

## Introducing the New Suicide Prevention Coordinators for VA New Jersey Healthcare System



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Ms. Tanya Kero is the Suicide Prevention Coordinator at the Lyons campus of VA New Jersey Health Care System. Prior to joining the Suicide Prevention Team, Ms. Kero was the Director of Quality Management/Training for school based mental health services for a company serving New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. Ms. Kero has practiced in the field of behavioral health and addictions for over 25 years. Her roles have included being the Coordinator/Director of Outpatient Services at Princeton House Behavioral Health, serving as an expert witness, working as a medical social worker, community work with the SPMI population, and contracting with residential/vocational rehabilitation programs to provide clinical supervision. She has developed specialized outpatient programming, including developing the first young adult PHP/IOP in New Jersey. Ms. Kero obtained her undergraduate degree in Social Work with a Minor in Gerontology from Stockton University and the Master of Social Work from Temple University. She is currently licensed as a clinical social worker in three states.



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Mr. Bradley Jacobs is the Suicide Prevention Coordinator at the East Orange campus of VA New Jersey Health Care System. Prior to joining the Suicide Prevention Team, Mr. Jacobs was the Director of Practice Innovation at Services for the Underserved. Before that he was the Director of The Center for Rehabilitation & Recovery where he provided overall guidance and administration to a team delivering training and technical assistance focused on promoting person-centered and recovery-oriented services to behavioral health agencies in and around New York City. Mr. Jacobs has over 20 years experience delivering and promoting behavioral health services that support participant choice and enhance recovery, health and wellbeing, including working at providing alternative sentencing options for people with behavioral health issues who come into contact with the criminal justice system. He has worked in various social service, research, and nonprofit settings, and has extensive experience as an instructor and public speaker in best practices in behavioral health. Mr. Jacobs obtained his MSW from the NYU School of Social Work.