

Mr. Patton will present on the challenges in meeting the needs of adults with serious mental illnesses and children with serious emotional disturbances. Special emphasis will be on the rationing of mental health services that will have to continue given limited public and private resources and its impact on the health of population in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and beyond.

Frontline Prescription for Meeting Unlimited Need with Limited Resources

Jeff Patton

*Chief Executive Officer
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Mr. Jeff Patton has a distinguished public service career in public, community, and mental health. He is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Integrated Services of Kalamazoo (ISK), formerly known as Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (KCMHSAS), a public county-sponsored community mental health services authority he has been leading since 2001. His prior positions include director or deputy director of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Bureau of Community and Hospital Services, and a number of other departments, hospitals, and programs at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. In the 1980s, he served as the Executive Director of the Family Health Center, Inc., in Kalamazoo.



A resident of Kalamazoo County, Mr. Patton serves on various boards and volunteer positions including as Chair of the Board of Trustees at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. His professional recognitions include Champion of Behavioral Healthcare (Vendome Group, 2011), Friend of Mental Health (Board of Directors of the Community Network Services in Oakland County, 2011), National Advisory Council member for the Center for Mental Health Services (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2016-2020) United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administrator of the Year (National Alliance on Mental Illness, 2018), and Outstanding College/Corporate Partnership Award (American Association of Community Colleges, 2019).

Mr. Patton holds a Master of Social Work degree from Western Michigan University.

Date: February 12, 2020

Place: 1910 Sangren Hall

Refreshments at 5 p.m.

Talk from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.

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Upcoming talks: **March 11**—Laura Lam, City of Kalamazoo
April 8—Felicia DeHaney, W.K. Kellogg Foundation