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Matt Manley Promoted to Branch Manager in Addiction Services Division

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 28, 2020) – Kentucky Department of Corrections Division of Addiction Services Director Sarah Johnson announced today the promotion of Matt Manley to southeast region branch manager. His promotion is effective Nov. 1.

“Manley has been instrumental in leading DOC’s efforts to expand Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT) services,” said Johnson. “He has proven himself to be a strong leader within the Division of Addiction Services and we are excited to have him assume this new leadership position.”

Manley began working in the substance abuse field in 2010 in a residential treatment center for adolescent males. After receiving his bachelor’s degree, he became a counselor at the Powell County Detention Center substance abuse program. 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, acting as program director for one of the first substance abuse programs that offered treatment to county inmate participants.

In 2018, Manley 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 policies 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 MAT for that organization.

In June 2019, Manley joined the Division of Addiction Services as a program administrator. In this role, he has provided statewide oversight for the SAMAT (Supportive Assistance with Medications for Addiction Treatment) program while also assisting in establishing updated protocols for the institutions and jails.

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 and Drug Abuse Prevention Team. He holds a bachelor’s degree in social work and is licensed in Kentucky as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor.

Editor’s note: photo attached

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