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Susan Friedlander, LCSW is the former Director of Community Integration and Wellness Services at the OMH New York City Field Office. Although her primary focus during her 30-year career with OMH has been psychiatric rehabilitation, her personal experience as a former smoker has led her to become a vocal advocate for addressing the devastating impact of tobacco use on people with serious mental illness. She is the lead developer of “Crushing Cravings”, a tobacco approach designed to engage individuals who are in pre-contemplation regarding cessation and has also developed tobacco-content for use in Peer Specialist training programs in collaboration with the NYS OMH Office of Consumer Affairs, the Academy of Peer Services and NYC Health & Hospitals. Susan received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Kenyon College and a Master of Social Work degree from New York University.