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John Carolan Promoted to Program Administrator at KCIW

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 17, 2019) – Kentucky Department of Corrections Division of Addiction Services Director Sarah Johnson today announced that John Carolan has been promoted to program administrator at Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women (KCIW) to oversee its substance abuse program.

“We are excited to have Carolan join our team leading our substance abuse program at KCIW,” said Johnson. “Carolan has extensive experience working within the criminal justice system with individuals who have substance use disorders and this will serve him well in his new role.”

Carolan began his career with the Department of Corrections in 2011 as a social service clinician in the substance abuse program at Roederer Correctional Complex.

In 2012, he transferred to the Corrections Psychiatric Treatment Unit (CPTU) where he worked in the STAR and Thrive programs. In 2019, he transferred to the nursing care unit where he worked in the dementia program in a mentoring and education role, collaborating directly with the dementia aides as they performed their daily responsibilities with the inmates in the program.

While employed at the Kentucky State Reformatory, he served as both assistant commander and commander for the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) and was also a member of the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) team.

Prior to his employment with the Department of Corrections, Carolan held several roles, including an executive director of an assisted living facility, and memory care director and social service director for several nursing homes.

Carolan obtained his bachelor’s degree in social work from Northeastern Illinois University and his master’s degree in social work from Aurora University in Chicago. He was chosen to participate in the I-Lead program in 2013 and has served as a mentor for subsequent I-Lead classes. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Editor’s note: photo attached

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