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Beacon Light's Board of Directors Approves Management Reorganization

Officials at Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems announced on Thursday the plan to reorganize its current management structure in order to simplify company service lines and promote effective communication strategies.

In order to meet this goal, the new management plan will include a distinct executive director for the individual service line they manage. The service lines include; residential services, community services and Ramsbottom Center.

The management plan includes the appointment of Nathan Gressel, VP/Executive Director of Residential Services, Rebecca Jensen, VP/Executive Director Community Services, and James Wiseman as the VP/Executive Director of Ramsbottom Center.

Nathan Gressel has worked in several areas of the agency's residential programs for the past 12 years, with his most recent position serving as Director of Residential Services. In his new role he will oversee all children's residential services in Bradford, Youngsville, and Towanda, PA as well as all education programs of the agency in Bradford, Warren, Port Allegany, and Towanda, PA.

Gressel holds a master's of Social Work degree from the University of Pittsburgh. His undergraduate degree is in Business Management and is also from the University of Pittsburgh. He resides in Corry, PA.

Rebecca Jensen has been appointed to her new post having worked in several agency programs for the past 25 years. She spent the past 12 years as the VP/Program Evaluation where she was responsible for Quality Management, Medical Records, Outcomes Information, Compliance, and Joint Commission Accreditation coordination.

Jensen will be responsible for all of the agency's community based programs for children and adults in McKean, Elk, Warren, and Forest counties. Some of the programs she will oversee include; outpatient clinical services, peer support, mobile medication management, psychiatric rehabilitation, and case management.

Jensen obtained her master's in Business Administration in Health Administration from the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center.

In addition to her MBA from the University of Colorado, Jensen holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Juniata College and a Master of Science degree in Counseling Psychology from Gannon University. She resides in Columbus, PA with her husband Brett and two sons, Jacob and Wyatt.

James Wiseman most recently held the position of Chief Operating Officer of the agency. He has more than 24 years of experience working with people in the mental health and developmentally disabled population. He has held the position of Director of Residential Services, which included Ramsbottom Center, and has been a member of the Senior Management Team of Beacon Light for the past 12 years.

In his new role, Wiseman will oversee the agency's adult residential programs including an Intermediate Care Facility, waiver home, and a home for women with mental health or developmental disabilities. Since it is expected that community residential homes will expand with the anticipation of more adults leaving or being diverted from State Hospital facilities, Wiseman will also be active in developing new programs to meet these needs. .

Wiseman holds a master's degree in Counseling Psychology from St. Bonaventure University in New York. His undergraduate work was completed at the Daemen College and Cazenovia College, where he earned degrees in Social Work and Human Services. Mr. Wiseman will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of all Ramsbottom Center activities. Wiseman lives in Bradford with his wife Nikki and two daughters and two stepsons.

Richard Seager, President/CEO, in making the announcement to the staff said "These changes are being conducted in an effort to help the organization be more responsive and effective in communication, problem solving, and management. The new management structure is made up of long term employees who have distinguished themselves as mental health professionals and advocates for excellence in the treatment of children and families, all qualities that are highly valued by our Board of Directors."

Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems is a non-profit Joint Commission Accredited Behavioral Health Agency employing more than 600 people and serving thousands adults, children and their families from across northern Pennsylvania annually. The agency offers a continuum of care including emergency shelter care, residential treatment, foster care, BHRS services, MR/DD residential placement, adult day services, outpatient clinics, partial programs; psychiatric rehabilitation, peer support, case management services, mobile medication, school-based behavioral health, and educational services.