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Karen's primary research interest is service delivery strategies for older adults with serious mental illnesses and chronic health conditions. Karen is using community-engaged research methods to develop and implement peer-supported mobile health intervention. Karen has received numerous awards in recognition of her work: NIMH K01 award (K01MH117496), a NARSAD Young Investigator Grants from the Brain and Behavior Foundation, the Alvin R. Tarlov & John E. Ware Jr. Award in Patient-Reported Outcomes, and the AGESW Faculty Achievement Award from the Gerontological Society of America. Karen served on the International Standards Advisory Committee to develop the first-ever international accreditation standards for behavioral health care for older adults. Karen's work has appeared in numerous book chapters on digital peer support and in *Nature*, *Psychiatric Services*, and *Forbes Magazine*. Karen is currently editor of the *Journal of Participatory Medicine*, serves as a board member of the National Association of Peer Supporters, sits on the International Editorial Board for the *British Journal of Social Work*, and is a member of the American Psychiatric Association's Smartphone App Expert Advisory Panel. Karen is also on the development team for digital peer support certification and a trainer for certification. (For more information, visit <http://digitalpeersupport.org/>.) Karen's academic credentials include a doctorate in social welfare and a master's degree in social work.

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