

Faculty Bio



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James H. Berry, DO is associate professor and Vice Chair of the Department of Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry at West Virginia University School of Medicine and the Director of Addictions. He has a secondary appointment with the Department of Neurosciences. He received his medical degree from Michigan State University, completed a General Psychiatry residency at West Virginia University and an Addiction Psychiatry fellowship at the University of Hawaii. He is board certified in both General Psychiatry and Addiction Psychiatry. Dr. Berry and his colleagues at WVU developed an innovative Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) group-based model for Opioid Use Disorder nationally recognized as the "West Virginia Model" He currently oversees a statewide mentoring project to train primary care clinicians how to practice evidence-based substance use disorder treatment in their local communities. He participates in the development of medical board questions as a member of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology's Addiction Psychiatry Examination Committee and as a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties, Safety in Opioid Prescribing Item Bank Development Committee. In addition, he is a member of the Academy for Integrating Behavioral Health and Primary Care's National Integrational Academy Council. He is a proud recipient of the WVU School of Medicine Distinguished Teacher Award. He has enjoyed advocating on behalf of those suffering from mental illness and addiction at local town hall meetings and state legislative sessions highlighting the nature of the disease and the hope of recovery. He has appeared in interviews with local, state and national media sources such as PBS's NOVA, Politico, NPR and the Huffington Post.