

Biographies of Speakers:

Marguerite Schervish

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Marguerite joined CMS in July 2002. Her area of concentration in the Division of Integrated Health Systems within the Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group is to process states' applications for §1115 demonstration programs. She is a member of the CMS "Self-Direction" Cross – Cutting Team. Prior to coming to CMS, Marguerite was the State Long Term Care Ombudsman in Michigan, where she was responsible for systemic and legislative advocacy on behalf of elders in long-term care settings. She has also worked as a Staff Attorney at the Legal Aid & Defender Association of Detroit and at Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service (MPAS). At MPAS, she handled litigation and administrative hearings on many disability-related issues including special education, barrier-free design and nursing home conditions.

Jackie Golden

DB Consulting Group, Inc

Jackie Golden, a Project Director for DB Consulting Group, Inc. Jackie oversees the Self Direction Education Project. Jackie is the former executive director for Inclusion Research Institute located in Washington, DC. Jackie is also a parent of two children with disabilities. Jackie's daughter lives with bi-polar and attention deficit disorder and her son has Angelman Syndrome/. Jackie is a former Joseph P. Kennedy Parent Public Policy Fellow and served her fellowship with the U.S. Senate as staff on the Special Committee on Aging under the leadership of Senator Charles Grassley (R-Iowa). She was the assistant director with the National Parent Network on Disabilities also located in Washington, DC. Jackie is a national leader and also promotes Self-determination through the Center for Self-Determination. Jackie is the former chair of the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council.

Michael Hlebechuk

Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Real Choice Systems Change Grant Coordinator

Michael Hlebechuk coordinates the projects and activities of the FY 2001 Real Choice Systems Change Grant that is administered by Oregon's Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services. These projects and activities are designed to promote consumer self-determination through the creation of improved housing opportunities, training, and the demonstration of self-directed mental health services and supports.

Mr. Hlebechuk has been involved in consumer/survivor advocacy for over 15 years. He is a past director of Oregon's Office of Consumer Technical Assistance, a consumer-run program that provided training, technical assistance, and financial support to Oregon's consumer-directed organizations and initiatives. From 2000 to 2002, Michael coordinated Oregon's largest consumer-operated drop-in center and was the lead instructor and coordinator of a peer advocate training program. In 1987, Michael was elected the first President of the Board of Mind Empowered, Inc., Oregon's first publicly funded consumer-run mental health agency.