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ICH Board Member Profile: Derri Shtasel, MD MPH

Derri Shtasel, MD, MPH is the Executive Director of the Kraft Family National Center for Leadership and Training in Community Health, Director of the Division of Public and Community Psychiatry at the Massachusetts General Hospital, and an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the Harvard Medical School. She has dedicated her psychiatric career to providing direct clinical care for underserved and marginalized patients, teaching medical students and psychiatry residents, providing clinical, administrative and educational leadership at academic institutions, and creating academic-community collaborations as a platform for integrated service delivery models.

A graduate of Swarthmore College, Dr. Shtasel completed her medical training at Temple University School of Medicine and residency training at New York University/Bellevue where she served as Chief Resident in Psychiatry. In addition, she completed a Masters in Public Health degree at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Dr. Shtasel was on the faculty at The University of Pennsylvania for approximately 15 years, holding a number of key leadership positions that worked to strengthen partnerships between academia and the community. More recently, Dr. Shtasel was the Chief of Adult Psychiatry at the Cambridge Health Alliance, a major safety

net hospital and among the largest providers of mental health and substance abuse services in Massachusetts, and Harvard's public sector teaching hospital.

In 2009 Dr. Shtasel joined the Massachusetts General Hospital Department of Psychiatry to lead their new Division of Public and Community Psychiatry. In this position she focuses on strengthening relationships among community providers and hospital-based programs, enhancing resident and medical student education in community psychiatry, and increasing access to care for underserved populations. In 2012 Dr. Shtasel was appointed Executive Director of the Kraft Family National Center for Leadership and Training in Community Health. The Kraft Center is committed to increasing access to healthcare for vulnerable populations through creating new career paths for the next generation of community health leaders and providers.

Dr. Shtasel is a recipient of an Exemplary Psychiatrist Award from the National Alliance for the Mentally III (NAMI) and has been named a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

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