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Autumn McAllister named director of emergency services at Lakeview Center

Pensacola, Fla. (Jan 4, 2024) – Autumn McAllister, LMHC-S, MCAP, is the new director of emergency services at Lakeview Center. As director, McAllister will lead the Mobile Response Team serving Circuit 1 from Escambia to Walton County, the co-responder program in collaboration with Escambia County Sheriff's Office, and the HEART community outreach program for the homeless. Her teams will coordinate services for people experiencing behavioral health crises and go into the community to provide services in emergency rooms, schools, shelters, homes and other locations.

Most recently, McAllister served as the director of prevention and intervention services at Lakeview Center of Walton County. She managed prevention and community-based contracts, budgets and audits. In addition, she collaborated with internal and external stakeholders and payors to ensure compliance and timely, accurate reporting. Programs under her supervision included Healthy Start, PATH/SOAR, Drug Prevention and Family Support Teams.

McAllister began her career in 2007 as a behavioral health tech. She joined Lakeview Center in 2016. Prior to and since she has worked in a variety of service areas, including as a behavioral tech in acute stabilization and detoxification units, as a psychiatric services assistant, Family Care Unit counselor, outpatient therapist, and a Family Intensive Treatment counselor and supervisor. In 2018, McAllister was a clinical supervisor of the MRT helping to implement the initial start-up of the state-funded program. That experience complements her new position, allowing her to gain experience in supervising professional staff, conducting assessments for involuntary examinations under the Baker Act, and engaging in outreach with the community. McAllister collaborated with local military, emergency management teams, other nonprofit agencies, health departments, hospitals, and law enforcement during crises. Initiatives include coordinating crisis responses to a mass shooting event aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola, Hurricane Sally, and COVID-19 protocols.

McAllister graduated from Troy University with a Master of Science in clinical counseling & psychology. She also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of West Florida.

Learn more about Lakeview Center and services supporting those in mental health crisis at lakeviewcenter.org.

About Lakeview Center

Lakeview Center provides comprehensive behavioral health care to adults and children with mental illnesses, drug and alcohol dependencies and intellectual disabilities. Across Northwest Florida, our services range from residential treatment to outpatient counseling, psychiatry, trauma care, treatments for substance misuse and 24/7 support for those with serious mental illnesses. Learn more at eLakeviewCenter.org.

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