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**TURTLE CREEK VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION, INC.  
ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Dr. Raymond C. Logan, Board Chairperson of the Turtle Creek Valley Mental Health/Mental Retardation Inc. (TCV MH/MR, Inc.) Board of Directors announced today that Ms. Fran Sheedy Bost has been named as Executive Director, and began her work on Monday, September 29, 2008. Ms. Bost's candidacy received unanimous support from the Board of Directors. The search was managed by the nonprofit consulting firm, Dewey & Kaye.

Dr. Logan stated, on behalf of the Board of Directors, "I am pleased to announce the selection of Fran Sheedy Bost as the new Executive Director of Turtle Creek Valley MH/MR Inc. Fran's extensive administrative expertise, engaging solution-oriented leadership style, and in-depth knowledge of the human service sector, uniquely positions her to continue the legacy of Turtle Creek's solid position in the sector."

Turtle Creek Valley MH/MR was incorporated as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization nearly 40 years ago through a Model Cities Grant for the purpose of providing mental retardation services in the Turtle Creek Valley. A federal grant in 1980 established the organization as a community mental health center and services expanded to include outpatient, partial hospitalization, residential services, and case management. The organization mission is to *provide a continuum of services, care and support that empowers individuals, families and communities with behavioral, mental health, substance abuse and/or developmental issues to sustain their recovery and achieve the important possibilities in their lives.* The agency offers a full continuum of mental health, mental retardation, and alcohol and other drug treatment programs.

At the announcement Ms. Bost stated "I am very excited about the opportunity to join Turtle Creek Valley MH/MR, Inc.; a dynamic and viable social service organization. With my previous experience in community human services and the knowledge of Perfecting Patient Care System which I acquired while working with the Jewish Healthcare Foundation, I anticipate working closely with the Board and the dedicated staff to enhance all services to persons with disabilities."

Ms. Bost brings to TCV MH/MR, Inc. a wealth of experience and expertise. Immediately prior to accepting the leadership role with TCV, she worked with the Jewish Healthcare Foundation and Allegheny Health Choices, Inc. as a Perfecting Patient Care System Teacher and Senior Workforce Training Specialist. In that role she was responsible for implementing the principles and tools of the Toyota Production System as adapted for healthcare. Trained to teach and coach healthcare professionals to improve work processes to achieve patient safety and improved clinical outcomes, Fran has dedicated her career to the improvement of patient care.

Dr. Logan further stated "We are enthusiastic for the future of Turtle Creek under Fran's leadership and look forward to her steadfast guidance of the agency during the next phase of its evolution. TCV will continue to provide compassionate, progressive services to individuals and families, while maintaining solvency during these emotionally and financially challenging times. We are fortunate to have Fran as our new leader."

Ms. Bost's prior work experience includes serving as the VP of System Operations for Heritage Valley Health System and Sewickley Valley Hospital, and as the Staunton Clinic Administrator for Sewickley Valley Hospital. Ms. Bost earned her Master of Education from the School of Specialized Professional Development, University of Pittsburgh, and her Bachelor of Science from Duquesne University.

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