

The Counseling Center of
Wayne & Holmes Counties
2285 Benden Drive
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CENTER UPDATE

JUNE 2013

RETIREMENTS ANNOUNCED

At the end of June, the Center will lose two long time employees to well-deserved retirements. Leaving employment will be **Sandy Hammond, LSW** and **Marg Hawkins, LSW**. Both Hammond and Hawkins have dedicated their careers to serving persons with serious mental illness. While at the Center, both spent many years as staff social workers in the organization's partial hospitalization and day treatment programs. When those programs were closed due to budgetary limitations in 2009, both moved into the Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment unit where they continued to provide community-based services to persons with more difficult diagnoses. Hammond is leaving after 34 years with the organization and Hawkins will have completed 29 years of service. "It is unusual in this field to find persons who devote such a significant part of their career to one organization," noted Susan Buchwalter, President/CEO. "Both Sandy and Marg possess an irreplaceable understanding of our community, a historical knowledge of the overall mental health system and a compassion for the challenges faced by our patients. They will both be sorely missed by staff and patients alike."



SERVICE DEMAND

The Center admitted 198 new patients during the month of May and provided over 15,500 units of various mental health services. Residential care, emergency services, counseling, assessment & general community education services are all running ahead of projections.

SOFTWARE INSTALLED

The Counseling Center is in the process of upgrading its electronic medical record system with the addition of an e-prescribing module for use by psychiatric services staff. The new addition will allow for prescriptions and lab orders and results to be electronically entered into the existing medical records system without additional staff action. The system will also allow for better tracking of various other health indicators and reports. As the nation moves toward electronic health records, the Center's system will have the ability to communicate with doctor's offices and other health settings in order to support integrated care and reduce the burden on patients who frequently have to report the same information to multiple providers.

NEW VICE PRESIDENT JOINS CENTER STAFF

The Counseling Center is pleased to announce the hiring of **David Stauffer, MA, LPCC-S** as its new Vice President/Chief Operating Officer, replacing Michael Hamill who left the organization after 35 year of service. Stauffer holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Taylor University and a master's degree in counseling from Ashland Theological Seminary. For the past seven years he has been employed by the Village Network as a Program Manager, focusing on administration and supervision of residential and home-based services. Previously, he worked as a clinical supervisor and counselor at Catholic Charities in Wooster and in private practice at Crown Center for Counseling in Rittman. His work experience includes providing direct clinical services, along with hiring, supervision, public relations, billing, facility management, and quality assurance. Stauffer and his family live in Orrville.

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