



West Central Behavioral Health
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West Central Behavioral Health Announces Board Transitions

Lebanon, NH -- The West Central Behavioral Health Board of Directors announces the appointment of Andrew Smith, PhD and Courtney Porter, MSW, M.ED., LSSW to the 16 member Board, along with the departure of Anne Page after nine years of dedicated Board service.

Courtney (Court) Porter, a sixth generation Claremont, NH native, currently serves as the school social worker for the Claremont school system. A UNH graduate, Courtney was selected Citizen of the Year (2019) and Social Worker of the Year (2020). Porter joined the Board in hopes of “honoring and removing the stigma of mental health, especially for youth.”

Smith, a faculty member at the Department of Psychiatry at Dartmouth Health and Geisel School of Medicine, brings to the Board an interest in, and willingness to advocate for, Veteran’s wellness coupled with a passion for community mental health. With an undergraduate degree from Penn State, Smith received his PhD from Virginia Tech and is a Pat Tillman Military Scholar.

Anne Page leaves the West Central Board in February after serving nine years in the leadership role of Secretary/Treasurer. She retired in 2014 after serving as Vice President of Regional Finance at Dartmouth Health and a career in healthcare finance and public accounting. Dr. Will Torrey, Chair of the West Central Behavioral Health Board of Directors stated, “Anne has been a wonderfully engaged and effective board member who has provided skilled governance over the organization’s financial health for nearly a decade. We will miss her presence on the board’s leadership and are very grateful that she will continue to offer advice and historical perspective on the finance committee as a non-board member.”

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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