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Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc. Welcomes New Board Members at Annual Meeting

Easton, MD (October 25, 2024) – Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc. (MSBH) held its Annual Meeting on October 25th, uniting the MSBH team and Board members under the theme "Connecting to Our Core: MSBH Values in Action." The meeting provided an opportunity to welcome and orient new Board members, foster connections, and recognize leadership transition within the Board.

Over the course of the past year, the Board and MSBH team have collaborated to develop and refine a list of values associated with the work of MSBH. The resulting value statement was revealed at this year's meeting: Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc. is devoted to providing exceptional service to our community with passion and commitment to our core values: Integrity, Inclusive Collaboration, Progressive Leadership, and Advocacy. The Board and team then participated in a group activity to identify how these core values shape the organization's regional impact. The day's agenda included team members presenting program highlights and updates, as well as changes in Board leadership. Gratitude was expressed for Susan Adams, RN, MPH, who is stepping down as Board President after her term, while continuing her service on the Board for one more year, and congratulations were offered to incoming President Robert Roca MD, MPH, MBA, incoming Vice President Matt Wilson, incoming Treasurer Doncella Wilson, LMSW, and returning Secretary Matt Evans. New Board members include at large members Andrea Wolters, Ed.D, Brice Strang, MSHA, Julie Lowe, Malkia Johnson, DSW, LCSW-C, representing Dorchester County, and Terwana Brown representing Kent County.

When asked about what serving as a Board member for MSBH means to them, several of the Board members shared their thoughts: New Board member Brice Strang expressed his dedication, stating, "Both as a life-long resident and a dedicated public health professional of the

Eastern Shore, I am thrilled to collaborate with fellow Board members, the team at Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc., local behavioral health providers, and other local stakeholders to further advance the health and wellness of the mid-shore.” Shanez Jenkins, a returning Board member, echoed this sentiment, saying, “Serving as a Board member to me is actively engaging in the process of building a behavioral health system that truly benefits its participants. I feel honored not only to work in behavioral health, but to also be involved in the decision-making steps and policies that impact so many lives on a daily basis.” Terwana Brown, also new to the Board, emphasized her commitment to mental wellness, remarking, “I have a passion for community congruency and a deep sense of the need for mental wellness at the pulse of connecting care to the community. Being on the Board of Directors at Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc., allows me to align my core values with the mission-driven work MSBH is doing to serve our communities.” Long-standing Board member Brett Wilson shared his perspective as a legal professional, highlighting that behavioral health issues often impact his work, commenting, “A common thread running through the majority of my criminal, domestic, and juvenile cases is behavioral health issues—often untreated. Hence my desire to contribute to Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc., which is dedicated to bringing critically needed services to our region.”

As the Core Service Agency for the mid-shore region, MSBH’s mission is to continually improve the provision of behavioral health services for residents of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot Counties through effective coordination of care in collaboration with consumers, their natural support systems, providers, and the community at large. For more information on the work of MSBH and to learn more about serving on the Board of directors, please visit www.midshorebehavioralhealth.org.



MSBH Board members pictured from left to right: Malkia Johnson, Doncella Wilson, Shanez Jenkins, Karen Jensen, Terwana Brown, Susan Adams, Robert Roca, Brett Wilson, Eboni Taylor-Tue, not pictured: Brice Strang, Julie Lowe, Andrea Wolters.



MSBH Board members and staff collaborated to create a tree that reflects how MSBH's core values show up in the work done by the organization.