

## **MH-RITES Center Advisory Board**

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Rena Vania Tomczak joined Mental Health America (MHA) of Greater Houston as its new President | CEO in July 2018. In her former role as CEO of MHA of Northwest Indiana she led an organization of 80 paraprofessionals primarily focused on prevention and early intervention efforts working with vulnerable families with children ages 0-5. She also served as Chief Planning & Development Officer at a community mental health center where she led efforts in the development of a 60-unit permanent support housing project, based on the Housing First model, to serve the needs of the chronically mentally ill. Overall, she has more than 15 years of executive level non-profit leadership experience and 10 years of entrepreneurial business experience, as well as 5 years as an independent consultant to non-profit organizations. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Communications/Public Relations from Purdue University and an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University, and is a certified Continuous Quality Improvement trainer. Rena sits on the national MHA affiliate relations committee. She is a co-founder of the Indiana MHA Executive Roundtable and a former member of the Healthy Families Indiana Think Tank, Lake County (IN) Systems of Care Consortium, and Indiana Balance of State Continuum of Care board to reduce the homelessness. In 2017, Rena was named a Northwest Indiana Influential Woman, Nonprofit.