Children and Adults,” (co-presenter with Pam Gionfriddo), Mental Health America Annual Meeting, June 2013

**Presentation**, “How Policy Failures Lead to Homelessness and Ill Health, and How We Can Repaint the Picture,” Middlesex (CT) County Coalition on Housing and Homelessness, May 2013

**Presentation**, “My Son Has Schizophrenia: The Reforms I Worked For Worsened His Life,” National Conference for Community Behavioral Health, April 2013

**Lecture**, “Raising Tim: Our Mental Health Policy Mistakes and the Price My Son Paid,” Lieber Institute for Brain Development, Baltimore, MD, March 2013

**Keynote Presentation**, “Breaking the Chain of Neglect,” Fourth Street Clinic (Salt Lake City, Utah) Annual Dinner, March 2013

**Presentation**, “Raising Tim,” North Carolina Hospital Association Winter Meeting, February, 2013

**Presentation**, “What the ACA Medicaid Expansion Ruling Means for the States,” Mental Health America Annual Meeting, September 2012

**Presentation**, “The ACA Medicaid Expansion and the Supreme Court Ruling,” Mental Health America Affiliate Member Webinar, August 2012

**Keynote Presentation**, “The Future of Public Health,” Florida Association of Public Health Nurses, September 2011

**Presentation**, “Public Health Policy in an Era of Reform: Have We Lost the Policy War for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion?” University of Arizona Zuckerman College of Public Health, October 2010

**Keynote Presentation**, “A Father’s Perspective on his Son’s Mental Illness,” Oakwood Center of the Palm Beaches Annual Luncheon, December 2007

**Presentation**, “Collaborating for Health Care Access,” Palm Beach County Health Department, 2007

**Presentation**, “The ALL-Care Shared Health Record System,” Cerner National Conference, 2006

**Presentation**, “Building Community Care Safety Nets through Shared Electronic Health Records,” National Health Policy Forum, 2005

**Presentation**, “Improving Clinical Planning and Outcomes through Collaborative Information Technology,” HRSA HCAP Annual Meeting, 2004

**Presentation**, “Communicating Public Health,” 13<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Chronic Disease Prevention and Control, 1998

**Presentation**, “Public Health in an Era of Change,” Convocation Keynote, Graduate Program in Public Health, University of Connecticut, 1995

**Presentation**, “Building a Citywide Clinical Information Network for Continuity and Coordination in Ambulatory Pediatric Care,” American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, 1994

**Presentation**, “Information for Program and Policy Decision Making,” National Center for Health Statistics Executive Staff Meeting, 1993



**Presentation**, “Laying the Context for State and Local Child Health Activities,” Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 1990

**Lecture**, “Connecticut’s State of Health,” University of Connecticut School of Medicine, 1988

**Interviewer**, “Ensuring Death with Dignity,” Portfolio of State Issues, vol. 5, no. 1, 1988

**Presentation**, “Transracial Adoption and Infant Health,” Yale University, 1986

**Essay and Presentation**, “Observations on Health Promotion Public Policy,” *The New England Conference on Health Promotion and Illness Prevention*, Erna Yaffe Foundation, 1985

**Lecture**, “Legislative History: The Good, the Band, and the ‘Ughly,’” Boston College Law School, 1983, 1984, 1985

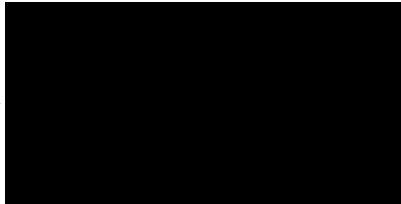
**Committee on Energy and Commerce**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
 Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"  
 Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

<b>1. Your Name: Paul Gionfriddo</b>		
<b>2. Your Title: President and Chief Executive Officer</b>		
<b>3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: Mental Health America</b>		
<b>4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?</b>	Yes	No X
<p><b>5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2013. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed.</b></p> <p><b>Department of Health and Human Services</b></p> <p><b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services. PPHF Cooperative Agreement to Support Navigators in Federally-facilitated and State Partnership Exchanges. NAVCA130045-01-01. August 15, 2013 – November 15, 2014, \$1,231,445</b></p> <p><b>Pass-through from Policy Research. Inc via SAMHSA: Statewide Consumer Network Contract. HHSS280200900006C. 9/15/2012-9/14/2013 and 9/15/2013-9/14/2014. \$240,000.</b></p> <p><b>Pass-through from University of South Florida via NIMH: Mental Health Research Grants. 5820-1177-00-D. 7/1/2014-11/30/2014. \$38,575.</b></p> <p><b>Pass-through from NASMHPD via SAMHSA. Technical Assistance Coalition (TAC). HHSS28320120021I. 9/16/2013-9/15/2014, 9/16/2014-9/15/2015. \$99,830.</b></p> <p><b>Pass-through from Cabezon via SAMHSA. Logistical Support Services for SAMHSA: Office of Policy, Planning, and Innovation. HHSS28320120064I. 6/18/2014 – 9/20/2014. \$25,000.</b></p> <p><b>Department of Education</b></p> <p><b>Pass-through from Temple University. National Institute on Disability and</b></p>		

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\$40,000.**

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