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### **State Mental Health, Addiction Agency Announces Staff Appointments**

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) today announced the appointments of two key staff positions.

Stephanie Ranade Krider has been named as Program Manager for the Governor’s Cabinet Opiate Action Team (GCOAT). Krider will work alongside GCOAT Director Orman Hall on important opiate and heroin-related prevention, intervention and treatment-related initiatives.

Krider, who holds a Bachelor’s degree in International Studies from The Ohio State University, brings a wealth of experience in health policy development and legislative advocacy. She previously served as Director of Legislative Affairs for Ohio Right to Life and as a Legislative Aide in the Ohio House of Representatives.

“Stephanie excels at consensus building and has a real knack for maintaining focus on mission critical goals,” said Director Hall. “She will be an important asset to our organization as we move forward to address the continuing epidemic of misuse, abuse and overdose of prescription opioids and heroin.”

OhioMHAS also announced the appointment of Angela Sausser-Short as Chief of the Bureau of Children and Families. Sausser-Short will also retain her role as Director of Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council, a post she has held since 2005. As Bureau Chief, she will oversee the mental health and addiction needs of children and their families, and continue to serve as project director for the Department’s four-year ENGAGE (Engaging the New Generation to Achieve their Goals through Empowerment) federal grant initiative for transition age youth.

“As director of the Council, Angela has built a solid framework for the state and local Family and Children First Councils; instituted child well-being indicators in Ohio; provided leadership for successful cross-system initiatives; and recently launched the Red Treehouse, a website for families, young adults, and professionals,” said OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck. “As we continue to work toward smarter, more efficient state government, we feel Angela’s leadership and skills translate well to this position.”

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As Director of Ohio Family and Children First, Sausser-Short will continue to work in partnership with and respond to requests from the Health and Human Services Cabinet, the Governor's Office, and the Office of Health Transformation; convene planning, policy, and fiscal workgroups to address cross-system issues, needs, and service gaps related to children and families; provide guidance and technical assistance to the local Family and Children First Councils (FCFCs); and communicate with state officials, agencies, and community partners about initiatives, policies and funding impacting children and families.

Sausser-Short began her career as a caseworker and supervisor for a private foster care agency. She has also served as an independent management consultant for child welfare agencies in Ohio and nationally by providing strategic planning, grant-writing, training and technical assistance related to best practices, data analysis and advocacy. She also formed the Council on Healthy Mothers and Babies, a Columbus-based non-profit organization focused on reducing infant mortality.

Sausser-Short graduated from The Ohio State University with a Master of Social Work in Social Administration and a Master of Arts in Public Policy and Management. Her undergraduate degree in Social Work and Psychology with a minor in Gerontology is from Miami University. She is a Licensed Social Worker for the State of Ohio.

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