



**Laurie Hutcheson, MS, ILC Patient Advocate & Executive Director of LBCA** has been a leader in health care program 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 has also consulted in the design, implementation, and evaluation of health care programs, with her own consulting practice and as a Fellow with the National Academy for State Health Policy.

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 input and address the concerns of all who are affected.

She joined LBCA as a volunteer following her diagnosis and treatment for invasive lobular carcinoma (ILC) in 2018. In May 2020, Laurie was invited and agreed, in lieu of retirement, to take over as LBCA's executive director. Laurie is committed to collaborating with patient advocates, scientists, and clinicians in the U.S. and 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 with the capacity to fund ILC research grants directly.

Laurie is also an active participant in the Dana Farber/Harvard Cancer Center Breast Cancer Advocate group, and Komen Advocates in Science. She is a Project Lead graduate, a peer counselor with After Breast Cancer Diagnosis, a member of the European Lobular Breast Cancer Consortium, and a member of the board of the National Breast Cancer Coalition. Laurie promises that LBCA will continue to shine a bright light on lobular breast cancer in effort to eradicate this sneaky disease and help end all breast cancers.