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Jessica Goodwin Hired as RSC/Audit Program Administrator

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 6, 2019) – Kentucky Division of Substance Abuse Programs Director Sarah Johnson today announced that Jessica Goodwin has been hired as the Reentry Service Center (RSC)/Audit program administrator for the division. She will assume her new duties on May 16.

In this position Goodwin will be responsible for providing quality assurance for all substance abuse programming provided at the Reentry Service Centers and be tasked with overseeing the clinical auditing process for all substance abuse treatment provided and contracted by the division.

"We are very excited to have Jessica Goodwin join our team," said Johnson. "We are confident her education, clinical experience, and skills will serve her well in this new position to assist in the oversight for the Reentry Service Centers and implementing a new audit process to ensure fidelity of all our programming."

Goodwin is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) with several years' experience specializing in the treatment of adults with co-occurring diagnoses of behavioral health and substance abuse. She graduated with her Master of Science in Social Work (MSSW) from the University of Louisville and has since worked in the state and public sector providing both direct therapeutic care to adults in institutional settings and community transition facilities. She then went on to expand her clinical skill set in macro leadership.

Some of Goodwin's professional accomplishments include leading a yearlong task force responsible for the identification and mobilization of government and local resources to increase transition opportunities for an 800-bed facility and the surrounding communities of western Washington state. Additionally, she served as a program manager responsible for the development of evidence-based community programming across two Washington counties. This programming aimed to provide rehabilitative services, while reducing cross-system recidivism rates, for adults with behavioral health and legal system involvement. In this capacity, Goodwin developed ongoing organizational process improvement strategies utilizing Lean and Six Sigma approaches to maximize agency resources and improve service access.

Editor's note: Photo attached

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