State Mental Health, Addiction Agency Names Deputy Director of Office of Prevention Services

(COLUMBUS – May 13, 2019) The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) today named Bobbie Boyer as Deputy Director of the Office of Prevention Services. The announcement fulfils Governor Mike DeWine's Executive Order (2019-06D), which called for the creation of a senior level position within the cabinet agency to oversee prevention education services.

Boyer's prevention experience spans more than 40 years with work in administration, strategic planning, program development, staff supervision and training, marketing and community collaboration. She worked in a consultant role with a broad sector of community leaders from government, business and industry, schools, courts, churches and community groups. Her work focused on comprehensive strategies for the prevention, intervention and suppression of drugs and crime.

In her new role, Boyer will be responsible for managing the department's overall prevention efforts, which includes making sure programming is aligned with priorities established by the Governor's RecoveryOhio initiative and ensuring that proven age and environmentally appropriate education is provided to Ohio youth from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Throughout her career, Boyer has led many collaborative prevention efforts locally, including the development of the Sandusky County Prevention Network. She was a founding board member for Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth (now Prevention Action Alliance). She completed a six-year term of service for the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board in December 2018, and had served on the Board's prevention committee since 2007.

Boyer holds independent licensure from the Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board and the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board, along with the highest certification in prevention.

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