

Shelly Virva Biography

Michele (Shelly) Virva, LMSW CSW is a clinical social worker specializing in treating addiction, co-occurring disorders and complex care patients. She is currently the Associate Clinical Director for Online Education at the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers. Prior to this she worked for Network180, a regional community mental health agency, in partnership with Spectrum Health Medical Group at the Center for Integrative Medicine (CIM). Located in Grand Rapids, MI. CIM is a fully integrated physical and behavioral medicine ambulatory ICU clinic specializing in the treatment of high frequency emergency department utilizers and complex care patients.

Shelly has earned her Bachelors of Arts in political science and a Masters of Social Work from Western Michigan University. She has extensive experience in the treatment of addiction and co-occurring disorders, pregnancy and addiction disorders, crisis intervention, integrated care, and treatment of complex care patients. She has strong interests in training/education, research and system development. She regularly provides in person training and consulting on the treatment of addiction and complex care patients. She was part of an interdisciplinary team tasked with integrating behavioral health into a multisite primary care group. She also has experience working with a large regional health plan in Michigan to incorporate medication assisted treatment into their benefit structure, and has coauthored the Michigan Medication Assistance Treatment Program Guidelines.