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## **Director Stephenson Announces CEO Appointment at Heartland Behavioral Healthcare**

(Columbus) Director Sandy Stephenson, MSW, MA, Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health, is pleased to announce the appointment of Eric Carpenter as the CEO of Heartland Behavioral Healthcare.

Carpenter has over 20 years of experience in the field of health, mental health and human services delivery systems. Director Stephenson said that his experience in the field and his overall abilities and skills will be an asset to the Department and Heartland Behavioral Healthcare.

During Carpenter's earlier years in the field, he served as a regional director for five multi-service community health facilities. Accordingly, he developed responsive and proactive health services to improve the overall health status of his clients and reduce the need for "crisis medicine."

For eight years Carpenter served as the Executive Director of the Hanover Township Mental Health Board where he was responsible for delivering quality mental health and recovery services for children, adults and families in the Hanover, Illinois area.

Carpenter then served as the President/CEO of the American Nonprofit Resource Center in Illinois providing strategic and operational leadership, and business and organizational development to human and health services organizations. After relocating to the Greenville, South Carolina area, he served as the President / CEO of the Phyllis Wheatley Association where he managed the business and operational activities of a multi-campus community service organization for children, adults and families.

Carpenter received his Bachelors Degree and Masters Degree in Public Administration from Roosevelt University in Chicago, Illinois.

Carpenter indicated that he is, "looking forward to starting his new position with Heartland and to engage and work with the various stakeholders toward improving the mental health service needs of the clients in the area." He also thanked Director Stephenson and members of the Search Committee for their support and confidence.

Carpenter will commence his duties on December 10, 2007.

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