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NARBHA Welcomes New Chief Clinical Officer

Northern Arizona Regional Behavioral Health Authority (NARBHA) recently welcomed Raymond Johnson, ACSW as the new Chief Clinical Officer. After forty years of work in both the non-profit and for-profit public and private sectors of behavioral healthcare services, Johnson is passionate about his return to the non-profit delivery of services offered from NARBHA, where he notes that the spirit is “exceptional.” Excited about his relocation to northern Arizona, Johnson speaks of his genuine nature and passion for his vocation in behavioral health as he insists, “I haven’t worked in forty years [I love my job].”

Contrary to his statement, Johnson relocated from the Baltimore area, where he was the Vice President of Behavioral Health Services at APS Healthcare in Silver Springs, MD; prior to that assignment, Johnson oversaw the after hours crisis response and operations of Magellan of Maryland as the Vice President of the After Hours Solutions Group.

In the eighties, Johnson was appointed the Division Director of Children’s Residential Services in Kentucky and served as the Vice President of Metropolitan Clinics of Counseling, which later became a part of Cigna Behavioral Health, known as MCC. Johnson’s transition to the private for-profit sector originated from his position with MCC. Earlier in his career, Johnson was the Chief Clinical Officer for the Philadelphia-based company, Integra, which focused on Employee Assistance Programs (EAP) and behavioral health services and later he went to United Behavioral Health as consultant for behavioral health services.

Johnson earned a Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh and began a career in his home state of Ohio with experience in the public welfare system as a county clinical manager, where he gained experience in working with systems of mental health, including juvenile justice and child protective services programs.

Johnson shares his vision of repositioning NARBHA's already established and exceptional programs and services into that recognized by the organization's new mission as "superior" behavioral healthcare services. His philosophy of "catch them doing the right thing," is not only his professional mantra of making things better, but that of his personal life as he explains, "In golf, if I don't like the shot, it's a do-over, and I don't keep score." He elaborates that this practice changes the focus to something that is counterproductive and focuses on the negative, "It's the good shots that keeps me coming back." It's the good things and successes that has he witnessed throughout his 40-year career in behavioral health services that make him continue in this chosen profession. Johnson began his new position with NARBHA on November 17, 2008.

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