



News Release

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Gary Larcenaire Joins Valley Mental Health as Chief Executive Officer

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 21, 2011 – The Board of Directors of Valley Mental Health, Inc., a private, not-for-profit organization providing and promoting accessible, quality behavioral and physical health care, today announced it has selected Gary Larcenaire to be the organization’s new chief executive officer. Mr. Larcenaire was formerly CEO of El Paso Mental Health Mental Retardation (MHMR) in El Paso, Texas. He will join Valley sometime before March 1, 2012.

During his nine-year tenure as Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Larcenaire orchestrated a successful turnaround of the El Paso County Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities Authority. El Paso MHMR is now considered a leader in the provision of mental health services in the State of Texas.

“I want to thank the Board of Directors for this opportunity,” Larcenaire stated. “I firmly share Valley’s vision and commitment to helping the severely and persistently mentally ill find relief, recovery and rediscovery. Valley is in an exciting stage of its evolution and I’m enthusiastic to be a part of the team. “

Larcenaire will succeed Debra L. Falvo, who earlier this year announced she would not renew her contract when it expires at the end of 2012.

“We are delighted to have Gary join Valley Mental Health,” said Dean Hunger, chairman of the Board of Directors. “He brings the management experience, compassion, and business acumen we require to guide Valley into the future.

“We would also like to offer our deepest gratitude to Debra Falvo, who has spent her career advocating for the most vulnerable in our population,” Hunger continued. “She has provided exemplary leadership to Valley during her tenure with us.”

Falvo added, "I am confident that Valley will have a bright future under Gary's leadership. I look forward to working with him, as I know our entire staff will be as well."

Mr. Larcenaire was selected after a nation-wide search. He holds a Bachelors degree in psychology and a masters of public administration. He started his career as a caseworker. An active member of the community, he was selected Humanitarian of the Year 2010 by the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) El Paso in recognition of his advocacy on behalf of those suffering from untreated mental illness.

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