

# LORI DOYLE

## *2025 Distinguished Service Award*

When it comes to behavioral health policy in the state of Maryland, no one has a larger footprint than **Lori Doyle**. For over 30 years Ms. Doyle shaped the delivery of public mental health and substance use care, as chief operating officer for Mosaic Community Services (now part of Sheppard Pratt) and as public policy director for the Community Behavioral Health Association of Maryland (CBH), an organization that currently represents over 85 community behavioral health providers serving jurisdictions across the state.

It is impossible to point to one defining moment in a career full of them. Ms. Doyle's leadership in the late 1990s helped guide the establishment of Maryland's public mental health carve out and she has advocated successfully since then to protect and preserve the positive elements of the state's public behavioral health system of care. Ms. Doyle's wisdom, political acumen and tenacious advocacy resulted in numerous policy and budgetary advances over the decades including passage of the 2017 Keep the Door Open Act, which provided a multiyear funding commitment for community behavioral health care at a pivotally important time. Ms. Doyle's efforts have placed Maryland on a path to a more value-based and patient-centered care delivery system and she has led efforts to preserve funding for community services in the face of budget threats too numerous to list.

Ms. Doyle has raised the profile of those working in the community mental health field and ensured that those in power recognize the importance of the services and supports these individuals provide day in and day out. She has approached her advocacy with an eye toward ensuring access to care for the hundreds of thousands of Marylanders of all ages who receive public mental health and substance use services, and her efforts have contributed to making Maryland's public behavioral health system one of the best in the nation.

