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State Mental Health, Addiction Agency Fills Leadership Vacancies

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) filled a trio of key staffing vacancies today with the appointments of a new chief financial officer, chief information officer and Start Talking! youth drug prevention initiative coordinator.

Former Office of Budget and Management (OBM) analyst Dan Schreiber will start May 18 as deputy director of the agency’s Office of Financial Management. Rose Tolliver will oversee the department’s information technology services as deputy director of the Office of Information Services and former Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) policy and special projects manager Sarah Smith will direct the Kasich Administration’s Start Talking! program.

“All three individuals bring a wealth of experience and leadership to the department,” said OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck. “Their talent, expertise and professionalism will be a boon for both the department and the citizens we serve.”

During his six years with OBM, Schreiber led the Health and Human Services Section through two operating, capital and mid-biennial review budget processes. He also assisted with the 2013 consolidation of the former departments of Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services to form OhioMHAS. Before bringing his skills back to Ohio, Schreiber served as a fiscal and management analyst with Milwaukee County. He holds a Bachelor’s degree from Allegheny College in Pennsylvania and a Masters of Public Administration from The Ohio State University John Glenn School of Public Affairs.

Tolliver has re-joined OhioMHAS after a recent assignment with the State of Ohio Computer Center (SOCC). There, Tolliver led the Exchange and Information Technology Infrastructure Library teams implementing operational maturity best practices. Prior to her efforts at the SOCC, Tolliver headed up the Project Management Office at OhioMHAS for about five years. She previously worked in IT management in the private sector at Nationwide Insurance for more than 21 years.

Smith is no stranger to the Start Talking initiative. While at ODA, she played a key role in helping to launch and manage the program in January 2014. She replaces Philip Atkins, Ph.D., who left earlier this year to become executive director of the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Union County. In addition to leading the Start Talking! initiative, she will continue to oversee the Americorps program for the State of Ohio as a member of the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism. She previously held positions with the Fairfield County Board of Elections and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center James Cancer Hospital. She holds a Master’s degree in Public Administration from Ohio University and a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science and Public Administration from Capital University.