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Baltimore Substance Abuse Systems, Inc. Announces New President Gregory C. Warren

BALTIMORE (December 1, 2008) – The Board of Directors of Baltimore Substance Abuse Systems, Inc. (BSAS) has selected Gregory C. Warren, MA, MBA as the organization’s new President. He will begin in January 2009.

BSAS is a nonprofit agency responsible for preventing and reducing substance abuse and its adverse health and social consequences in the city of Baltimore. BSAS oversees more than \$50 million for substance abuse services for the uninsured, and works with city, state, and national leaders on law and policy related to addiction.

Mr. Warren has served over the last four years as the Director of Substance Abuse Treatment Services for the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services for the State of Maryland. During this time, the number of inmates receiving substance abuse treatment increased from approximately 1,000 to 3,600 per year. He oversaw the development of a new assessment process within the criminal justice system, and he opened innovative treatment programs for heroin addiction within the state prison system.

Prior to his work in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Mr. Warren worked as a substance abuse counselor and Program Director in the full range of community treatment modalities - including methadone, therapeutic communities, hospitals and intensive and drug free outpatient programs for the past 18 years. He has presented at numerous national and local conferences in the areas of substance abuse as well as performance improvement measures in behavioral health.

A graduate of the University of Maryland at College Park, Mr. Warren has a Master’s degree in Counseling Psychology and a Master’s degree in business from Loyola College of Maryland’s Executive MBA program.

“Greg Warren has the vision and energy to lead BSAS to new levels of access, quality, and effectiveness,” said Dr. Joshua M. Sharfstein, Commissioner of Health and chair of the BSAS Board of Directors. “He will work closely with other city leaders as we move towards the Mayor’s goal of a Healthy Baltimore.”

“Leading BSAS is a tremendous opportunity to improve the lives of thousands of people struggling with addiction,” said Mr. Warren. “I can’t wait to get started.”

The BSAS Board of Directors sincerely thanks William T. Atkins, the interim BSAS President, for nine months of progress in the organization while the search was completed.

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