

The Counseling Center of
Wayne & Holmes Counties
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CENTER UPDATE

AUGUST 2014

TRANSITIONS

At the July meeting of the Counseling Center Board of Directors, long-time President/CEO Susan Buchwalter, Ph.D., notified the board of her intent to retire from her position at the end of the calendar year. Buchwalter has been with the Center since 1971 and has served as its CEO since 1981. In her resignation letter, Buchwalter noted that this is a good time for the organization to transition to new leadership because the Counseling Center's program evaluation efforts document that patients are satisfied, referral sources value the organization's contributions to the community and the staff rate the organization as a good place to work. As Buchwalter noted, "Our management team is experienced. Our facilities are in good repair. Our finances are solid. And, most importantly, our patients tell us that our services make a difference." A community event, honoring Buchwalter for her service, will be scheduled for later in the year.

Replacing Buchwalter on January 1 will be Karen Berry, Psy.D. Dr. Berry is currently serving as the Center's Vice President/Chief Clinical Officer. She has experience in private psychological practice and in hospital-based behavioral health; but the majority of her work experience has been in the Ohio community mental health system. In the past, Dr. Berry worked at the Counseling Center as a staff psychologist and Clinical Director; and, after some time in other settings, returned to the agency in 2011 in her current senior management role.

Both Buchwalter and Berry were recognized with a cake provided by members of the Center's Board of Directors at the monthly board meeting. Both noted that having a new CEO in place several months before Buchwalter's retirement should allow for a seamless transition.



Dr. Susan Buchwalter, CEO
Retiring Effective 12/31/14



Dr. Karen Berry
New CEO Effective 1/1/15

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