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Matt Manley Selected as SAMAT Program Administrator

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 14, 2019) – Kentucky Division of Substance Abuse Programs Director Sarah Johnson today announced that Matt Manley has been hired as the SAMAT program administrator for the division. Manley will be responsible for coordinating and expanding the department’s statewide efforts on substance abuse medication-assisted treatment (SAMAT) services. He will assume his new duties on June 1.

“Manley brings a tremendous amount of clinical experience and knowledge with him to this new position,” said Johnson. “He has several years of experience providing direct treatment including his work at Powell County Detention Center SAP as a counselor, Montgomery County Regional Jail as the SAP director, and his current position as director of Belle Grove Springs, a residential program through Addiction Recovery Care.”

Manley began working in the substance abuse field in 2010 in a residential treatment center for adolescent males while pursuing his degree. Upon completion of his Bachelor of Social Work degree from Morehead State University, Manley became a counselor at the Powell County Detention Center SAP. In his three years there, he helped facilitate program growth from 30 to 50 participants. In April 2016, he had the opportunity to initiate a new program at the Montgomery County Regional Jail, and acted as program director for one of the first substance abuse programs that offered treatment to county inmate participants.

In 2018, Manley entered the private sector and began counseling in a residential treatment setting. He was quickly promoted to the director of a women’s residential center and crisis stabilization unit. Working closely with a team to establish protocol, policy and procedures, he was responsible for meeting various licensure regulations in order to open the new facility. He then had the opportunity to become the director for a men’s residential program and was part of the process of integrating medication-assisted treatment for that organization.

Manley has lent his time to several community organizations that focus on substance abuse issues, including the Montgomery County ASAP Board and the Montgomery County Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention Team (MCADAPT). He currently holds licensure in Kentucky as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor and is enrolled in the University of Louisville’s Kent School of Social Work, pursuing his Master of Science in Social Work.

Editor’s note: photo attached

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