

Bio of Debra Hurwitz, MBA, BSN, RN, CTC-RI Executive Director



With 46 years of experience in healthcare, Debra Hurwitz is a leader in health system transformation, population health, and health policy. A graduate of UMass Dartmouth College of Nursing, she began her career as a cancer research nurse at Stanford University Medical Center. After earning her MBA from URI, she served as a nurse consultant for the Hospital Association of RI and later as Director of State Health Policy Analysis at UMass Medical School, focusing on Medicaid and mental health programs and policy. As Executive Director of the Care Transformation Collaborative of RI, Debra oversees a multi-payer initiative engaging over 800 primary care providers, impacting more than 750,000 Rhode Islanders. Her leadership has helped achieve one of the highest rates of NCQA recognition for primary care in the nation. Additionally, she serves as a teaching associate at Brown University, Warren Alpert Medical School continuing to inspire future leaders in healthcare.