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MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA OF FRANKLIN COUNTY ANNOUNCES KENTON BEACHY AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Mental Health America of Franklin County (MHAFC) has announced the selection of Kenton Beachy as its new executive director.

“We are very pleased to announce this appointment,” said Dave Schoettmer, Founder of Navigator Management Partners and MHAFC Board President. “Kenton will bring fresh eyes and an abundance of knowledge to MHAFC’s programs and services. He possesses a deep sense of commitment to improving mental health in Central Ohio—both his passion and compassion are evident.”

Kenton has nearly 20 years of executive leadership experience in the non-profit sector, including 12 years in behavioral health services. He held leadership positions for three agencies providing behavioral health services under ADAMH board contracts in Delaware and Morrow, and Licking and Knox Counties. Kenton has served on various coalitions including the Statewide Prevention Coalition Association, Delaware County Suicide Prevention Coalition, Prevention Education in All Classroom Environments Collaboration, and the Drug-Free Delaware Coalition. As project director of the Drug-Free Delaware Coalition he has been leading statewide and national efforts aimed at expanding medication disposal resources. He’s also been at the forefront of his community’s efforts to address the opioid epidemic.

Kenton received a BA in English from Goshen College and a MA in public relations from The Ohio State University and is currently pursuing an MPA from Wright State University. He has lived and worked internationally and speaks several languages.

“My passion is mental health,” said Kenton. “I’m very excited to be a leading voice in advocating for mental health as something we all prioritize in the same way we do our physical health. I’m eager to work with MHAFC’s skilled and dedicated staff, volunteers, and trustees in order to build on the legacy that Laura Moskow Sigal established in her 25 years of leadership. I’ve experienced mental health challenges up close and personal, and it’s made me realize that we all need support and resources in our lives to stay healthy. We need empathy and to know that someone cares about our well-being. MHAFC touches lives where they hurt the most, and I’m so blessed with the opportunity to guide the way in making that happen.”

Mental Health America of Franklin County is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working to promote mental health and improve the lives of those affected by mental health issues through advocacy, education and support services.

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