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CENTER UPDATE

APRIL 2013

STAFF CHANGE ANNOUNCED

Michael Hamill, LSW, LPC, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at the Counseling Center, will be leaving his position with the Center in May after 35 years of service. Hamill originally joined the Counseling Center in 1977 as a crisis worker who assisted in assuring 24-hour access to mental health services in the local community. He subsequently was promoted to the position of Coordinator of Emergency Services, supervising a team of workers who continued to provide crisis care. He moved into his current position in 1988. As the Chief Operating Officer, Hamill has been responsible for oversight of the organiza-

tion's human resources, facilities, medical records, and support staff areas; and has served as Patient Rights Officer, assisted in staff training and orientation, and served as a member of the organization's Quality Assurance Committee. "Mike has a wealth of historical knowledge about the development and operation of our business that will be sorely missed," noted Susan Buchwalter, Counseling Center President/CEO. "He is the only person who has filled the position of Chief Operating Officer in the organization's entire history and his leaving will certainly leave a large vacuum that will be hard to fill."

THANKS TO UNITED WAY!

The Counseling Center thanks the United Way of Wayne and Holmes Counties for including the Center in its 2013 funding allocation. In 2013, United Way funds will help to support the Center's Counseling/ Psychotherapy program, the Psychiatric Services Program and the Parent Project. The Center also receives funds from Orrville United Way to support the operation of the Orrville office location.

STAFF ENHANCE CREDENTIALS

The Counseling Center is pleased to recognize Robert Wykoff, LPC, who has been credentialed as a Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor – Clinical Supervisor by the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board. Wykoff is a member of the Center's Adult Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment program staff and he is the leader of the Center's specialized program for adults with co-occurring severe mental illness and chemical dependency. In addition, Ryan Murphy, LPCC, Director of Emergency Services, has recently been awarded his supervision credential by the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board. This credential will allow Murphy to supervise counselors who are in training to achieve their own independent practice license.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Counseling Center has been approved to continue to offer continuing education credits for counselors and social workers by the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board. This status allows the organization to provide continuing education credit for staff and other members attending approved courses and workshops approved by the Center's internal Professional Development Committee. The approval is effective for two years.

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