

DOUG WIRTH - BIO

Since 2006, Doug Wirth has served as President and CEO of *Amida Care*, a Medicaid Special Needs health Plan (SNP) in New York City that is producing extraordinary outcomes. *Amida Care* is a safety-net, FQHC/CHC provider sponsored, health plan that serves Medicaid eligible persons in NYC who have chronic conditions like HIV, SMIs and SUDs, or who are homeless, or at significant risk for HIV. Under Doug's leadership the plan grew from an 8% to a remarkable 51% share of the Medicaid SNP market in NYC, with annual revenues toping \$450m.

Doug is also a national board member of the *Association of Community Affiliated Plans* (ACAP) – an alliance of 61 Safety Net Health Plans covering more than 20 million people through Medicaid, Medicare, Marketplaces and other public health coverage programs. In 2017, Doug joined the board of directors of the *RCHN Community Health Foundation*, which works exclusively to support the contributions of community health centers across the country.

Doug is an active contributor to health care policy and funding conversations at the national and local levels, including features in *Crain's Health Pulse*, *Politico*, *NPR*, *Gay City News* as well as op-eds in *The Hill* (*Obamacare Works – Just Ask Mike Pence*), in *Albany Times Union* (*Faso bill to cut Medicaid hurts most vulnerable citizens*) and in *Newsweek* (*Trumps Tax Reform will make America Poorer and Sicker*).

Previously, Doug was the Executive Director of *CommunityCare Partners* Medicaid health plan, which was affiliated with *Center Care* and sponsored by the *Ryan Community Healthcare Network*. Doug also served as a Senior Health Policy Advisor to New York City Mayors David Dinkins and Rudy Giuliani, where he oversaw the community planning process that led to binding recommendations for \$100 million in annual federal Ryan White funding to NYC. Doug is the former Board Chair of the *New York AIDS Coalition*, former Senior Faculty Member of the *American Psychological Association's HOPE Project* and former Director of Public Policy/Government Relations at the *Coalition of Behavioral Health Agencies*.

Prior to coming east, Mr. Wirth ran two homeless shelters and three housing programs in Green Bay, Wisconsin, where he successfully co-located a meal/food pantry program, with a work readiness project, as well as a satellite primary care clinic, outpatient mental health and substance use programs, and mobile HIV testing – all of which serve to inform and guide the mission, goals and operations of *Amida Care*.

Doug's life-work has focused on creating innovative programs and services to address intersectionality and overlapping issues of poverty, physical and behavioral health concerns, human sexuality, and cultural competency. He seeks to advance holistic/ integrative approaches to foster individual wellness, population and community health as well as social justice.

Education: MSW, Hunter College/CUNY BSW, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Recent Awards Include:

- 2021 • *City & State Health Power 100 Award* – NYC
- 2019 • *City & State Responsible 100, Nonprofit Power 100 & Pride Power 100 Awards* – NYC
- 2018 • *University of Wisconsin Distinguished Alumni Award* – WI
- 2018 • *Association of Community Affiliated Plans (ACAP) Advantage Award* – Washington DC
- 2017 • *City & State and New York Nonprofit Media PRIDE Award* – NYC
- 2016 • *Gay City News Impact Award* – NYC