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Jill Krause Named Permanent Director of Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) today named Jill Krause the new permanent director of Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital. Krause will take over as director of the hospital beginning January 7.

“As a department, we are committed to providing quality care to the patients at Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital,” said Tim Becker, deputy director of the MDCH. “We continue to make important progress in ensuring the safety of our patients and staff, and I am confident that Jill’s experience and leadership will help us carry this momentum forward.”

Krause has more than 21 years of experience in the behavioral health field, and most recently served as the director of the Adult Mental Illness Division of network180 which is the community mental health authority in Kent County.

As director, Krause will oversee daily operations including management, administration, human resources, and patient care. The hiring of a permanent director is a significant step in the department’s efforts to improve the organizational structure at the hospital. Moving forward, Krause will oversee the day-to-day administrative operations of the facility, and will monitor and continue to promote the staff’s continued education and training regarding appropriate policies and procedures.

Previously, Krause served as the Director for an addiction treatment center with The Salvation Army, and held multiple leadership roles within Hope Network Behavioral Health Services.

Prior to her employment with network180, Krause was a member of the network180 Managing Partners Group, The Improving Practices Leadership Team, and their Change Agent Committee. She is currently a participant of the MDCH Practice Improvement Steering Committee and the Lakeshore Regional Partners’ Adult Mental Illness Clinical Directors workgroup.

Krause has served on the Board for Recovery Road, LLC., and as a United Way Provider Agency participant. She is currently a member of The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center Advisory Council, and the Mel Trotter Ministries Public Inebriate Shelter Committee.

Krause is taking over for Allen Jansen who served as the interim director since late October. Prior to Jansen’s tenure, Cynthia Kelly held the position while also serving as the director of the Bureau of Hospitals and Administrative Operations within MDCH from May to October.

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