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Mental Health Services selects new chief

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A 26-year employee of Mental Health Services for Clark and Madison Counties has been named its new chief executive officer.

Curt Gillespie, who has been with MHS since 1988 and currently serves as senior vice president of Adult Services, will replace Dr. James Perry as the top executive of the private, nonprofit behavioral health organization, officials.

Perry has been the CEO of the organization for 33 years. His last day is June 30.

He said Gillespie's overall familiarity with the position and community made him the top candidate for the job.

"In many ways he's the familiar face of the organization," Perry said.

Officials announced last month that they had interviewed internal candidates for the position.

MHS Board of Trustees Chair Marilyn Kreider said then that replacing Perry would be difficult.

Gillespie has good credentials, Kreider said, and has been a longtime employee with the organization.

"We're really looking forward to working with him as our CEO," Kreider said.

The mental health facility is now located at 474 N. Yellow Springs St. across from the new downtown hospital and works cooperatively with Springfield Regional Medical Center and other organizations to provide mental health services to patients across the region.

Mental Health Services provides care for individuals of all ages with schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, depression and other mental health issues.

It provides walk-in treatment, recovery services, emergency care and day care programs for those with psychiatric disorders.

Perry said Gillespie's biggest challenge will be finding ways to care for the people the organization serves with less funding.

Roselin Runnels, spokeswoman for Mental Health and Recovery Board of Clark, Greene and Madison Counties, said Gillespie was a great choice for the position.

"He has a lot of ability and has been with the organization for a long time," Runnels said. "I'm sure he'll provide strong leadership for the organization."

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- Posted by SurrenderDorothy at 8:56 p.m. May. 12, 2014
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I'm just thankful it wasn't Smith!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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Nice tie.



- Posted by JanetFromAnotherPlanet at 10:18 p.m. May. 12, 2014
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- Posted by StPio at 10:34 a.m. May. 13, 2014
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Why are these "non-profits" for the elderly, battered women, foster children organizations, ect. all under that one locally run Mental Health & Recovery Board? That seems like it by setup design it could certainly confuse some issues. Also, who exactly are the "other" people at the helm there at Mental Health? Could we have a list of names published? If this man 'was' vice president ; who was or is president? and what are the other governing titles affiliated with the local mental health agency? How safe are medical records when their is an alliance between this agency and the regional hospital? There are questions to answer more so than just money so that the public knows how that place is run. Is this mental health agency the only place that the local mental health and Recovery board is 'allowed' by law to contract with? Are there alternatives to this local 'web' of agencies. I worry about conflicting interests or clouding issues when so many organizations "meet at the same hub", so to speak.



- Posted by StPio at 10:42 a.m. May. 13, 2014
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I am all so concerned about people being offered Rx drugs as a first choice and sole therapy. Adverse side effects concern me and also the threat of contaminated water systems. What kinds of therapies does this agency offer? Did they lose their license to hold folks overnight? I thought they had in house facilities. What happened with that? How often to they consult after they furnish people with prescription drugs? Do they listen to patients reporting side effects? Do they offer web information for patients to look up possible side effects or do they give them a print out? They certainly should it would seem to me to avoid law suits. Also, the grass appears to need a cutting at your agencies on High Street. Do you have funds for that or is that your sense of humor?



- Posted by BickerBickerBicker at 4:27 a.m. May. 14, 2014
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It appears somebody missed a round of medication.....



- Posted by SurrenderDorothy at 8:55 a.m. May. 14, 2014
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"BickerB... that is a terrible thing to say about the new hire!!" lol What's he on? I always laugh when people say "round of medication" Sobriety rocks. Let's hope the new guy can balance the mental health system's prescribing addictive drugs with the recovery networks battle against addiction a little better this "go round" of head shrink over services. Pio, there are very few that understand the internal workings of that system and I've had questions about myself for years. Years ago I worked at Oesterlen youth home and many kids were heavily medicated that it was scary! Report any side effects. There are places online to do it if your doctor doesn't listen. "Bicker, Bicker, Bicker you're up too early!" Pio, nice to see you posting. Always look forward to your comments.



- Posted by SurrenderDorothy at 9:00 a.m. May. 14, 2014
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Also, I was wondering what kind of therapies are available locally for survivors of childhood trauma such as physical or sexual abuse. I hope to god they aren't just penalizing the victims with psych labels and drugs as so often happens within mental health systems. Hope they have many good trauma informed therapists so as not to inflict more harm. And of course to prevent law suits.

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