



West Central Behavioral Health
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West Central Behavioral Health Announces Interim President & CEO

Lebanon, NH -- The West Central Behavioral Health Board of Directors has named Alexander J. Horvath, Interim President & CEO to lead the agency during a time of transition. Horvath will bring his extensive healthcare and organizational leadership experience to West Central. *“AJ Horvath is a remarkably strong and engaging leader who will put his talent to good use in this important role,”* says Will Torrey MD, interim board chair.

AJ Horvath will serve while West Central’s Board conducts a national search for the replacement of Dr. Roger Osmun. Dr. Osmun was the third President & CEO to lead West Central in its 47 year history, following Dr. Jess Turner, and Suellen Griffin. Dr. Osmun led the organization through the many adaptations required by the Covid-19 pandemic. He moved the organization forward in the implementation of federal grants, teletherapy, mobile mental health services, and consolidation of administrative offices over his years of service.

Horvath will be joining a highly committed, effective, and experienced Executive Leadership Team that believes in the mission of making high-quality treatment of mental illness and substance use disorders accessible for all who live in Sullivan and lower Grafton counties. Collectively, the Leadership team stated, *“We are looking forward to working with and welcoming AJ to our team. His deep knowledge of health care and community mental health administration will allow us to continue to make improvements while caring for those of us in our communities who need this level of service.”*

West Central Behavioral Health is the community mental health center for the Upper Valley and Sullivan County regions. It ensures access to advanced counseling, treatment, and support for people of all ages and income levels. With locations in Claremont, Lebanon, and Newport, NH, West Central serves adults, families and children. Mobile crisis response services may be accessed via the New Hampshire Rapid Response Access Point. Learn more online at wcbh.org.

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