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In order to strengthen the delivery of services to behavioral health consumers and community partners, the CDHS Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) has restructured. Effective January 1, 2013, the Office has integrated the management and administration of the State mental health hospitals and community programs.

With a renewed focus to strengthen and transform the State's behavioral health services, the Office's new structure consolidates clinical, program, and operational services. The reorganization better positions OBH to provide high quality inpatient services and enhance support to community providers. The reorganization allows the Office to better serve Coloradans through quality and effective behavioral health prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery.

The new Community Programs section will administer prevention and early intervention services, community treatment and recovery, and quality assurance and standards. Community Programs will continue to provide policy and regulatory guidance and support to community providers and stakeholders regarding behavioral health service delivery.

The restructuring adds a Deputy for Clinical Services to provide leadership on clinical issues. This position serves as the Office's senior clinical leader by providing advice and counsel to the Office Director regarding a broad range of clinical, policy, programmatic and strategic issues. This position also promotes quality of care and is responsible for establishing and maintaining the Office's standards of care on both clinical and programmatic levels and will directly supervise the Fort Logan Mental Health Institute Director and the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo Superintendent. The Office is currently recruiting for a full-time qualified board certified/eligible psychiatrist to fill this position. The Deputy for Clinical Services will report to the Office of Behavioral Health Director, Dr. Lisa Clements.

The Office Deputy for Operations manages finance and administration, information management, compliance, and policy and planning functions across the Office, including the Institutes. Maria Sobota was appointed as the Deputy Director for Operations and reports to the Office Director. An Administrative Services unit within Operations will integrate budget and finance, data and evaluation, and contract management services to strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of administrative

support provided to both the Community Programs section and the Colorado Mental Health Institutes. Leo Jaramillo was appointed Director of Administrative Services.

We believe the reorganization will ensure that the Office provides leadership for a full continuum of care and behavioral health services across Colorado. We look forward to partnering with consumers, providers, and local, state and federal agencies to strengthen the State's behavioral health system.

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