
Mary B. Tierney

Education

Residency	Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital
Residency	Children's National Medical Center
M.D.	University of Minnesota
B.A.	Marquette University

Professional Credentials and Certifications

Board Certified Pediatrician, American Board of Pediatrics

Honors and Awards

Member of the Subcommittee on Community Effects of Uninsured Populations, Committee on the Consequences of Uninsurance, Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences American Academy of Pediatrics, Achievement Award for Exemplifying the Ideas of the American Academy of Pediatrics, 1998
Member of the American Medical Association's National Advisory Committee on Adolescent Health

Present Position

Senior Research Analyst, American Institutes for Research (AIR)

Responsible for directing projects, providing technical assistance on diverse subjects pertaining to health services research including health care financing/health insurance specializing in Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance (SCHIP), primary care, developing primary care and mental health linkages.

Professional Experience

Project Director, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) (NIH) (2007)

Led the project to assist NHLBI to issue the new evidence-based guidelines for asthma diagnosis and treatment issued nationally in 2008.

Project Director, Health in Action, AIR (August 2003–Present)

The Health in Action program is sponsored by AIR. It provides comprehensive health education services for elementary school children and their families that are underserved. The topics include obesity prevention entitled Food, Fitness and Fun, through teaching healthy nutrition and exercise. It also includes an advocacy guide that will enable activist to make systems changes in the schools and communities.

Project Director, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Medicaid Support for Community-Based Mental Health Services), AIR (January 2003–April 2005)

Provided oversight and editorial authority for the development of the nine policy papers on the use of Medicaid to encourage funding of mental health services at the community level. Served as co-author on three of the policy papers. Directed the preparation and completion of a Medicaid Mental Health Services Guide for consumers. Provided State-specific technical assistance to eight States on the various topics that are addressed in the policy papers.



Resource Specialist, Technical Assistance Partnership for Child and Family Mental Health (February 2002–Present)

Provide technical assistance (TA) to Mental Health System of Care SAMHSA funded sites. The responsibilities include providing TA on Medicaid and EPSDT, State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and Title V/Maternal and Child Health Block Grant funding and linking and aligning primary care with mental health systems of care.

AIR Project Lead for a Contract with Health Management Associates for the Indiana State Medicaid Agency (2006)

Research on evidence-based or best practices for children and adolescents who are admitted to mental health hospitals and to recommend practices that are community-based and can avoid institutionalization, reduce recidivism, decrease lengths of stay, have more effective therapy at the least restrictive environment and to develop valuable systems of mental health care that can be reimbursed by Medicaid.

Director, Medicine and Public Health Initiative, American Public Health Association (2000–2002)

Responsible for providing overall direction for the Initiative to develop synergies between the practice of medicine and public health including policy development.

Chair, Pediatrics, DC Health and Hospitals, Public Benefit Corporation (1999–2000)

As Department Chair, directed efforts to assure the quality of care provided by The Department of Pediatrics, administered of a budget of \$3 million, taught medical students and pediatric residents, and provided patient care.

Medical Director, Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Inc. (1994–1999)

Developed and coordinated comprehensive health and behavioral health program funded through a Medicaid Federal Demonstration project (1115 Waiver) for children and adolescents ages birth through 21 years. Operationalized requirements of the waiver, the DC Medicaid State agency including EPSDT. Other responsibilities included: interpreting Medicaid statutory requirements; monitoring quality and implementing a system of care for enrollees and their families.

Chief, Office of Medical Affairs for Social Services, Government of the District of Columbia, Commission of Public Health (1990–1994)

As Chief of the Office of Medical Affairs for Social Services, provided overall oversight of the health care provided to developmentally disabled residents, detained and committed youth who are residents of juvenile justice facilities.

Associate Medical Director, Chesapeake Health Plan of Baltimore, Maryland (1983–1989)

Assisted in the implementation of a Federal Medicaid Demonstration program (1115 Waiver) It was a program for managed care for people who were Medicaid eligible through AFDC. Additional responsibilities included administration and patient care.

Director, Department of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing Administration, Office of Child Health (1978–1981)

Directed the Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program for 10 million Medicaid-eligible children and adolescents in the United States. Provided direction and leadership for the program including quality and financing issues. Responsible for the development and implementation of the Federal regulations and guidelines for EPSDT. The EPSDT regulation and guidelines have extensive requirement for State Medicaid agencies on screening, diagnosis, and treatment of physical, developmental and mental health conditions and coordination with other programs.