



**Laurie Hutcheson, MS**, *Executive Director of LBCA*, has been a leader in health care delivery system development and management for over 40 years. Her experience includes executive roles in Massachusetts health and human services agencies, and in behavioral health provider organizations. She also has consulted in the design and implementation of health care programs, both with her own consulting practice and with national health care consulting firms.

Laurie notes that she has been and always will be, first and foremost, an advocate. In each of her roles, Laurie has been passionate about ensuring that patients'/individuals' experiences and voice are solicited and heard. She has strived to ensure that whenever policies or programs are being developed, they are created in a way that is inclusive of the input of the people who are affected.

She joined LBCA as a volunteer following her diagnosis and treatment for invasive lobular carcinoma (ILC) in 2018, became LBCA's volunteer development director in October 2019, and took on the executive director role in May 2020. Laurie has committed to collaborating with other patient advocates, researchers and clinicians globally to raise awareness about ILC and to promote and fund vitally needed ILC research. Under her leadership, LBCA has become an independent public charity and has begun to make ILC grants directly to researchers.

Laurie is also a member of the Dana Farber/Harvard Cancer Center Breast Cancer Advocate group, a Komen Advocate in Science, a peer counselor with After Breast Cancer Diagnosis, and a board member of the National Breast Cancer Coalition. Committed to continually improving her understanding of breast cancer science and patient advocacy, she will be participating in the esteemed "Project Lead" breast cancer patient advocacy training in July. Laurie promises that LBCA will continue to shine a bright light on lobular breast cancer in effort to eradicate this sneaky disease.