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Daniel Brady, Ph.D., Executive Director, Douglas Gardens Community Mental Health Center



For over 30 years, Daniel Brady has been a significant participant in South Florida's efforts to meet the needs of frail older adults, the mentally ill, and the homeless. During that time he has served as the Executive Director of the Dade County Mental Health Board and, since 1980, as the Executive Director of the Douglas Gardens Community Mental Health Center, an affiliate of the Miami Jewish Home and Hospital at Douglas Gardens. Under his leadership the Center has developed a full range of community mental health services for the Miami Beach community and has implemented an innovative "Geriatric Residential and Treatment System (GRTS)" for seriously and persistently mentally ill older adults in the area.

Brady also serves as Executive Director of the Miami Jewish Home's PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) Center, Florida first and, at this time, only operational PACE organization in Florida. In addition, as Executive Director of Community Services for the Miami Jewish Home, he has oversight and development responsibility for a wide array of home and community-based services for the elderly, including Channeling (a highly successful Nursing Home Diversion Program), adult day care programs, and limited home care services.

Brady has earned a distinguished reputation with legislators and policy makers on the local, state and federal levels, who have come to admire his deeply-held conviction that the elderly and disabled populations have the greatest need for a strong voice and advocacy.

The Miami Jewish Home's COO, Fred Stock, who has known Brady for decades, says, "Dan Brady's commitment has been to serving the neediest people in our community, the forgotten ones, the chronically mentally ill, the substance abusers; people who have historically been neglected by society at large. The fact that he's been able to maintain his passion and resolve to do this work for over 30 years I find truly remarkable, especially given the environment of escalating governmental budget cuts and all the other stresses and issues he's had to struggle with. Most people couldn't take it. Someone like Dan is exceedingly rare."

Brady has a BSW and MSW from Florida State University, an MBA from Florida International University, and a Ph.D. from

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Barry University. He has maintained his academic interests and currently serves as an adjunct professor at Florida International University School of Social Work, Barry University School of Social Work and the University of Miami, School of Medicine.

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