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UNITY HOUSE HIRES NEW QUALITY ASSURANCE DIRECTOR

Amber Amidon is selected from within agency

Auburn, New York – Liz Werner, executive director of Unity House of Cayuga County, Inc., has announced the promotion of Amber Amidon as director of quality assurance. Amidon oversees Unity House’s quality assurance program and Medicaid service coordination. She began her new duties on January 2.

“Amber has been with Unity House for 15 years and has worked in a variety of capacities here, including five years in quality assurance,” said Werner. “She is clearly committed to the agency’s mission, and has a good sense of the principles of continuous quality improvement. Her professional style and years of experience at Unity House will lend well to her newest role in QA.”

Amber Amidon served as the director of support services at Unity House for the last eight years. In that position, she was responsible for Medicaid service coordination and all agency- and state-required staff trainings. She originally joined Unity House as a Medicaid specialist in 1996, then quickly moved up to positions as a residence manager, day habilitation supervisor, and QA specialist.

“Part of what I love most about Unity House is that we are ethical and always try to do right by our consumers,” said Amidon. “I trust in what we do, and I love being part of this agency. As QA director, I can use my skills to help provide quality services to the people we serve.”

Amidon graduated cum laude from Hartwick College. She earned a B.A. in management with a minor in religion and a departmental distinction in management. She is active in her church as a co-teacher of Sunday school, and plays shortstop for the Farmington-Phelps softball league. Amber and her family live in Waterloo.

As director of quality assurance at Unity House, Amidon will be responsible for directing all quality assurance functions in accordance with agency policies and

practices, and governmental regulations and administrative rulings. She will act as an independent observer of consumers' treatment and/or program services for the purpose of providing recommendations for improvement of such services or for resolution of consumer problems. Amidon will create, implement, and monitor formal systems within the agency that ensure all programs maintain the highest quality consistent with Unity House's mission.

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Unity House of Cayuga County, Inc. provides transitional and permanent housing, rehabilitative, and employment services for individuals with mental health illnesses, developmental disabilities, and/or chemical dependencies from which they are recovering. A nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, Unity House partners with these individuals to develop their personal skills and potential, enabling them to live more full and independent lives. The agency serves more than 700 consumers a day in six central New York counties. Unity House is committed to freeing our communities of misconceptions associated with disabilities through innovation, education, and advocacy.

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