



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

Lebanon, NH – The West Central Behavioral Health Board of Directors has announced that on August 19th, Lori Shibinette, RN, MBA will become the fourth President and CEO to lead the organization.

Lori Shibinette brings extensive leadership experience to her role at West Central, including success leading several large nursing homes, serving as CEO of New Hampshire Hospital, and most recently, shepherding our State through the Covid-19 pandemic as Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services.

A native of Nova Scotia, Canada, Lori completed her RN training there before coming to New Hampshire for her first job as a staff nurse at New Hampshire Hospital. Committed to professional development and lifelong learning, Lori earned her bachelor's degree in Nursing from the University of New Hampshire and a Master's in Business Administration from Franklin Pierce University – all while working to serve people as she progressed through clinical, management, and leadership roles. Throughout her 30-year career, Lori has built and supported teams, both big and small, all with a laser focus on how to better serve those in need of care.

She is ideally qualified to lead the agency into its fifth decade with her deep knowledge of the state and experience leading mission-driven organizations for thirty years. She is committed to working with partners and West Central's 125 employees to increase access to high-quality care in our communities in Sullivan and Lower Grafton counties.

From Lori's perspective, "West Central Behavioral Health has a long history of providing comprehensive mental health and substance use treatment within their communities. I am honored to be joining such a team that has built a legacy caring and advocating for the mental health community in New Hampshire."

"Lori Shibinette understands that psychiatric illnesses touch all of our lives and that excellent care can relieve suffering. We are extremely fortunate that she will be dedicating her energy to this effort in our community," says board chair, Will Torrey.

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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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