



Prairie View

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Guhman Named Vice President, Child and Adolescent Services

Newton, Kan. – Elizabeth Guhman, Ph.D., has been named vice president for child and adolescent services at Prairie View.

“Elizabeth’s significant clinical expertise and her experience with the younger population here and in other organizations will be of great benefit to Prairie View,” said Jessie Kaye, president and CEO of Prairie View.

Before joining the Prairie View staff as a clinical psychologist in 1999, she was a psychologist with the Wichita Guidance Center, where she supervised clinical services, training and quality management activities. In 2006, Guhman was promoted to director of child and adolescent clinical services and Community Based Services at Prairie View.

In this expanded role as vice president, Guhman will continue to oversee Community Based Services, and will now also supervise adventure/recreation programming, the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) and Prairie View’s Special Purpose School.

“Elizabeth is committed to continuing to increase the clinical intensity and therapeutic emphasis of our residential programming,” said Kaye. “She understands the close integration that is required between the residential treatment program, the educational setting and the outpatient community-based resources.”

Prairie View’s PRTF offers adolescents 12-17 a highly structured living environment with caring staff who encourage them to grow and make progress toward the eventual goal of returning to the community setting to live in a less restrictive environment or to live an independent life. The PRTF utilizes the Behavior Management through Adventure

(BMTA) approach, which allows residents the ability to learn by participating in specific, confidence-building activities.

The special purpose school educates children and adolescents in grades one through 12, some of whom are PRTF residents and others who are bused in from surrounding school districts. Here students develop good study habits, learn appropriate school behaviors and effective social skills, as well as improve peer relationship skills. Individually-tailored educational services are based on the student's individual education plan.

Because Guhman serves as co-chair of the Governor's Mental Health Services Planning Council Children's Subcommittee and participates on the statewide Medicaid Utilization Management Committee for Kansas Health Solutions, she is familiar with state regulations and evidence-based and emerging best practices.

"She is clearly recognized as a leader in the care and treatment of children and adolescents," said Kaye.

Prairie View is a private behavioral and mental health services provider, offering a complete range of behavioral and psychiatric services for children, adolescents, adults and older adults, as well as consultation services to businesses and organizations. In addition to the main campus, including outpatient offices and a psychiatric hospital in Newton, Prairie View has outpatient locations in Hillsboro, Hutchinson, McPherson and Wichita.