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## **Opioids in Primary Care Journey to Recovery**

### **Jim Mercuri, MSW, LCSW**

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Jim Mercuri has 15 years of experience as a clinical social worker in a variety of settings, including an inpatient hospital setting, community mental health clinic, and specialty clinics. He is currently Director of Behavioral Science at UPMC St. Margaret Family Medicine Residency Program. He previously served as Program Manager of the Integrated Behavioral Health Program at St. Margaret's. His expertise is in the efficient and effective treatment of chronically ill individuals in the community by assembling a multidisciplinary team. Jim has served on the Employee Retention Committee, UPMC Corporate Care Management Social Work Forum, the Ethics Committee, the Collaborative Practice Counsel, as a Facilitator of the Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, and with the Community Hospital Needs Assessment. Jim received his MSW from the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work and his BS from Lancaster Bible College.

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Justin Thiry graduated with a master's degree in social work from the University of Pittsburgh in 2019. He concentrated in direct practice and was in the first cohort of the Edith Baker Integrated Behavioral Healthcare Fellowship. Prior to and during his time at Pitt, Justin worked full-time as a drug and alcohol (D & A) counselor at The Harbor Light Center, a male inpatient treatment facility. His field education experience included outpatient D & A at Jade Wellness Center and inpatient hospital-based treatment on the Addiction Medicine Unit at UPMC McKeesport. After graduation, Justin left his position as counselor at Harbor Light to accept a role as a social worker on the Addiction Medicine Unit at McKeesport. He recently accepted a new role as the senior social worker leading the social services team. He currently works with patients in the early stages of treatment including detox and rehab in the hospital. Patients are diagnosed with a wide range of

SUDs and most have co-occurring mental illness. Medication Assisted Treatment is an integral part of his current work as well. D & A, addiction, and recovery have always been passions for Justin, and he continues to do work he believes is desperately needed among an underserved and stigmatized population.