

## Bob Harvey

Bob Harvey is the founding director of Independence Center. Bob has extensive experience in the mental health field working with veterans, those with severe mental illness in hospital settings, and at Fountain House in New York where he learned about the Clubhouse Model. Bob firmly believes in the power of work "as the glue that binds us to society". During his time as Founding Director, he grew the organization to include starting the transitional employment program, the apartment program, building Newstead Place, the apartments at Sarah & Laclede, the Holtwood apartments, and the apartments in Maplewood. Bob started the first in-house wellness program, and, before he retired, helped plan to acquire the Center's current site. Bob sought and achieved accreditation from CARF, the first Clubhouse to achieve it. Bob has his Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling from Boston University. He is an Army veteran. He now is a working actor and lives in St. Louis, MO.